DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 3 Samhain, 2026
Tuesday, 3rd November, 2026

CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ75642/26 | EMER CURRIE

2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ75629/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ75655/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

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PQ64308/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

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

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

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

8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ68790/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet.
PQ69879/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ69903/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ69904/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet.
PQ69992/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ70048/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ70058/26 | PAUL MURPHY

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ71965/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ72035/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ76176/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ76648/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ76679/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ76549/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet.

PQ76696/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet.
PQ76737/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ77412/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ77481/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ77499/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ77534/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Unit in his Department.
PQ75643/26 | EMER CURRIE

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ75656/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

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

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

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

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

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ68791/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ69880/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ70051/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ70059/26 | PAUL MURPHY

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ75815/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Unit in his Department.
PQ76177/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Unit in his Department.
PQ76649/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

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PQ76697/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Unit in his Department.
PQ77413/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ77482/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island Unit in his Department.
PQ77502/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.

PQ75628/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Commitee on Water Quality will next meet.
PQ75669/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

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

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.
PQ70052/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.
PQ70060/26 | PAUL MURPHY

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.
PQ75860/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.
PQ75862/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.
PQ77484/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.
PQ77535/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet.
PQ75672/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

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

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

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

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

58. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet.
PQ75863/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

59. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet.
PQ77362/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

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

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ64511/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

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

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ64346/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

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

65. To ask the Taoiseach when did Cabinet Committee on Health last meet.
PQ73763/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

66. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet.
PQ76681/26 | MARTIN KENNY

67. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.

PQ77363/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

68. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.

PQ64353/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

69. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.

PQ64348/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

70. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.

PQ66875/26 | MARTIN DALY

71. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.

PQ76678/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

72. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet.

PQ77512/26 | PETER ROCHE

73. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Child Poverty and Well-Being Programme Office in his Department.

PQ64502/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

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PQ66865/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

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PQ71955/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

76. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the United States.

PQ66876/26 | MARTIN DALY

77. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with US President Trump.

PQ65173/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

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

PQ66611/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

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

PQ66610/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

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

PQ69906/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

81. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Climate Action Unit of his Department.

PQ66868/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

82. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department.

PQ66866/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

83. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department.

PQ71956/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

84. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on engagements his Department has had with German Chancellor Merz during his visit to Ireland in July.

PQ69375/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

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

PQ69900/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

86. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the International Artificial Intelligence Summit on 14th October.

PQ75576/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

87. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Artificial Intelligence will meet.

PQ73598/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

88. To ask the Taoiseach when the new Cabinet Committee on AI will meet next.

PQ73615/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

89. To ask the Taoiseach when the new Cabinet Committee on AI will meet next.

PQ73617/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

90. To ask the Taoiseach when the new Cabinet Committee on AI will meet next.

PQ73634/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

91. To ask the Taoiseach when the new Cabinet Committee on AI will meet next.

PQ73684/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

92. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his new Cabinet Committee on AI.

PQ77508/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

93. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the delivery of a national security strategy.

PQ77310/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Cosanta: To the Defence

94. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the Governments proposal to end the requirement for a UN mandate for the deployment of Irish personnel as part of an international force.

PQ77955/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

95. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on her plans to remove the requirement for UN authorisation via the Security Council or the General Assembly in order to deploy Irish troops overseas as part of an international force.

PQ77487/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

96. To ask the Minister for Defence if and when she will provide for permission for NCOs to participate in the first line reserve of the Defence Forces, given the benefit they can provide in terms of their skill and expertise.

PQ77957/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

97. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide a study of health outcomes of aircraft maintenance personnel regarding former Air Corps personnel.

PQ77958/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Cosanta: To the Defence

98. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a detailed explanation of the similarities and differences between the mandates of UNIFIL and the European Union Support Mission in Lebanon; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77098/26 | PAUL MURPHY

99. To ask the Minister for Defence if members of the Defence Force Reserve have received an allowance for additional duties undertaken during Ireland's term as EU President.

PQ75853/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

100. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeline for progressing the Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026 through the Dáil and Seanad, given that it was published in late June 2026 and is due to come before the Dáil early in this Oireachtas session; and whether the Bill remains on track for enactment by the end of the year.

PQ69260/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

101. To ask the Minister for Defence the measures being considered by her Department, in consultation with Galway City Council to provide alternative access and connectivity following the closure of the walkway along the railway line at Dún Uí Mhaoilíosa Barracks, Renmore, Galway.

PQ77456/26 | SEÁN KYNE

102. To ask the Minister for Defence whether peace enforcement missions are a new departure for Ireland, or whether members of the Defence Forces have historically participated in UN and UN-authorised operations involving robust mandates and the potential use of force to protect civilians, uphold mission mandates or maintain international peace and security.

PQ77449/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

103. To ask the Minister for Defence the engagement her Department has had on joining one of the ten UN peacekeeping missions outside of UNIFIL, or any global non-UN missions which have a UN mandate; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77437/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

104. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the acquisition of the modular towed array sonar system and the implementation of Phase 2 sonobuoy technology under the Equipment Development Plan; the specific milestones achieved in personnel training for subsea domain awareness; the exact origin of the equipment currently being procured; and the updated delivery timescales for these systems to achieve initial and full operational capability.

PQ77517/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

105. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the final dispatch of Defence Forces peacekeepers to the UNIFIL mission.

PQ76828/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

106. To ask the Minister for Defence the reasons she is opposed to giving the people a say on abolishing the Triple Lock; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77107/26 | PAUL MURPHY

107. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on whether the current policy to loosen the Triple Lock on overseas military engagement works and that it has complete popular legitimacy (details supplied); and if she will acknowledge Ireland's achievements under the Triple Lock and set out a policy to strengthen rather than to undermine it.

PQ77501/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

108. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress that has been made in the planned digital transformation process and improving record keeping and data collection in the Defence Forces.

PQ77439/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

109. To ask the Minister for Defence if she has requested an assessment from the Defence Forces or departmental officials on the implications of European Union defence-related mandates concerning foreign military service exemptions for individuals seeking refuge here; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77479/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

110. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the actions her Department is taking to increase retention and recruitment in the Defence Forces.

PQ76701/26 | TOM BRABAZON

111. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the constitutional protections relating to Ireland's participation in an EU common defence, including those introduced following the Nice Treaty referendum in 2002; to clarify whether the proposed reforms to the Triple Lock have any implications for these protections; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77518/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

112. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of PC 12 helicopters currently available for operations; the number that are currently grounded as unserviceable due to their being no technicians available to do corrosion checks; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77572/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

113. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which the Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026 will ensure that Ireland’s longstanding policy of military neutrality is maintained while providing greater autonomy in the deployment of Defence Forces personnel overseas.

PQ77379/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

114. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Naval Service in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and her target for the overall number of personnel in the Naval Service.

PQ77357/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

115. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the publication of the Command and Control Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77565/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

116. To ask the Minister for Defence the measures the Department is taking to support the mental health and wellbeing of serving members of the Defence Forces; and the supports that are currently available to personnel.

PQ76705/26 | TOM BRABAZON

117. To ask the Minister for Defence the establishment figure of the Defence Forces; its strength in 2019 and currently; and the average net number of additional personnel by which its strength has improved annually between 2019 and to date in 2026.

PQ77523/26 | CATHY BENNETT

118. To ask the Minister for Defence to put their proposals to remove the triple lock neutrality protection before the Irish people via referendum.

PQ77527/26 | MATT CARTHY

119. To ask the Minister for Defence to clarify if the Government are considering taking out a loan under the EU’s Security Action For Europe Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68569/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

120. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide an update on the implementation of the Defence Forces Cyber Defence Strategy 2024-2027; the progress made to date; the key milestones outstanding; and the timeline for their delivery.

PQ77421/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

121. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the steps she is taking towards definition of the working day for Defence Forces personnel in order to ensure the adequate payment of overtime in line with the European Social Charter findings on the application of the working time directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77575/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

122. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the implications of the winding down of UNIFIL for Ireland's longstanding peacekeeping contribution in Lebanon; to explain the opportunities for continued Irish participation in international peace support operations, including any future EU mission; and to clarify the way in which the existing triple lock requirements could affect Ireland's ability to participate.

PQ77490/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

123. To ask the Minister for Defence to report on her engagement with others in the EU regarding Irish deployment in EU military missions.

PQ77429/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

124. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which her Department is strengthening cooperation with our European Union partners under the Common Security and Defence Policy to counter hybrid threats and protect critical maritime and cyber infrastructure; the way Ireland's current Presidency of the Council of the European Union is being used to advance these shared security priorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77506/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

125. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which the proposed reforms to the Triple Lock mechanism contained in the Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026 will strengthen Ireland’s capacity to participate in international peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.

PQ77378/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

126. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the safeguards and approval mechanisms that will continue to apply to the deployment of Irish Defence Forces personnel overseas under the Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026; to clarify the role of Dáil Éireann in approving such deployments; the way in which the legislation will ensure that Ireland continues to act in accordance with the UN Charter and international law: and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77467/26 | EMER CURRIE

127. To ask the Minister for Defence the peace enforcement missions Ireland has been involved in since 1990.

PQ77480/26 | JOE NEVILLE

128. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department will consider delegating responsibility for the management and administration of the Curragh Plains to the Office of Public Works.

PQ77319/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

129. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Naval Service vessels currently operational and available for deployment; the number not operational, including the principal reasons; and the level of personnel required to crew the full Naval Service fleet.

PQ65709/26 | GRACE BOLAND

130. To ask the Minister for Defence to consider using a statutory instrument/secondary legislation to re-open the findings of the Board of Assessors decisions regarding the awarding of 1916 service medals to Laois volunteers who were on active service during Easter week.

PQ76941/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

131. To ask the Minister for Defence the total costs incurred as a result of outsourcing functions formerly performed by the Defence Forces since 2020.

PQ77519/26 | CATHY BENNETT

132. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of recruits planned for the Defence Forces in 2027.

PQ76443/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

133. To ask the Minister for Defence for an overview of the Budget 2027 measures in Defence.

PQ76445/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

134. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has conducted any public consultation regarding the triple lock and Irish neutrality; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77453/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

135. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide clarity on her publicly stated preference for Ireland to be involved in a peace enforcement mission in Lebanon; and the mission parameters that she envisages.

PQ76944/26 | SEÁN CROWE

136. To ask the Minister for Defence for a report on the Reserve Defence Force Regeneration Plan.

PQ76430/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

137. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the measures her Department is taking to encourage recruitment to the Reserve Defence Forces.

PQ77381/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

138. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress made in strengthening Ireland's maritime security framework; the new technologies and surveillance systems acquired to identify and monitor potentially suspicious activity in Irish waters; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77406/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

139. To ask the Minister for Defence the role mental health and wellbeing supports play in the retention of Defence Forces personnel; and the measures that have been introduced in recent years in relation to same.

PQ77505/26 | PETER ROCHE

140. To ask the Minister for Defence the international organisations that the Defence Forces will engage with in deployments abroad should the 'triple lock' be removed.

PQ77427/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

141. To ask the Minister for Defence her Department’s plans for the old military barracks at Summerhill in Nenagh, County Tipperary.

PQ76981/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

142. To ask the Minister for Defence whether in view of the lack of an army barracks in the central Border area, if further consideration will be given to the re-opening of Dún Uí Néill Cavan.

PQ76829/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

143. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of motor technician fitters in the Irish army; and the number of additional motor technician fitters that the Defence Forces have advised will be required to service and maintain the new armoured vehicle fleet.

PQ76948/26 | SEÁN CROWE

144. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the process for the awarding of historical IRA medals to families of volunteers.

PQ75562/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

145. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the purchase of additional medium lift helicopters as recommended under the CODF; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77568/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

146. To ask the Minister for Defence the plans for further investment in Aiken Barracks.

PQ76825/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

147. To ask the Minister for Defence to report on the meeting of Defence ministers at the recent Foreign Affairs EU Council.

PQ77411/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

148. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will reaffirm Ireland's commitment to United Nations peacekeeping; to outline the contribution made by Irish Defence Forces personnel to UN missions over recent decades; and to clarify whether the proposed legislation will in any way diminish Ireland's ability to participate in UN-led peacekeeping operations.

PQ77494/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

149. To ask the Minister for Defence for a report on her attendance at the 2026 RACO conference.

PQ76835/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

150. To ask the Minister for Defence the implications for Ireland’s participation in overseas peace support missions following Ireland’s withdrawal from Operation IRINI; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77409/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

151. To ask the Minister for Defence the specific retention measures being put in place for personnel returning from UNIFIL, in view of the expected rise in discharges once the mission ends.

PQ77377/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

152. To ask the Minister for Defence the current fleet strength of the Naval Service; and her Department’s plans, if any, for the further upgrade of the existing fleet.

PQ77382/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

153. To ask the Minister for Defence to clarify the distinction between 'peacekeeping' and 'peace enforcement' for the overseas deployment of Irish Defence Forces troops once the triple lock is removed.

PQ77471/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

154. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to implement initiatives to promote the recruitment and retention of women in the Defence Forces, including to senior positions.

PQ77332/26 | COLM BURKE

155. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the permanent Defence Forces as of 31 October 2026 or latest date available; and the way in which this compares to the end of 2025.

PQ76438/26 | SEAN FLEMING

156. To ask the Minister for Defence the engagement her Department has had with Galway City Council regarding the closure of the walkway along the railway line at Dún Uí Mhaoilíosa Barracks, Renmore, Galway.

PQ77455/26 | SEÁN KYNE

157. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the expected functions and duties of Defence Forces personnel should they be part of the new EU mission in Lebanon.

PQ77441/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

158. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding Ireland's preparedness for a significant cyber attack on her Departments offices and institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76657/26 | BARRY WARD

159. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeframe for the Defence Forces to regain full control of the Kilbride Army Camp, at Kippure, County Wicklow to use for army training.

PQ77530/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

160. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline her interactions with the Lebanese authorities during her recent trip to Lebanon about the death of a UN soldier (details supplied).

PQ77361/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

161. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress that has been made towards the establishment of a new management system or statutory body for the management of the Curragh Plains.

PQ77316/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

162. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on recruitment in the permanent Defence Forces in 2026.

PQ76427/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

163. To ask the Minister for Defence to detail the amount of funding allocated to Defence Forces infrastructure in each of the past five years; the number of projects completed; and the number of projects underway.

PQ77333/26 | COLM BURKE

164. To ask the Minister for Defence whether she will extend security duty allowance to senior officers performing domestic military security operations, such as security operations for the EU Presidency, in line with the allowances paid for missions with the National Ambulance Service and An Garda Síochána.

PQ77443/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

165. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department has plans to seek a UN mandate for Irish overseas missions, either via the Security Council or the General Assembly, once the triple lock is removed.

PQ77446/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

166. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will commit to holding a referendum on any changes that the Government are making to the triple lock.

PQ77465/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

167. To ask the Minister for Defence if employment protections, such as the Unfair Dismissals Act 1977, will be extended to members of the Reserve Defence Forces.

PQ75854/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

168. To ask the Minister for Defence to report on her recent visit to Lebanon.

PQ77428/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

169. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will report on the work of the new Defence Attachés in London, Paris and Washington.

PQ76446/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

170. To ask the Minister for Defence with regard to the recommendation of the Commission on the Defence Forces that the structure of the Army be reviewed the way in which this is being progressed in the border region.

PQ76830/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

171. To ask the Minister for Defence the funding allocated under Budget 2027 for the continued revitalisation of the Naval Base.

PQ76457/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

172. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeframe and approach to scrap the Triple Lock; and if she will put it to the people by way of referendum.

PQ67873/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

173. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will consider a referendum before removing Irelands Triple Lock.

PQ77285/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

174. To ask the Minister for Defence to clarify the difference between peace keeping and peace enforcement missions that will apply to the despatch of members of the Defence Forces.

PQ77457/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

175. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on her recent visit to Lebanon, including her engagements with Irish peacekeepers serving with UNIFIL, and her assessment of the situation on the ground; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77466/26 | EMER CURRIE

176. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which it is envisaged that the United Nations would still be part of the structure of the Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026.

PQ77360/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

177. To ask the Minister for Defence to advance the awarding of military medals for gallantry and distinguished service to Irish soldiers of A Company, 35th Infantry Battalion, who so bravely defended the Siege of Jadotville, serving under a UN mandate in the DRC.

PQ77529/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

178. To ask the Minister for Defence to define a “relevant international force”; the criteria that will be used by the Irish Government to determine whether a force meets that definition; and the legal basis under international law for authorising Irish Defence Forces participation in such a force in the absence of a UN mandate.

PQ77524/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

179. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a small section of her Departments property in Killorglin town that is rarely used to the HSE as an ambulance base.

PQ77303/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

180. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the challenges the Air Corps faces in fulfilling its service level agreement with the HSE for air ambulance services due to the lack of technicians and maintenance issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77570/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

181. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which she plans to invest in the Defence Forces to increase capability to monitor and protect undersea cables.

PQ77396/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

182. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on efforts to appoint a new adjudicator to the Defence Forces conciliation and arbitration scheme.

PQ76834/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

183. To ask the Minister for Defence the assessments that have been undertaken of the gender gap in progression and senior leadership within the Naval Service; the number and percentage of women at each senior rank; and the specific actions and measurable targets in place to improve the progression and representation of women at senior levels.

PQ65711/26 | GRACE BOLAND

184. To ask the Minister for Defence to report on the meeting of the Minister of State with the NATO Supreme Allied Commander in Europe in August 2026.

PQ77415/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

185. To ask the Minister for Defence to review the decision of the Board of Assessors regarding the rewarding of 1916 service medals to Laois volunteers who were on active service during Easter week 1916, under the direction of Padraic Pearse and who were not awarded a service medal.

PQ76940/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

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

PQ76658/26 | BARRY WARD

187. To ask the Minister for Defence if further consideration is being given to naval infrastructure in Galway.

PQ76425/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

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Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach

188. To ask the Taoiseach the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75963/26 | CAROL NOLAN

189. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76150/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

190. To ask the Taoiseach the amount Ireland is paying oil companies each year in fossil fuel subsidies.

PQ77090/26 | JOE NEVILLE

191. To ask the Taoiseach whether he has issued formal congratulations to President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on his re-election as President of Brazil; and the reason no public congratulations or recognition of the election has been issued, particularly in light of the policy of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to strengthen diplomacy in the region in line with the Latin American and Caribbean Strategy.

PQ77847/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

192. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on plans for Seanad reform; and the actions to be taken arising from the Seanad reform implementation plan published in 2018.

PQ77759/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

193. To ask the Taoiseach to outline the way in which his Department measures 'Youth Unemployment'.

PQ76417/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

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

194. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of temporary staff employed by her Department in preparation for and during Ireland's upcoming EU Presidency; the grades of those staff; the number employed on temporary and fixed-term contracts respectively; the duration of each contract expressed in months; the total cost incurred to date; and the projected overall cost, in tabular form.

PQ75326/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

195. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she intends to send a legal observer to a trial (details supplied), given the concerns expressed that their trial is falling short of normal European standards.

PQ75342/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

196. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she has raised at EU level, and in collaboration with other Member States, the cases of persons (details supplied) who have been imprisoned for more than 15 years in Bahrain; and if such discussions have taken place in the context of discussions on an EU-Bahrain Partnership Agreement.

PQ75500/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

197. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland, as part of its role as Presidency of the Council of the European Union, has taken practical steps to compel the European Commission, to urgently amend the blocking statute in order that it can be quickly activated in defence of the International Criminal Court and ensuring continuity of its activities, following the announcement of institutional sanctions against the ICC on 9 October 2026.

PQ75658/26 | BARRY WARD

198. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions taken in 2026 to further highlight ongoing human rights abuses in Belarus and to support the recognition of democracy in that country.

PQ75725/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

199. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there any situations in which Irish citizens in prisons abroad may have been unlawfully imprisoned.

PQ75891/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

200. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by her Department and public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75956/26 | CAROL NOLAN

201. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department or public bodies under the aegis of her Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if she will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75996/26 | CAROL NOLAN

202. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions she is taking to try and encourage other EU countries to accept the Irish passport card in European airports, specifically at the automated travel/immigration entry terminals linked to the entry/exit system, where it is often only possible to use the passport book.

PQ76025/26 | BARRY WARD

203. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Government will seek the continuation of UN Peacekeeping deployments in Lebanon (UNIFIL) via a United Nations General Assembly vote under the Uniting for Peace mechanism in order to bypass the deadlock at the UN Security Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76134/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

204. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which her Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76122/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

205. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide the web link to her Department’s Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76116/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

206. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in light of Ireland's intended ratification of the CETA without any reservation referable to S.25A3 (new) of the Arbitration Act, 2010, if the EU, Canada, or any EU Member State raised an objection with the Government to this qualification of the obligation under Article 54(1) of the Washington/ICSIO Convention made applicable to determinations of the CETA Tribunal.

PQ76289/26 | IVANA BACIK

207. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; to identify the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76232/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

208. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs, in tabular form; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems.

PQ76264/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

209. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps the Government is currently taking to support undocumented Irish citizens living in the US particularly given the increased focus on immigration enforcement; and if she will provide the most up to date figures on the number of undocumented Irish citizens who have been deported or returned to Ireland from the US over the past two years.

PQ76528/26 | CATHAL CROWE

210. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 73626/26, if any undergraduate opportunities are available for internship or student placement with her Department.

PQ76628/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

211. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to expedite a passport application for a person 9details supplied).

PQ76695/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

212. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether purchase orders issued by her Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way her Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ77001/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

213. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether contracts recorded in her Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether her Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77019/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

214. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the date of the next evacuation from Gaza to Ireland.

PQ77119/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

215. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the nature of her Department's representations to the Israeli authorities, including Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT), for additional individuals to be evacuated to Ireland on the evacuation flight from Gaza scheduled on 26 October 2026.

PQ77113/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

216. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland will oppose the nomination of Lana Nusseibeh for the role of United Nations Secretary General given her role in providing political cover for the relationship between the United Arab Emirates and the Rapid Support Forces in Sudan.

PQ77340/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

217. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 172 of 29 January 2026 regarding the International Election Observation Roster, if she will provide updated figures on the current active headcount of the roster; the total number of roster members who have participated across EU and OSCE missions since the commencement of the current five-year cycle on 1 January 2024; the total number of deployment missions supported to date in 2026; and the latest figure for roster members who have applied but have not yet been selected for a mission (details supplied).

PQ77695/26 | PAUL MURPHY

218. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason the flat-rate pre-departure grant of €600 for members of the International Election Observation Roster has remained unchanged for 15 years, since at least November 2011; if she is aware that cumulative CPI inflation of over 30% has reduced its real-term purchasing power forcing volunteers to absorb a real-world deficit for essential items such as medical certificates, vaccinations and travel equipment; if she will consider increasing this grant to €800; if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77694/26 | PAUL MURPHY

219. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of applications to the foreign births register that took more than 12 months to process in the years 2020 to 2023; and if she is aware of the number of children born to people whose applications to the foreign births register were still pending for over 12 months when the child was born in the years 2020 to 2023.

PQ77779/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

220. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of an application (details supplied) for foreign birth registration; the date upon which a decision on this application will be reached; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77573/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

221. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she has issued formal congratulations to President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on his re-election as President of Brazil; and the reason no public congratulations or recognition of the election has been issued, particularly given the policy of her Department to strengthen diplomacy in the region in line with the Latin American and Caribbean Strategy.

PQ77848/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

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

222. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason Article 12 of the Energy Efficiency Directive has not yet been transposed and implemented in Ireland.

PQ75331/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

223. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a breakdown of the dates on which he met with companies (details supplied) in each of the months since 2020, in tabular form.

PQ75365/26 | PA DALY

224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a breakdown of the dates on which he met an organisation (details supplied) directly; and to provide a breakdown of the dates in which his officials met in each of the months since 2020, in tabular form.

PQ75370/26 | PA DALY

225. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the alternative assistance that is available to households in receipt of domiciliary care allowance or carer's allowance if previous recipients cannot access the new fully funded solar upgrades.

PQ75474/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

226. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the Government will consider reviewing the eligibility rules to ensure that households are not unfairly disadvantaged by changes to the solar upgrades scheme, particularly where they continue to meet the current qualifying criteria.

PQ75473/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

227. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider allowing plug in solar panels in Ireland, which are permitted in many other European countries.

PQ75518/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

228. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has considered allowing previous recipients to apply for the new solar PV and battery storage upgrades, particularly where their earlier installation did not include these measures.

PQ75472/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

229. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason homeowners who previously received limited upgrades under the warmer homes scheme are excluded from accessing newly introduced measures that were not available when their original application was assessed.

PQ75471/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

230. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware that the proposed obligation rates of 1.5% and 3% in the renewable heat obligation scheme (RHO) will have no impact in increasing the use of low carbon liquid fuel for home heating as these rates are already being supplied by the industry.

PQ75509/26 | SORCA CLARKE

231. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware that due to the low obligation rates proposed in the renewable heat obligation scheme (RHO), compliance costs will accrue which could increase costs to consumers, while no additional renewable liquid fuels to reduce carbon emissions in home heating will be provided.

PQ75508/26 | SORCA CLARKE

232. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 73021/26, whether a homeowner who has previously benefited from works carried out under the WHS scheme may reapply for further measures, specifically solar panels and battery storage, or if they are excluded.

PQ75438/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

233. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total number of operational data centres in Ireland, by size; the number which are single developments or co-located; their total energy consumption over the previous 12 months; the total IT power demand installed, the total data centre water input; the weighted average power usage effectiveness, water usage effectiveness, renewable energy factor and energy reuse factor across all data centres operating in Ireland, by single development or co-located unit, in tabular form.

PQ75416/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

234. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department undertook Water Framework Directive (WFD) Screening Assessments in accordance with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) as transposed into Irish law through S.I. No. 722/2003 - European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 and subsequent amendments, when drafting the Conservation of Pike Bye-Law (No. 809) 2006 and the Conservation of and Prohibition on Sale of Coarse Fish Bye-Law (No. 806) 2006, in order to assess the potential to cause a deterioration in the ecological status of any waterbody in particular Lough Corrib SAC.

PQ75647/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

235. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on whether authorisations granted under section 59 of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 are valid as substitute Ministerial Consents under the 'Activities Requiring Consent' (ARC) process as provided for under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations - S.I. No. 477 of 2011.

PQ75652/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

236. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason the Owenriff (Barna) River System (No. 140) in County Galway has never been listed in any annual Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Bye-Laws, considering that Atlantic salmon have been harvested from the system in the years 2005, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018 and 2023 as catalogued in the yearly Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Statistic Reports as published by the Central Fisheries Board/Inland Fisheries Ireland.

PQ75649/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

237. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the work of the Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce; and to set out its achievements to date.

PQ75603/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

238. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the work of the Accelerating Renewable Electricity Taskforce; and to set out its achievements to date.

PQ75602/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

239. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline Ireland's long-term electricity storage policy and progress toward achieving adequate levels of energy storage.

PQ75601/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

240. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures in place to encourage community-led renewable energy projects and to ensure that it is easy for these to connect into the grid.

PQ75600/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

241. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the timeline and the projected capacity of the Celtic Interconnector with France.

PQ75596/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

242. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the progress of the Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) Bill 2025 and to set out the measures it contains to enhance Ireland's storm preparedness; when it will be read at second stage in the Dáil; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75582/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

243. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the key milestones, by year between now and 2040 for Ireland to meet our current energy generation targets, specifically onshore and offshore.

PQ75594/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

244. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions taken to date to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to use surplus renewable energy to assist households in fuel poverty; the specific milestones achieved; the timeline for full implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75743/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

245. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide details of the fuel reserves held by Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ75750/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

246. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide details of all engagements between senior officials in his Department and the European Commission in respect of Ireland's ETS2 derogation in light of changes to carbon tax rates announced in Budget 2027.

PQ75688/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

247. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps his Department are taking outside of Budget 2027 announcements to alleviate household fears of ongoing price hikes in fuel prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75747/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

248. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to expand eligibility criteria for the SEAI warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75746/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

249. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the review of the National Radon Control Strategy; and when he expects the report to be published.

PQ75800/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

250. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider extending the maximum grant for solar panels to older persons who availed of the SEAI solar panel grant of €1,800 in 2026 but would now be entitled to apply for the full costs to be covered.

PQ75928/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

251. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an updated timeline on the review and approval for sale and use of plug-in photovoltaic solar panels in Ireland; the further steps required in the approval process; and if these panels will be approved before the end of 2026.

PQ75839/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

252. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75951/26 | CAROL NOLAN

253. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department or public bodies under the aegis of his Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if he will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75995/26 | CAROL NOLAN

254. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there are financial supports available to homeowners who require remedial works following the detection of radon gas leaks.

PQ75801/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

255. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether recipients of the 2kWp system under the solar PV scheme for medically vulnerable customers in 2025 will be eligible to upgrade to the 4kWp system with battery storage under the expanded scheme announced in September 2026; and if so, the way in which they can apply for such upgrade.

PQ76041/26 | CATHY BENNETT

256. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76137/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

257. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide the web link to his Department's Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76117/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

258. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware that owners of older and historic homes can be excluded from accessing grants for replacement windows and doors under the sustainable energy authority of Ireland (SEAI) scheme due to being required to undertake additional insulation measures to meet minimum heat-loss reduction thresholds; if he will examine cases where the fabric or heritage status of a dwelling makes such insulation measures inappropriate, impractical or prohibited; and if he will consider introducing a derogation or alternative pathway to allow homeowners in such circumstances to qualify for windows and doors.

PQ76372/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

259. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware that owners of older and historic homes can be excluded from accessing grants for replacement windows and doors under the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) scheme because they are required to undertake additional insulation measures to meet minimum heat-loss reduction thresholds; if he will examine cases where the fabric or heritage status of a dwelling makes such insulation measures inappropriate, impractical or prohibited; and to consider introducing a derogation or alternative pathway to allow homeowners in such circumstances to qualify for window and door.

PQ76373/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

260. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; to identify the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76233/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

261. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs, in tabular form; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems.

PQ76266/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

262. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures in place to ensure that the €18.9 billion investment programme for electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure as part of PR6 is delivered on schedule and within budget.

PQ76531/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

263. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the assessment that has been carried out regarding the impact of increasing data centre electricity demand on available grid capacity for housing and public services.

PQ76529/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

264. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has any plans to review or change the administration of the solar PV for medically vulnerable customers scheme.

PQ76616/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

265. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide the estimated cost of upgrading portions of the national electricity grid most vulnerable to weather-related outages; and the funding allocated for such works over the next five years.

PQ76650/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

266. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for details of any programme being developed to assess the extension of operating licences for older wind farms approaching the end of their planning life.

PQ76644/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

267. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the measures being taken to achieve the target of 5GW of offshore wind generation by 2030; and the timeline for delivery.

PQ76640/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

268. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider a top up payment, equal to the difference between the solar PV grant already paid and the enhanced grant of up to €9,000 introduced from 6 October 2026, for households in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment who installed solar PV with SEAI grant support between 1 January 2026 and 5 October 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76542/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

269. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress made under the Tonn Nua programme in developing offshore wind grid connections; and the locations currently under consideration for landfall and transmission infrastructure.

PQ76538/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

270. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current status of the Celtic Interconnector; and whether the project remains on schedule for completion in the fourth quarter of 2028.

PQ76537/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

271. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions that are being taken to increase the maximum level of renewable electricity that can be accommodated on the grid, given the high levels of dispatch down in 2026.

PQ76536/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

272. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures being taken to ensure that salmon remain on the River Slaney; and if he is concerned at depleting numbers in recent years.

PQ75699/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

273. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether a distributional or equality assessment was carried out on the enhanced solar PV and battery grant for households on qualifying social welfare payments, announced on 29 September 2026, with regard to lower income households who installed solar PV at their own expense earlier in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76546/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

274. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether he or his Department have issued guidance to the public on locations to bring discarded nitrous oxide canisters; whether an environmental impact assessment of the discarding of cannisters has been undertaken; and whether there has been consideration of designated collection points to safely dispose of such products.

PQ76766/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

275. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ77002/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

276. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77020/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

277. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to his Department's correspondence of 19 October 2026 (CCAE-MOSD-00385-2026) stating that restocking of the Munster Blackwater would only be considered if recruitment fails over several generations, the specific measurable thresholds Inland Fisheries Ireland will use to determine recruitment failure; the number of generations this refers to; and when Inland Fisheries Ireland will next formally review the case for stocking the catchment.

PQ76840/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

278. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total funding allocated by his Department and Inland Fisheries Ireland to fish stock and habitat restoration on the Munster Blackwater catchment since August 2025, broken down by project; and whether any further investigative work is under way to establish the cause and source of the August 2025 fish kill, given that it remains undetermined.

PQ76846/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

279. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the inter-agency rapid response protocol for significant fish kills, published by Inland Fisheries Ireland following the August 2025 Munster Blackwater fish kill, has been activated or tested in a live or simulated incident since its publication; and the dedicated resources and staffing assigned to it.

PQ76844/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

280. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress made on the recommendation of the European Commission Joint Research Centre report on the August 2025 Munster Blackwater fish kill that continuous real-time water quality monitoring be introduced on major Irish rivers; whether such monitoring is now in place on the Munster Blackwater; and the funding allocated for its rollout nationally.

PQ76843/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

281. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current status of the regulations and compensation scheme promised under the Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) Act 2025; and when he expects to publish them.

PQ77226/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

282. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of planned actual meter readings per year a domestic gas customer is entitled to expect from Gas Networks Ireland, given that the network operator states four readings a year while at least one supplier tells its customers there are three planned readings a year; the number of actual readings per domestic meter achieved on average in 2024 and 2025; the performance targets that apply to meter reading; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76911/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

283. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will request Gas Networks Ireland to provide the number of domestic gas meters which had no actual reading for a period of 12 months or more in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, by county, with a separate figure for Cork; the number of domestic customers who received a bill following an actual reading after two or more consecutive estimated readings in the same years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76910/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

284. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will request Gas Networks Ireland to provide the number of meter readings submitted by domestic gas customers which were rejected in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the criteria applied when rejecting a customer reading; whether customers are informed of the reason in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76909/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

285. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will request Gas Networks Ireland to provide the number of domestic gas meter readings recorded as actual readings in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 which were subsequently found to be incorrect and were corrected or cancelled following a query or complaint from a customer or supplier; the main causes identified, including misreads and readings recorded against the wrong meter, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76908/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

286. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will outline the current SEAI grants and incentives available for solar panel installation, including eligibility criteria for pensioners and fuel allowance recipients.

PQ77266/26 | CATHY BENNETT

287. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the protections in place for a domestic energy customer who disputes a bill on the basis that an actual meter reading is incorrect, including whether the disputed amount is held while the reading is investigated and whether the customer is protected from collection action or disconnection in that period; if he will engage with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities on strengthening these protections; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76912/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

288. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 73574/26, to report on the regular engagement between his officials and officials in DETE; the details of which this engagement consists of; to provide a breakdown of meetings held and the dates; the engagement that has taken place on the Large Energy User Action Plan, including meetings held and the dates; the engagement that took place 'regarding the CRU’s recently approved grid code modification' including meetings held and the dates, in tabular form; and whether minutes are taken at the meetings.

PQ77194/26 | PA DALY

289. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the Government will undertake a review of the current one-time application policy to determine whether allowing supplementary upgrades when new measures are introduced would better support the scheme's objectives of reducing energy poverty, improving energy efficiency, and assisting vulnerable households.

PQ77302/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

290. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if consideration be given to households whose warmer homes scheme upgrades were completed shortly before the introduction of the solar PV and battery storage measures in October 2026, to ensure that the timing of their original application does not unfairly disadvantage them.

PQ77301/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

291. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to consider allowing households that previously received upgrades under the warmer homes scheme and which continue to meet the current eligibility criteria, to apply for the newly introduced solar PV and battery storage measures.

PQ77299/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

292. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will request that the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) introduce a limited supplementary application process for households that have already received warmer homes scheme upgrades, subject to technical suitability, eligibility requirements, and the availability of funding.

PQ77300/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

293. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the support available to customers that wish to purchase a battery and inverter for their solar panels, having previously received support under the solar PV scheme for medically vulnerable customers through their provider.

PQ77341/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

294. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of recent comments by Wopke Hoekstra, the EU Climate Commissioner, and EU commissioner Dan Jørgensen who have confirmed that member states can take measures to tackle windfall profits of energy companies; if he will reintroduce the cap on market revenues; if not, the reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ77644/26 | PA DALY

295. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of recent comments made by the head of Digital Infrastructure Ireland (details supplied); and if he agrees with this assessment.

PQ77635/26 | PA DALY

296. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has met with Digital Infrastructure Ireland (DII) during his time in office; the dates on which these meetings took place; if his Department officials have met with DII during his time in office and the dates on which these meetings took place, in tabular form; and the issues discussed in these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77633/26 | PA DALY

297. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has received the NEAT action; when it will be published; and to provide a timeline for the implementation of measures contained within the report.

PQ77630/26 | PA DALY

298. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether there are any additional home energy schemes available to a household (details supplied).

PQ77932/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

299. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department is considering allowing eligible households who previously received energy upgrades under the warmer homes scheme to apply to the scheme again as they have missed out on recent expansions to the scheme (details supplied).

PQ77931/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

300. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding individuals that previously availed of the solar PV scheme for medically vulnerable customers through their provider, the additional support that is available for appropriate battery storage, compatible equipment and the electrical arrangements required to supply essential medical equipment safely during a power cut.

PQ77943/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

301. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department examined the impact on homeowners who installed domestic solar PV systems under the previous SEAI grant regime prior to the decision to substantially increase grant supports for comparable installations; the number of households affected; and whether any retrospective or transitional support measures were considered.

PQ78183/26 | CAROL NOLAN

Chun an Cosanta: To the Defence

302. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of temporary staff employed by his/her Department in preparation for and during Ireland's upcoming EU Presidency; the grades of those staff; the number employed on temporary and fixed-term contracts respectively; the duration of each contract expressed in months; and the total cost incurred to date and the projected overall cost, in tabular form.

PQ75327/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

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

PQ75507/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

304. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members of the Reserve Defence Force affected by the omission of technical pay from their payments since July 2026; the total amount of arrears subsequently paid and the date of payment; the reason for the omission; the way in which it was identified; whether affected members were notified; and the steps being taken to prevent a recurrence.

PQ75804/26 | SORCA CLARKE

305. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 57271/26, if she will provide an update on the Irish Defence Force’s army force design process; when it will be completed; and when will the results be published.

PQ75821/26 | CATHAL CROWE

306. To ask the Minister for Defence the allocated budget for the be emergency ready public information campaign and associated information booklet; the amount expended to date under each cost heading, including consultancy, design, printing, distribution, postage, digital media and social media promotion; and whether there has been a revision or update to the projected total cost.

PQ75859/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

307. To ask the Minister for Defence the total budget allocated to the be emergency ready campaign; and the estimated final cost of the campaign and booklet distribution.

PQ75861/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

308. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by her Department and public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75952/26 | CAROL NOLAN

309. To ask the Minister for Defence further to the decision of the Workplace Relations Commission in 2025 upholding a complaint under the Payment of Wages Act 1991 by a member of the Reserve Defence Force, whether her Department has since reviewed its compliance with employment legislation in respect of members of the Reserve Defence Force; and if so, the outcome of that review.

PQ75873/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

310. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department or public bodies under the aegis of her Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if she will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75994/26 | CAROL NOLAN

311. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline Ireland’s Defence Forces capabilities and assets in comparison to three years ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76011/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

312. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of males and females inducted into the recent 103rd Cadet class.

PQ76086/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

313. To ask the Minister for Defence the specific contractual assurances that are bound to an organisation (details supplied) and the French Government to guarantee a defined value of Irish SME involvement, through local industrial participation and the delivery of social value for Ireland, both in terms of initial capital deployment and long-term operations, maintenance, and support in the State’s primary radar contract; the quantitative or qualitative metrics embedded in the contract to monitor compliance with these obligations.

PQ76153/26 | BARRY WARD

314. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which her Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76139/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

315. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide the web link to her Department’s Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76106/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

316. To ask the Minister for Defence in view of the expanded capital defence budget, to detail the overarching contractual and policy protections being implemented across all medium and large-scale defence procurement programmes to ensure Irish SMEs and indigenous technologies are embedded from the outset; and the steps being taken to safeguard long-term domestic economic benefit, bolster on-island industrial resilience, and ensure national sovereign capability that avoids reliance on foreign industrial actors.

PQ76391/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

317. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs, in tabular form; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems.

PQ76265/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

318. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans to ensure that binding minimum thresholds for Irish SME involvement are formally incorporated into final contracts executed with France’s Direction Générale de l’Armement (DGA), Thales, or associated lead contractors, not only for the primary radar programme but also for future or adjacent capability procurement across naval service and army programmes.

PQ76003/26 | JOE NEVILLE

319. To ask the Minister for Defence when she will respond to correspondence submitted to her office by this Deputy multiple times regarding Irish Defence Force veterans living in the North.

PQ76569/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

320. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76234/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

321. To ask the Minister for Defence further to her confirmation that the Defence Forces do not collect information relating to an applicant's immigration history, arrival circumstances, previous immigration permissions, international protection history or previous identity documentation, whether the Defence Forces can determine if an applicant has previously used multiple identities, provided different biographical details to State agencies or been the subject of immigration investigations; if so, the way in which such information is obtained; and if not, whether she considers this a gap in the recruitment and vetting process.

PQ76831/26 | CAROL NOLAN

322. To ask the Minister for Defence the average time taken from initial application to induction into the Permanent Defence Force in each year since 2020; the number of successful applicants awaiting training or induction as of the latest date available; whether training capacity, medical assessments, security vetting or other factors are limiting the conversion of applications into recruits; and if she will provide a breakdown of these constraints and the measures being taken to address them.

PQ76827/26 | CAROL NOLAN

323. To ask the Minister for Defence whether purchase orders issued by her Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way her Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ77003/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

324. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of applications received for enlistment in the Permanent Defence Force in each year since 2020; the number and percentage that progressed to each stage of the recruitment process, including eligibility screening, aptitude testing, interview, medical assessment and final induction; and the number and percentage that were unsuccessful or withdrew at each stage.

PQ76826/26 | CAROL NOLAN

325. To ask the Minister for Defence whether contracts recorded in her Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether her Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevents this information from being recorded.

PQ77021/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

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

PQ77146/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

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

PQ77145/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

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

PQ77174/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

329. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated total cost of the acquisition order signed with the French Direction Générale de l'Armement on 18 September 2026 for five radar systems (details supplied); the payment schedule and budget subhead from which it will be met; and whether any provisions of the EU SAFE Regulation, including the VAT exemption for common procurement, are being applied to this or any other procurement from France.

PQ76902/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

330. To ask the Minister for Defence whether any acquisition order, framework agreement, MoU or other agreement entered into with the French Government, the Direction Générale de l'Armement, a French company or an EU institution, including the France Ireland Joint Strategic Framework 2026- 2030, contains any term, condition, commitment, express or implied, relating to the Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026 or to the arrangements for Government and Dáil approval of overseas deployments of the Defence Forces; and whether delivery, payment or drawdown under any such agreement depends in any way on the enactment of that Bill.

PQ76900/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

331. To ask the Minister for Defence whether Ireland has applied for, entered negotiations on, or secured any loan under the EU Security Action for Europe (SAFE) Regulation or any other EU financing facility in respect of the acquisition order signed with the French Direction Générale de l'Armement on 18 September 2026 for radar systems (details supplied), the Armoured Fleet Programme, or any other procurement from the French State or a French company; and if she will set out how each such procurement is being financed, including the amount, source and repayment terms of any borrowing.

PQ76899/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

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

PQ77170/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

333. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline discussions and consideration her Department is currently undertaking regarding increasing the retirement age for members of the Defence Forces from 62 years-of age up to 64 years-of-age.

PQ77295/26 | SEAN FLEMING

334. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide details of the 27 pre-legislative scrutiny recommendations of the Joint Committee on Defence and National Security that have been included in the Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026.

PQ77380/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

335. To ask the Minister for Defence further to comments made in the media (details supplied), to clarify her position on Irish troops participating in peace enforcement activities in Lebanon, given the mandate for this mission derives from UN Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006), a traditional Chapter VI-style monitoring and support mission, rather than a Chapter VII enforcement mission.

PQ77483/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

336. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will extend the use of her Department's swimming pool to retired veterans in the local area.

PQ77356/26 | MARK WALL

337. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the decision taken in 2025 by the then Minister for Finance that Ireland should not apply for loans under the EU Security Action for Europe (SAFE) Regulation remains Government policy; whether any expression of interest, application or negotiation has since taken place, including for any second round of SAFE lending; and whether any approved EU defence loan or financing facility is unavailable for drawdown pending changes to Irish legislation.

PQ76901/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

Chun an Iompair: To the Transport

338. To ask the Minister for Transport if the upcoming review of the TaxSaver scheme will consider the inclusion of bike share and car share.

PQ75324/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

339. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the TFI live application has not received any improvements in three years; and his Department's plans to update and improve the application for passengers.

PQ75333/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

340. To ask the Minister for Transport which departmental budget shall provide the €600million the Irish Government has committed to for the construction of the proposed upgrade of the A5 corridor between Aughnacloy and Strabane.

PQ75334/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

341. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department, in conjunction with the Road Safety Authority, will run a public awareness campaign to highlight that pedestrians should wait for vehicles to stop before crossing at a designated pedestrian crossing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75393/26 | CATHAL CROWE

342. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the N3 M50 to Clonee bus priority and active travel scheme.

PQ75505/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

343. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of occasions on which Irish Coast Guard helicopters were tasked during the hours of darkness to helicopter emergency medical service, inter-hospital transfer or other medical missions at the request of the National Ambulance Service or the Health Service Executive in 2024 and 2025; and the number of such requests that were declined or stood down because the aircraft was committed to search and rescue or was otherwise unavailable.

PQ75462/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

344. To ask the Minister for Transport if any protocol, memorandum of understanding or service level agreement governs the tasking of Irish Coast Guard helicopters during the hours of darkness to helicopter emergency medical service, inter-hospital transfer or other medical missions at the request of the National Ambulance Service or the Health Service Executive (HSE); if the provision of these missions falls within the scope of the Irish Coast Guard aviation contract; and if a payment is made by the HSE in respect of them.

PQ75461/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

345. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of night vision imaging system approval at each Irish Coast Guard helicopter base, further to the finding of the Comptroller and Auditor General in his 2020 annual report (details supplied).

PQ75467/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

346. To ask the Minister for Transport if a monthly cap on M50 toll charges has been considered for commuters, such as those in Dublin Mid-West, who cannot avoid using the M50 to access their place of work and who face high costs as a consequence.

PQ75442/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

347. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on Iarnród Éireann's efforts to extend capacity on the Cork-Dublin Intercity line.

PQ75537/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

348. To ask the Minister for Transport if the feasibility and option-selection stage of the proposed 74-kilometre to 77.35-kilometre walking and cycling route linking Mallow in County Cork to Dungarvan in County Waterford will be reviewing the potential to implement a restored rail link alongside the walking and cycling routes, in order to provide both active travel and public transport in the proposed project.

PQ75410/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

349. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the upgrade works to Parnell Place have secured funding; and when they will commence.

PQ75644/26 | THOMAS GOULD

350. To ask the Minister for Transport further to his previous reply on disabled parking permits, if he will confirm the number of renewal permits that were received and issued for each of the past three years per county, in tabular form.

PQ75615/26 | MARK WALL

351. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fleet owners, motor traders and brokers who have failed to register their vehicles and named drivers insured on their policy, on the National Fleet Database (NFD), under the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023; the number of fleet and

motor trader policy holders who failed to upload driver information for all named drivers covered under their insurance policy to the NFD, managed by the Motor Insurers' Bureau of Ireland (MIBI), since 31 March 2025 when the law came into effect.

PQ75659/26 | EMER CURRIE

352. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the completion of works on the south Kerry Greenway.

PQ75765/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

353. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department intends to begin collecting information on the operational status, reliability and availability of publicly funded electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and the timeline for any such proposals.

PQ75788/26 | CAROL NOLAN

354. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of grant funding paid to each charge point operator or infrastructure provider under electric vehicle charging infrastructure schemes since 2022, in tabular form.

PQ75787/26 | CAROL NOLAN

355. To ask the Minister for Transport the mechanisms in place to monitor the performance of publicly funded electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and the number of inspections, audits or compliance reviews carried out since 2022.

PQ75786/26 | CAROL NOLAN

356. To ask the Minister for Transport whether funding agreements entered into by his Department, Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland, or any agency under the aegis of his Department require publicly funded electric vehicle charging infrastructure to meet minimum operational or uptime standards.

PQ75785/26 | CAROL NOLAN

357. To ask the Minister for Transport whether recipients of State funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure are required to provide data on charger uptime, reliability, fault rates or availability.

PQ75784/26 | CAROL NOLAN

358. To ask the Minister for Transport the total Exchequer expenditure, broken down by year and scheme, on the provision of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure since 1 January 2022.

PQ75782/26 | CAROL NOLAN

359. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the completion of the Iron Bridge railway bridge into Cahersiveen stage of the South Kerry Greenway.

PQ75772/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

360. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed up-to-date progress report on the Iron Bridge railway bridge into Cahersiveen stage of the South Kerry Greenway.

PQ75771/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

361. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeframe for the completion of works at the Viaduct at Gleask, on the South Kerry Greenway.

PQ75770/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

362. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an up-to-date detailed report on the current stage of progress at the Viaduct at Gleask, on the South Kerry Greenway.

PQ75769/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

363. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for completion of works on the mountain stage section stone gabion works and the tunnels of the South Kerry Greenway.

PQ75767/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

364. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an up-to-date and detailed progress report on the mountain stage section stone gabion works and the tunnels of the South Kerry Greenway.

PQ75766/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

365. To ask the Minister for Transport for an up-to-date detailed progress report on the South Kerry Greenway (details supplied).

PQ75764/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

366. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has sought assurance from the DAA that the effectiveness of the VDPS is being substantively evaluated.

PQ75717/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

367. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that Fingal County Council is currently investigating compliance with condition 10 of the Dublin airport north runway planning permission by the DAA.

PQ75716/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

368. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland or his Department analyses repeat-repair data to potholes to determine when structural reconstruction would offer better value than patching.

PQ75909/26 | CAROL NOLAN

369. To ask the Minister for Transport if disabled parking pass eligibility can be extended to those with Alzheimer’s disease.

PQ75677/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

370. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has conducted any feasibility studies into the introduction of a requirement for businesses to provide parent and child parking at premises that operate their own car park; and if not, if he would consider such an option.

PQ75424/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

371. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the circumstances whereby a learner driver (details supplied) was reportedly lost within the driving test booking system for a number of months and subsequently had a scheduled driving test cancelled with only three days notice; the reasons for the prolonged delay and subsequent cancellation; the measures in place to prevent such occurrences; whether priority consideration will be given in the rescheduling of the applicant's driving test in view of the difficulties experienced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75846/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

372. To ask the Minister for Transport as chair of the Road Safety Leadership Group, if the Group’s meeting scheduled for 18 November 2026 (details supplied) will consider the status of work-related road fatality data under Primary Action 11 of the Phase 2 Action Plan; if a methodology for collecting work-related road collision data and a data-sharing arrangement between the HSA, An Garda Síochána and the RSA has been agreed; and if so, the date and title of each; and the intended timetable for producing and publishing the annual profile of work-related fatal and serious road traffic collisions provided for in the action plan.

PQ75844/26 | BARRY WARD

373. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the annual heavy rail census is conducted on the basis of passenger numbers recorded on a single day; the ways the census findings are validated against year-round Leap Card transactions, ticket sales and other passenger data; and whether consideration has been given to publishing annual station-level passenger figures based on year-round data.

PQ75866/26 | GRACE BOLAND

374. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75964/26 | CAROL NOLAN

375. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the national transport authority collects and analyses passenger journey and ticket revenue data from Leap card transactions and other ticket sales at individual railway stations; whether this information is used to assess changes in passenger behaviour following fare increases; whether the authority has undertaken such an analysis in respect of Skerries, Balbriggan and Rush and Lusk stations following the fare changes introduced in April 2025; and whether the findings will be published.

PQ75864/26 | GRACE BOLAND

376. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority uses year-round ticket transaction data, including Leap Card transactions, to assess the impact of fare changes on passenger demand and revenue; whether such an assessment was undertaken before determining the further fare changes planned for 2027; and whether the analysis will be published.

PQ75865/26 | GRACE BOLAND

377. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or public bodies under the aegis of his Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if he will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75993/26 | CAROL NOLAN

378. To ask the Minister for Transport to list the stakeholders that he and his Department engaged with this year as part of a round table discussion convened in March, and as part of the creation of the congestion action plan.

PQ76004/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

379. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for his Department to publish its congestion action plan for Dublin.

PQ76006/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

380. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount that Shannon Airport Group spent on installing high speed EV charging points within public carparks at Shannon Airport in 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76085/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

381. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of concerns among taxi drivers regarding the operation of out-of-county licensed taxi drivers through app-based platforms; whether he has reviewed the impact of current cross-county taxi licensing arrangements on locally licensed drivers; and if he will consider legislative changes to ensure that fares are allocated only to drivers licensed in the county in which the journey originates.

PQ76062/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

382. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration is being given to the development of a new railway station at Bettystown, County Meath, on lands zoned for that purpose in the Meath County Development Plan, in light of significant population growth in the south Drogheda and east Meath area and the capacity and car parking constraints currently experienced at Drogheda (MacBride) and Laytown railway stations.

PQ76061/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

383. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the 68 bus; if frequency has been increased; and if this is under review.

PQ76059/26 | MARK WARD

384. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76151/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

385. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the web link to his Department's Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date.

PQ76107/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

386. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority and Bus Éireann have considered arrangements to facilitate passengers travelling with mobility scooters on public bus services (details supplied); whether any assessment or travel permit schemes for mobility scooters are currently in operation on bus services in the State; if so, whether there are plans to extend these arrangements to Waterford city services, including the W5 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76163/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

387. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is an Oireachtas liaison email address for representations (details supplied).

PQ76181/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

388. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to allowing drivers who also use their commercial van for domestic purposes, beyond the current permissible use, to pay for commercial motor tax rather than the much more expensive private motor tax.

PQ75888/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

389. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is an Oireachtas liaison contact email address for representations to an organisation (details supplied).

PQ76168/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

390. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of inspections undertaken by the Commission for Railway Regulation of inter-city, commuter, Dart and Luas services in the past three years to date in respect of passenger numbers onboard services; if he and or his officials have received any recommendations in respect of those inspections; and if so, if he will provide a schedule of same.

PQ76187/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

391. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an estimate of the annual revenue received by the State from toll charges; and whether consideration is being given to measures to reduce commuting costs for workers who must travel long distances to work.

PQ76203/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

392. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on plans to introduce a new public bus service for Athenry, County Galway; the current status of any proposals under consideration by the National Transport Authority; and the timeframe for the commencement of any new services.

PQ76385/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

393. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs, in tabular form; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems.

PQ76267/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

394. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify the changes in the law that now require applicants for or renewals of open driving insurance policies to hold a driving licence and furnish their driving licence number; if he is aware of the impact this change has on people whose disabilities prohibit them from obtaining a driving licence and who employ personal assistants to drive their insured adapted vehicles; and the provision being made to ensure they remain able to secure insurance.

PQ76494/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

395. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver's licence application will be expedited (details supplied).

PQ76507/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

396. To ask the Minister for Transport in light of recent EU and planning decisions which had delayed the process now being completed, if the review of flight paths at Dublin Airport will now proceed, and if he will outline the method/approach to be taken and a timeline for completion.

PQ76523/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

397. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update in relation to the implementation of the vehicle adaptation scheme (VAS); to outline the criteria for the scheme; when the scheme will open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76521/26 | JOHN BRADY

398. To ask the Minister for Transport when he last met formally with the CEO and Chairperson of Bus Éireann; and to outline the issues discussed.

PQ76515/26 | JOE COONEY

399. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is aware of the ongoing service issues for the 245 bus route in County Cork serving Cork City from Watergrasshill; if a review can be commenced; and the plans his Department or Bus Éireann have to address these issues.

PQ76625/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

400. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will engage with the Road Safety Authority to advance safe distance guidelines for vehicles passing by pedestrians, similar to the 1 and 1.5 m guidance for overtaking cyclists; and whether he accepts that pedestrians walking on country roads with no footpaths are equally vulnerable to being struck, injured or killed as cyclists and guidelines would assist in reducing such accidents.

PQ76621/26 | SEÁN KYNE

401. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of ongoing concerns regarding the operation of the Bus Éireann 109X service between Dublin, Virginia and Cavan, including reports of significant delays, overcrowding and passengers being unable to board services at Busáras; and if the National Transport Authority has considered restructuring the 109X as a dedicated express service operating directly via the M3 to Virginia and Cavan.

PQ76651/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

402. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the €6 return fare for rail journeys from Oranmore to Galway is increasing to over €9 representing a 50-60% increase well above the 15% increase in fares that has been outlined by Government and the NTA.

PQ76590/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

403. To ask the Minister for Transport whether legally binding national accessibility standards for active travel infrastructure are being developed; and the timeline for their implementation.

PQ76647/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

404. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider increasing the frequency of the 39x route to become an all day service; and the resources would be needed to expand the route and all day service.

PQ76564/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

405. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76235/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

406. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of sub-stratum compulsory purchase orders that have been issued in respect of the Dart+ South West project; and for a clear commitment that these CPOs will be completed as soon as possible despite the delay in funding the Dart+ South West to 2030.

PQ76541/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

407. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered introducing a specific provision within the disabled parking permit scheme for carers transporting individuals who are at risk of wandering, absconding or entering traffic, where proximity to a destination is necessary to protect the individual's safety; whether alternative eligibility criteria or a separate permit category have been examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76568/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

408. To ask the Minister for Transport if the ongoing review of the disabled parking scheme will consider extending eligibility to people whose disability does not severely restrict their ability to walk but who have significant safety risks arising from cognitive impairment, autism, intellectual disability or other relevant conditions; the organisations and representative groups consulted as part of the review; and when the findings are expected to be published.

PQ76567/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

409. To ask the Minister for Transport if the eligibility criteria for the disabled persons parking permit, commonly known as the blue badge, takes account of persons with disabilities or cognitive impairments who are at risk of wandering, absconding or running into traffic; if carers may qualify for a permit on behalf of a person whose safety requires them to be brought as close as possible to a destination; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76566/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

410. To ask the Minister for Transport the current position regarding the programme and funding for the Kimmage to city centre core bus corridor scheme.

PQ76685/26 | EOIN HAYES

411. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of planned investment in port infrastructure to facilitate offshore wind development; the ports under consideration; and the projected cost of these upgrades.

PQ76641/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

412. To ask the Minister for Transport whether a service can now be provided given additional funding for bus services in Budget 2027 (details supplied).

PQ76700/26 | EMER CURRIE

413. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on works his Department has undertaken to progress the Gluas project since the publication of the Galway Light Rail Feasibility Study.

PQ76736/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

414. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has given further consideration to developing a commuter style train service between Oranmore and Galway city with additional stops in Roscam and Renmore once the double tracking between Athenry and Galway city has been completed.

PQ76735/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

415. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the timeline for next generation ticketing for bus routes in Galway city and County.

PQ76734/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

416. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the impact the Ballybane and Castlepark active travel scheme has had on traffic in the area and the role that long bus stopping times has in this; and if old swipe card readers from Cork will be deployed for use in Galway and the timeline for this.

PQ76733/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

417. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be made available for Bus Connects Galway to ensure 2028 delivery of the network redesign; and to outline the costs involved in Bus Connects Galway, including the network redesign, Cross City Link, and Dublin Road.

PQ76732/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

418. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed A-Spine BusConnects route.

PQ76721/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

419. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of all recruitment agencies/organisations engaged by Dublin Bus to recruit bus drivers from abroad in 2025 and to date in 2026; outlining whether the contract with each recruitment agency was the subject of a public procurement competition, in tabular form; where a public procurement competition took place, to provide the reference and date of the contract notice and award; and if not, the reason that no such competition took place.

PQ76792/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

420. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of all recruitment agencies / organisations engaged by Dublin Bus to recruit bus drivers from abroad in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of drivers recruited through each recruitment agency for 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and to provide the total fees paid to each recruitment agency in 2025 and 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76790/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

421. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Irish Aviation Authority is considering reclassifying emergency medical helicopter evacuations from offshore islands from search and rescue operations to helicopter emergency medical services.

PQ76788/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

422. To ask the Minister for Transport the dates and nature of all contact between his Department and the Chairperson or Board of CIÉ since 4 June 2026 regarding implementation of the pension increase for CIÉ pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76967/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

423. To ask the Minister for Transport further to the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure, Civil Service Reform and Digitalisation, notified to his Department on 4 June 2026, whether the pension increase for CIÉ pensioners can be paid under Rule 34 of the schemes separately from the other proposed amendments to the schemes; if not, the reason the increase cannot proceed in advance of those amendments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76966/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

424. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of submissions received by his Department on the proposed amendments to the CIÉ pension schemes; whether any submission related to the pension increase for existing pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76965/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

425. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the planned improvements to Bus Éireann Route 162 connecting Dundalk and Monaghan, including the proposed extension to Clones under the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan; the timeline for implementation; and whether increased daily and weekend services will be provided to improve connectivity for commuters, students and passengers connecting with rail services at Dundalk.

PQ76799/26 | DAVID MAXWELL

426. To ask the Minister for Transport who owns the car park at Galway Ceannt station.

PQ76963/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

427. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the registration-validation and pre-clamping payment checks in the NTA's 2019 Code of Practice were omitted from the 2022 Code; the evidence that informed that change; if he will introduce regulations requiring operators to search paid sessions before clamping and prohibiting release charges where a paid session with a minor registration error is verified; the number of second-stage appeals allowed on the paid parking ground in 2024 and 2025, by operator; the number many received; and the reason the powers in sections 26 and 28 of the Vehicle Clamping Act2015 have never been used.

PQ76961/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

428. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the concerns raised; and if he will provide an update on proposed improvements to the Bus Éireann 162 service between Dundalk and Monaghan, including any plans to increase service frequency and extend the route.

PQ76797/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

429. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will request the National Transport Authority, as the contracting authority for public service obligation contracts, to review the procurement of overseas recruitment services by CIÉ companies.

PQ76795/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

430. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the due diligence Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann carried out on the recruitment agencies used for the recruitment of bus drivers from abroad; and whether the Department or the National Transport Authority was consulted in this process.

PQ76794/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

431. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of all recruitment agencies / organisations engaged by Bus Éireann to recruit bus drivers from abroad in 2025 and 2026 outlining whether the contract with each recruitment agency was the subject of a public procurement competition in

tabular form; where a public procurement competition took place, to provide the reference and date of the contract notice and award; and if not, the reason that no such competition took place.

PQ76793/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

432. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of all recruitment agencies / organisations engaged by Bus Éireann to recruit bus drivers from abroad in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of drivers recruited through each recruitment agency for 2025 and 2026 in tabular form; and to provide the total fees paid to each recruitment agency in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76791/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

433. To ask the Minister for Transport whether arrears of the pension increase agreed under the 2025 CIÉ pension proposals will be paid to the estates of pensioners and dependants who have died since the ballot of August 2025; the number of such pensioners and dependants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76926/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

434. To ask the Minister for Transport the eligibility criteria for the pension increase agreed under the 2025 CIÉ pension proposals, including any minimum period in retirement; the number of pensioners under each scheme who will and will not receive the increase; whether those not currently eligible will qualify at a later date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76925/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

435. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the A spine for bus connects including a timeline.

PQ76930/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

436. To ask the Minister for Transport whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ77004/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

437. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any formal mechanism exists for CIÉ or the scheme trustees to consult retired members of the CIÉ 1951 superannuation scheme and the CIÉ regular wages pension scheme on decisions affecting their pensions, having regard to the fact that a large proportion of pensioners are not members of any representative association; if he will engage with the CIÉ Board to establish such a mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77028/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

438. To ask the Minister for Transport the composition of the trustee boards of the CIÉ 1951 superannuation scheme and the CIÉ regular wages pension scheme, including the number of trustees on each, the number who are retired members of the scheme; the method by which each trustee is selected; whether pensioners of either scheme were consulted or given a vote before the 2025 pension agreement was concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77027/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

439. To ask the Minister for Transport whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77022/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

440. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority will publish, or make available to residents, the road safety, traffic, emergency access and accessibility assessments submitted by local authorities in support of Active Travel funding applications, having regard to residents in Blackpool, Ballyvolane and Farranree, Cork, who have been unable to obtain these records; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77064/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

441. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority monitors traffic congestion, journey times and collision data before and after the completion of active travel schemes it funds; whether such monitoring, including any Stage 4 post opening Road Safety Audit, has been carried out for completed schemes in Ballyvolane and Farranree, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77062/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

442. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority requires local authorities to demonstrate consultation with the National Ambulance Service, the fire service and An Garda Síochána on emergency access before funding active travel schemes that narrow roads; whether such consultation was confirmed to the authority for schemes in Blackpool, Ballyvolane and Farranree, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77060/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

443. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority carried out or commissioned any independent traffic modelling for active travel schemes involving road narrowing in Ballyvolane and Farranree, Cork, or relied solely on information supplied by Cork City Council, before approving funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77058/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

444. To ask the Minister for Transport the current legal limit for cannabis found in a driver's system; and the legal ramifications this limit could potentially have on an individual who has consumed cannabis days before operation of a vehicle.

PQ76673/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

445. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which the new learner permit rules apply to learners who already hold a valid permit when the changes come into effect; the action that will be needed if a learner fails a test shortly before their permit expires and the next available test is after

the expiry date; whether EDT completed very recently will have to be repeated; and the way in which RSA cancelled tests are taken into account in these circumstances.

PQ77057/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

446. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 57435/26, if his Department and Transport Infrastructure Ireland have received a formal submission from Cork county council regarding the introduction of traffic calming measures, driver feedback signs or speed indicator devices at Clonbanin Cross, Mallow, County Cork.

PQ76862/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

447. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the National Transport Authority to review fare levels on rural public service obligation bus routes, including services operating between Tralee, Milltown, Killorglin and Killarney; and whether consideration is being given to the introduction of a more affordable regional fare structure.

PQ76860/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

448. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority required and received Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 Road Safety Audits from Cork City Council for active travel schemes in Blackpool, Ballyvolane and Farranree, Cork, before approving funding for each stage of these schemes; the dates on which each audit was received; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77054/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

449. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the CIÉ pension schemes will be reviewed annually from 2027 onwards.

PQ77143/26 | EMER CURRIE

450. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of active travel funding allocated by the National Transport Authority to Cork City Council for schemes in Blackpool, Ballyvolane and Farranree, Cork, by scheme and by year since 2021; the date funding approval was first granted for each scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77051/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

451. To ask the Minister for Transport if a business (details supplied) who did not apply for the RTSS scheme is eligible to apply for inclusion in the extension of the scheme.

PQ77192/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

452. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that a significant amount of funding is allocated in 2027 for a road and footpath (details supplied).

PQ77158/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

453. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority will consider offering students who were unsuccessful with obtaining a school bus ticket under the school transport scheme, the option to avail of local link services with a reduced fee.

PQ77204/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

454. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently provide greatly needed car parking at the beginning of the South Kerry Greenway by providing a footpath link from the Behy Bridge to Rossbeigh Beach (details supplied).

PQ76898/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

455. To ask the Minister for Transport If permission will be given to allow placing seating benches at suitable locations along the South Kerry Greenway.

PQ76897/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

456. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently introduce a sustainability payment similar to the Code of Best Practice Payment (Part A) for all landowners living adjacent to the South Kerry Greenway.

PQ76896/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

457. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps CIÉ has taken or will take to notify every pensioner and dependant in receipt of a pension under the CIÉ pension scheme for regular wages staff and the CIÉ superannuation scheme 1951 of the increase given effect by the Statutory Instruments signed on 21 October 2026, including those who are not members of any pensioner association; the number of pensioners and dependants in receipt of a pension under each scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76924/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

458. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the upgrade works to platforms one and two at Ceannt Station, Galway; the current status of the project; and the expected completion date for the works.

PQ77195/26 | SEÁN KYNE

459. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the adoption by Fingal County Council of the Dunsink Urban Area Strategy and the phasing requirement inserted that construction of the Luas Green Line extension from Broombridge to Tyrrelstown must have started before the second phase of Dunsink can progress; and if his Department will now work with the NTA to bring forward the Luas Green Line extension from Broombridge to Tyrrelstown.

PQ77284/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

460. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently provide a specific allocation, €150,000, to carry out the planning process to realign and provide a footpath on a section of the N70 Ring of Kerry road from Laune Bridge to the RDI hub at Anglont (details supplied).

PQ77161/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

461. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delay in the Kerry Pike Cork city pedestrian improvement scheme to date; the reason work has not commenced; and when works are expected to commence given the project was due to commence in 2025 and subsequently delayed.

PQ77321/26 | COLM BURKE

462. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 40986/26, whether the protected disclosures policies and procedures of his Department require the prescribed person, under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, to issue a written determination on prima facie evidence submitted by a reporting person; and if his Department's procedures comply with the feedback obligations imposed by EU Directive 2019/1937 Article 11 as transposed into Irish law.

PQ77118/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

463. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the engagement with the insurance industry and the Central Bank in relation to e-scooter insurance.

PQ76802/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

464. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a timeline for the expected delivery of the Galway BusConnects project.

PQ77338/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

465. To ask the Minister for Transport if there was a funding allocation for the Galway BusConnects project in Budget 2027.

PQ77336/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

466. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. PQ70000/26, the reason this payment has not been paid; and if he will outline the issues with this application.

PQ77108/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

467. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of national road projects for which construction timelines or final route selection were altered due to requirements relating to protected species, special areas of conservation or special protection areas; and the details of same.

PQ77388/26 | CAROL NOLAN

468. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the progress of the Bus Connects Dublin Road-Galway route.

PQ77430/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

469. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail is currently retrofitting older commuter fleets, including the 2600, 2800 and 29000 classes; if so, if this has reduced capacity on certain routes or if alternative fleets have been made available; and the routes that are impacted by this.

PQ77359/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

470. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the extension of DART services to Wicklow town; if enabling works are required at stations, specifically to extend platforms to facilitate longer trains and additional carriages; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77503/26 | JOHN BRADY

471. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application and subsequent appeal under the road transporters support scheme for an operator (details supplied) who applied in May 2026 and has not received payment or a direct response; the reason for the lack of communication channels for applicants experiencing financial pressure; if he will ensure a direct review of the appeal submitted on 22 October 2026 under reference RTSS-2026-001105; and when this will be resolved.

PQ77510/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

472. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or officials from his Department have met with the Irish Aviation Authority to discuss the potential transfer of responsibility for alcohol and psychoactive substance testing of aviation personnel from State authorities to individual airlines or other private entities; and the date of this meeting.

PQ77611/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

473. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a time frame for the implementation of European Directive (EU) 2025/2205 which provides for an increase in in the weight of campervan which can be driven on a standard Irish driving licence Article 6 of the directive specifically states that "A motor caravan with a maximum authorised mass exceeding 3500kg but not exceeding 4250kg, including in combination with a trailer, if the maximum authorised mass of the combination does not exceed 5000kg, may be driven on a category B licence.

PQ77538/26 | ROBERT TROY

474. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the 65 new battery electric carriages for the Dublin-Drogheda line has been delayed again until the end of 2027.

PQ77716/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

475. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received by the National Transport Authority in relation to taxi drivers standing for hire at a place other than an appointed stand each year from 2021 to date in 2026.

PQ77752/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

476. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the delivery of long-promised improvements to the 199 bus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77553/26 | JOHN BRADY

477. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the delivery of long-promised improvements to the 874 bus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77552/26 | JOHN BRADY

478. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of compliance officers employed by the National Transport Authority to enforce SPSV legislation.

PQ77750/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

479. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fines issued to taxi drivers for standing for hire at a place other than an appointed stand each year from 2021 to date in 2026.

PQ77749/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

480. To ask the Minister for Transport given that Louth County Council are signalling their intent to fund a feasibility study into a proposed train station for Drogheda north, if he will outline whether there has been engagement between his Department and the local authority on this matter.

PQ77747/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

481. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the concerns expressed in correspondence (details supplied); if he will commit to reviewing the disproportionate fare stages on the Tralee, Killorglin and Killarney corridor; if he will consider introducing a flat fare structure that respects the reality of minimum wage earners in Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ77782/26 | PA DALY

482. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm through the Road Safety Authority the number of driving tests that have taken place to date at the Drogheda driving test centre since it opened earlier in 2026; the pass rate; the waiting time for appointments; and to outline plans to expand the number of testers at the centre.

PQ77771/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

483. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the eligibility rules for TFI Leap student and young adult fare discounts on cross-border bus services; whether attendance at a college in Northern Ireland affects eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77876/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

484. To ask the Minister for Transport the average actual waiting times for category B driving tests, by month from January 2025 to date, nationally by test centre, between application and eligibility, eligibility and invitation, invitation and appointment confirmation, and appointment confirmation and test completion; and if these figures will be published separately from estimated waiting times, in tabular form.

PQ77836/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

485. To ask the Minister for Transport the cross-Border bus routes and operators participating in the student and young adult discounted fare schemes, including services serving County Louth; and whether further routes are being considered for inclusion, in tabular form.

PQ77880/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

486. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend student and young adult fare discounts to cross-border services operated by eligible licensed commercial bus and coach operators; the funding and arrangements required; and the timetable for doing so.

PQ77879/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

487. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify an apparent inconsistency raised by cross-Border student commuters whereby discounted fares are available on Expressway Route 64 between Letterkenny and Derry but equivalent discounts are unavailable on services between Letterkenny and Belfast; and the reasons for any difference.

PQ77878/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

488. To ask the Minister for Transport the assessment his Department has made of the causes of driving-test waiting times exceeding the ten-week target at certain test centres; the additional funding provided in 2025 and 2026 to increase testing capacity; the targets agreed with the Road Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77843/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

489. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has assessed the additional costs incurred by learner drivers as a result of driving-test waiting times exceeding the service target; if so, the estimated average and total costs involved; and, if not, whether he will consider undertaking such an assessment.

PQ77842/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

490. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline measures to reduce any disparity between waiting times for first-time applications for driver tests and repeat test applicants.

PQ77841/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

491. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time between a failed category B driving test and the next completed test, by driving test centre, each month to date in 2026; and whether the ten-week waiting-time target applies to repeat applicants.

PQ77840/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

492. To ask the Minister for Transport the opening dates for the road transporters support scheme; if the scheme was reopened after the closing date; the criteria to be able to apply during this period; and to outline the appeal process for applicants who missed the deadline.

PQ77581/26 | MARK WARD

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493. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of temporary staff employed by his Department in preparation for and during Ireland's upcoming EU Presidency; the grades of those staff; the number employed on temporary and fixed-term contracts respectively; the duration of each contract expressed in months; the total cost incurred to date; and the projected overall cost, in tabular form.

PQ75325/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

494. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Derelict Property Tax announced as part of Budget 2027 will involve any ring-fencing of the revenue raised for direct use by local authorities; and, if not, the rationale for this decision.

PQ75357/26 | RORY HEARNE

495. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the supports in place to assist households and businesses who use LPG for heating (details supplied).

PQ75531/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

496. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether it is his intention, under proposed new arrangements for the collection and enforcement of the derelict sites levy/derelict property tax by the Revenue Commissioners, for all monies collected to be transferred to the relevant local authorities in whose administrative areas the liable properties are located; and the mechanism by which such funds will be distributed.

PQ75452/26 | SEÁN KYNE

497. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the reduced carbon tax rate of €48.50 per tonne of CO2 to LPG used for heating, by way of an amendment to the Finance Bill giving effect to Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75641/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

498. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost to the Exchequer of applying the reduced carbon tax rate of €48.50 per tonne of CO2 to LPG used for heating, for 2027 and for each subsequent year to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75638/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

499. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of households and businesses that use LPG for space heating, broken down by county, including County Cork, where that information is available; the estimated additional annual cost to a typical LPG heated household arising from the scheduled carbon tax increases on LPG compared with the reduced rate now applying to kerosene; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75635/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

500. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rate of carbon tax that will apply to LPG used for heating on each scheduled change date between now and 2030, with the date of each change; the corresponding rates for kerosene and natural gas over the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75632/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

501. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for excluding liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) used for home and business heating from the reduced carbon tax rate of €48.50 per tonne of CO2 applied to kerosene and natural gas in Budget 2027; whether his Department assessed the impact of that exclusion on households and businesses outside the natural gas grid, or the relative carbon intensity of LPG compared with kerosene, before the decision was taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75630/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

502. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance If he will detail in full the taxation procedures around fellowships, bursaries and other academic scholarships whether for undergraduate students, postgraduate students or post-doctoral researchers.

PQ75554/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

503. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he intends legislating for a gross gambling yield tax on top of the 23% VAT rate on gambling products such as online slot machines, in view of the fact that online slot machines are highly addictive and are being marketed heavily in Ireland in particular to young men and vulnerable groups, wherein addiction service have reported increased problem gambling especially from online slot machines.

PQ75671/26 | COLM BURKE

504. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department is aware that as Ireland has one of the lowest tax rates at 23% VAT in Europe on online slot machines, that this low tax rate on highly addictive online slot machines incentivises international gambling companies to entice gamblers from traditional forms of sports betting to the much more addictive and harmful high speed online slot machines, taking into account that addiction service have reported increased problem gambling especially from online slot machines.

PQ75665/26 | COLM BURKE

505. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide an estimate of the annual revenue received by the State from taxes on motor fuels; and whether consideration is being given to measures to reduce commuting costs for workers who must travel long distances to work.

PQ75724/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

506. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide details of the guidance available to employees returning to work following a period on illness benefit to ensure that they are being taxed correctly.

PQ75723/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

507. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures in place to notify workers in advance of significant changes to their tax credits or tax liabilities; and whether additional communication measures are under consideration.

PQ75722/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

508. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he will review the operation of tax credit adjustments for workers in receipt of illness benefit arising from workplace injuries, with a view to reducing unexpected reductions in take-home pay.

PQ75721/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

509. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of workers in receipt of illness benefit whose tax credits were adjusted by the Revenue Commissioners in each of the past three years; and if he will outline the basis on which such adjustments are made.

PQ75720/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

510. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to give further details explaining the table in Annex 2 of the Draft Budgetary Plan 2027 document published in October 2026 (details supplied); and the details of the primary measures within each header, particularly corporation tax which makes up the majority of the projected budgetary impact.

PQ75755/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

511. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will give further details explaining the table in Annex 2 of the Draft Budgetary Plan 2027 document published in October 2026 (details supplied), including what the primary measures within each header are, particularly corporation tax which makes up the majority of the projected budgetary impact.

PQ75758/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

512. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he is aware of reports suggesting that persons resident in the State may be prevented from purchasing kerosene or home-heating oil in the North of Ireland; whether any legislative, regulatory or administrative measures are planned in this regard; and if he will clarify the position.

PQ75884/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

513. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rules governing the importation by private individuals of kerosene or home-heating oil purchased in the North of Ireland for domestic use; whether volume limits apply; and the number of revenue interventions, seizures, penalties or prosecutions relating to such fuel imports in each of the past five years.

PQ75883/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

514. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether restrictions are in place, proposed, or under consideration that would prevent persons resident in the State from purchasing kerosene or home-heating oil in the North of Ireland; and if discussions have taken place with revenue or other agencies regarding the cross-border purchase of heating fuels.

PQ75882/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

515. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75955/26 | CAROL NOLAN

516. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will give consideration to a refundable tax credit for qualifying tourism infrastructure, modelled on Ireland’s existing film and digital games tax credits, to support investment in major visitor attractions (details supplied).

PQ75977/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

517. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if families who require a larger vehicle due to the disability related needs of their children may qualify for relief under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; the circumstances in which such relief may apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76073/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

518. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76142/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

519. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures currently in place that will allow credit unions to finance the development of homes by approved housing bodies; and if restrictions are placed on any types of AHBs and moves to expand opportunities in this space.

PQ76121/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

520. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide the web link to his Department’s Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date.

PQ76108/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

521. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will apply the carbon tax reduction to LPG similar to kerosene and natural gas considering the importance of this energy product for many farmers, particularly poultry farmers.

PQ76276/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

522. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76268/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

523. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for the exclusion from relevant rent-related tax reliefs and supports of tenants renting a property from a closely related family member, even where the tenancy is a bona fide arrangement, the tenancy is registered with the

Residential Tenancies Board market rent is being paid, and all tax obligations are being complied with; if he will review the current provisions to determine whether such tenants are being unfairly disadvantaged; and if he will consider amending the eligibility criteria to allow renters in genuine registered family tenancies to qualify.

PQ76412/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

524. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department is undertaking any actions to reduce the administrative costs faced by small businesses in filing VAT returns.

PQ76407/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

525. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for the €42,500 VAT threshold for businesses supplying services.

PQ76405/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

526. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 72042/26, if he will review the correspondence; whether he will consider introducing a transitional arrangement for first-time buyers who received the previous maximum help-to-buy relief of €30,000 shortly before the increase to €35,000 announced in Budget 2027 and whose homes remain under construction; and if any alternative remedy is available.

PQ76495/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

527. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review the current double taxation arrangements between Ireland and Jordan, including whether a bilateral double taxation agreement could be introduced to prevent individuals and businesses from being taxed on the same income in both jurisdictions.

PQ76665/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

528. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76236/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

529. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the extent to which his Department is engaging with an organisation (details supplied) and industry stakeholders regarding the Section 481 film tax credit; and if he will introduce a permanent 8% regional uplift for audio-visual productions based outside the Dublin metropolitan area and Ashford (DMAA) corridor to address the 10% to 12% additional cost burden faced by regional producers, protect local creative talent, and expand production capacity nationwide.

PQ76774/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

530. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ77005/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

531. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77023/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

532. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing measures to ensure that persons with lifelong disabilities who inherit assets from their parents or guardians for the purpose of their future care and wellbeing are not disadvantaged through inheritance tax liabilities or the loss of means tested supports, including disability allowance and medical card eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77147/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

533. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review the vehicle registration tax regime, in light of concerns that it significantly inflates the cost of second-hand vehicles in Ireland compared with equivalent vehicles available in the UK and elsewhere in Europe, increases motoring costs for families, distorts the used car market, and unfairly taxes imported vehicles on a Revenue-assessed open market selling price rather than the actual purchase price paid.

PQ77215/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

534. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance To ask the Minister for Finance whether the main banks, and other consumer lenders, should provide publicly accessible online calculators for personal loans (details supplied)

PQ76872/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

535. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Central Bank of Ireland has assessed the effectiveness of current safeguards operated by banks and online savings platforms in preventing customers from transferring substantial sums to fraudulent accounts.

PQ77230/26 | CAROL NOLAN

536. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of reported authorised push-payment fraud incidents in each of the past five years; the total financial losses involved; whether consideration is being given to enhanced reimbursement protections for victims.

PQ77229/26 | CAROL NOLAN

537. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of PAYE taxpayer units who may have either underpayments or overpayments for the 2024 and 2025 tax years respectively; the average value of underpayments; the average value of overpayments for each year concerned; and the number of PAYE units who have not yet submitted a tax return for each year.

PQ77626/26 | GED NASH

538. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will examine the introduction of specific inheritance tax reliefs for persons with lifelong disabilities who inherit assets from their parents or guardians intended to provide for their future care and wellbeing, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77041/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

539. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider the disparity between the price of kerosene and natural gas heating LPG; and the reason the reduction in carbon tax is not extended to LPG fuels (details supplied).

PQ77689/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

540. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department considered amending Dublin's Living City Initiative Special Regeneration Area as part of the Budget 2027 process.

PQ77754/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

541. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department is taking steps to expand Dublin's Living City Initiative Special Regeneration Area as recommended by Dublin City Council Urban Redevelopment Working Group's Rejuvenation Framework and Report in October 2025.

PQ77753/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

542. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current position regarding investments held by the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF) in companies listed on the United Nations database of businesses involved in activities relating to Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and whether any investments in such companies have been sold or are under review.

PQ77888/26 | JOHN LAHART

543. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the drawdown of the €1.1 billion in funding from outbound payments defensive measures, including the amount drawn down to date; and whether progress on this funding will inform consideration of amending or abolishing the outbound payment restriction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77913/26 | EMER CURRIE

544. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on progress towards delivering the Funds Sector 2030 commitment to abolish the eight-year deemed disposal requirement for Irish-domiciled investment funds; the way this commitment will be progressed in the context of the levers identified in the Roadmap for the Taxation of Retail Investment, including reducing tax rates and simplifying the taxation and administration of retail investments; whether he will confirm that the necessary measures will be progressed in advance of Budget 2028; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77912/26 | EMER CURRIE

545. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Government has assessed the net fiscal impact of migration by immigration route or cohort taking account of tax and social insurance contributions, social protection, healthcare, housing, education, and other public expenditure; if so, the methodology and findings; and, if not, whether such an assessment is planned.

PQ77944/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

546. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has produced or commissioned any analysis of the net fiscal impact of non-EEA migration to Ireland, including taxation, social protection, healthcare, housing and education expenditure; if so, when it was completed and whether it will be published; and if no such analysis exists, the reason this assessment has not been undertaken by his Department.

PQ77956/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

547. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has examined the Danish Ministry of Finance's analyses or the 2021 Netherlands study concerning the fiscal impact of migration; if so, the conclusions that were drawn regarding their relevance to Ireland; whether comparable Irish data have been assessed; and whether the Department intends to undertake or publish a similar analysis.

PQ77954/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

548. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has assessed estimates of the lifetime net fiscal impact of migrants entering Ireland at different ages, taking account of tax contributions and public expenditure over their lifetime; if so, the methodology and findings; and if not, whether the Department considers such modelling necessary for evidence-based migration and public expenditure planning.

PQ77951/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

549. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing measures to ensure that persons with lifelong disabilities who inherit assets from their parents or guardians for the purpose of their future care and wellbeing are not disadvantaged through inheritance tax liabilities.

PQ77193/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

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

550. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of temporary staff employed by his Department in preparation for and during Ireland's upcoming EU Presidency; the grades of those staff; the number employed on temporary and fixed-term contracts respectively; the duration of each contract expressed in months; and the total cost incurred to date and the projected overall cost, in tabular form.

PQ75328/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

551. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the measures that were taken following the European Commission's observations in January 2023 concerning Ireland's transposition of Article 20 of Directive (EU) 2019/1937, including

reliance on administrative arrangements involving an organisation (details supplied); whether the Commission subsequently indicated that those concerns had been resolved; and if he will provide details of the relevant measures and correspondence.

PQ75339/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

552. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the assessment that has been undertaken of the practical accessibility and effectiveness of protection and remedies available to former public-sector employees who allege continuing penalisation following protected disclosures, including persons engaged in prolonged litigation or experiencing serious financial hardship; whether additional interim support measures have been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75336/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

553. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 282 of 7 July 2026, whether the Department has undertaken any assessment of risks to reporting persons arising from administrative practices or interpretations currently subject to statutory or European review; the dates, findings and recommendations of any such assessment; whether any additional interim guidance or safeguards have been issued to public bodies; and if no assessment or additional guidance has been provided, the reasons for that decision.

PQ75335/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

554. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any further progress has been made by the OPW in identifying a future usage for the Debtors Prison on Halston Street, given the new measures being brought in to tackle vacancy and dereliction in urban areas what steps will the OPW take to bring it into full use.

PQ75343/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

555. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department is currently working with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on a relocation plan for the nine households at a location (details supplied) whose homes are affected by defective concrete and flood risk; if so, the progress that has been made; and when the plan is expected to be finalised.

PQ75399/26 | CHARLES WARD

556. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on the review of a communications network (details supplied) for emergency services following Storm Eowyn which he stated was to be undertaken to avoid any repeated issues during future extreme weather events of the scale of Storm Eowyn; and if engagement has taken place with organisations.

PQ75581/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

557. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Office of Government Procurement has issued guidance to public bodies on including contractual requirements concerning minimum remuneration, travel time, travel expenses, cancellation payments and waiting time for professionals engaged through intermediary contractors; and his plans to review such guidance in relation to publicly funded interpreting services.

PQ75797/26 | IVANA BACIK

558. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update in relation to the Graiguenamanagh flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75919/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

559. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update in relation to the Piltown flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75927/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

560. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update in relation to the Freshford flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75925/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

561. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update in relation to the Inistioge flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75924/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

562. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update in relation to the Thomastown flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75923/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

563. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update in relation to the Ballyhale flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75922/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

564. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of critical or important ICT systems operated by Departments and public bodies that rely on software, operating systems, databases or hardware no longer supported by the manufacturer; the number processing personal or sensitive information; the estimated cost and timetable for replacement; the number for which no funded replacement project exists; and whether the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer maintains a central legacy-technology risk register.

PQ75908/26 | CAROL NOLAN

565. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of buildings owned or leased by the State that have been wholly unoccupied for more than 12-months, broken down by county, responsible public body and duration of vacancy; the total expenditure on rent, rates, insurance, security, utilities and essential maintenance for those properties in each of the years 2022 to 2025

and to date in 2026; the number subject to unresolved title, planning or legal difficulties; and whether he will publish an annual register of the carrying cost and proposed future use of long-term vacant State property.

PQ75899/26 | CAROL NOLAN

566. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75912/26 | CAROL NOLAN

567. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline the work of the Accelerating Infrastructure Taskforce; and to set out its achievements to date.

PQ75604/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

568. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the current official assessment of the structural and operational viability of Castleconnell garda station; if there are existing plans, budget allocations, or timelines to significantly upgrade or completely rebuild this facility; and if no upgrades are planned, the alternative measures that are being taken to ensure that local Gardaí have the necessary infrastructure to serve the community effectively.

PQ76000/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

569. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Minister of State met with the senior managing director of the World Bank during the recent annual meeting of the IMF and World Bank Group.

PQ76076/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

570. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation with the ever-continuing digitalisation of public services, the measures that are in place to ensure that there can be no disadvantages to older people, people with disabilities or those with limited digital literacy; and the way in which access to in-person and telephone services will be maintained where needed.

PQ76100/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

571. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the actions he has taken to ensure regional counterbalancing and fair funding shares to Wexford under the National Development Plan.

PQ76098/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

572. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76147/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

573. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide the web link to his Department’s Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date.

PQ76109/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

574. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76269/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

575. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department or public bodies under the aegis of his Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if he will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ76453/26 | CAROL NOLAN

576. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 73975/26, the number of FTE staff whose work primarily focuses on climate action within the reconfigured and retitled Infrastructure Division.

PQ76613/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

577. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76237/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

578. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if a hardship mechanism exists in respect of recovery of overpayments from civil servants; the position regarding ensuring that repayment plans or deductions can be arranged in a manner that takes account of hardship of an individual employee in exceptional circumstances; and the discretion and safeguards that can or will be provided to civil service human resources and salaries departments in respect of same.

PQ76216/26 | IVANA BACIK

579. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department or public bodies under the aegis of his Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if he will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ76127/26 | CAROL NOLAN

580. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the legislative basis for transferring to An Post the payment of pensions to civil servants who resigned or retired from the former Department of Posts & Telegraphs and who never worked in An Post; and the arrangements put in place for the calculation and payment of increases in these pensions.

PQ76693/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

581. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will commit to adopting a credible approach to pay that reflects the continuing cost-of-living challenges facing public sector workers and agreeing to a fair settlement that recognises the value of public service work and addresses the concerns that led to the recent dispute involving statewide strike action; and to provide an overview of his approach.

PQ76785/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

582. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has liaised with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration on the number of Gardaí who have returned to work in the force since 2013 after a break from service; and if his Department have costed whether a uniform service exemption to section 10 of the public service pension would be possible.

PQ76796/26 | JOE NEVILLE

583. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ77006/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

584. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77024/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

585. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the Sailín-Silverstrand coastline has been identified as an area of significant coastal change risk and whether it is included in any current or planned coastal erosion hazard mapping, monitoring or risk assessment programme.

PQ77048/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

586. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works carried out at Ross Castle, Killarney in 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ77222/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

587. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of WTE staff, by job title working in the National Botanic Gardens Glasnevin.

PQ77221/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

588. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of artificial intelligence pilot projects currently underway across his Department; the efficiencies identified to date; and the plans for wider deployment.

PQ77256/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

589. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on the rates payable to members of interview/selection boards in the Public Appointments Service; if there are plans to further review these rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77442/26 | JOHN BRADY

590. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the details of the 20 highest-value public procurement contracts awarded following receipt of a single compliant tender in 2025 and to date in 2026, including the contracting authority, contract value, successful tenderer, procurement category and a brief description of the goods, services or works procured.

PQ77352/26 | CAROL NOLAN

591. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a breakdown by Department, local authority, State agency and other public body of the 778 public procurement competitions awarded on the basis of a single compliant tender in 2025, including the number and aggregate value of such awards in each case (details supplied).

PQ77349/26 | CAROL NOLAN

592. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Office of Public Works has examined the ongoing coastal erosion issues between Sailín and Silverstrand, Galway; whether the project has been assessed against the objectives of the National Coastal Change Management Strategy; and whether the OPW would consider supporting, coordinating or participating in the development of a coastal protection scheme at this location.

PQ77045/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

593. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of mobility transfer offers within the civil service mobility scheme that were withdrawn or blocked due to alleged conflict of interest from 2024 to date in 2026; the specific criteria and guidelines utilised by departments to define and verify conflicts; the reason an independent, comprehensive general appeals mechanism does not exist to allow civil servants to formally contest these specific decisions; if he will act to eliminate this administrative deficit by establishing an independent appeals process to ensure transparency and protect staff from arbitrary or unverified refusals.

PQ77699/26 | PAUL MURPHY

594. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of applications within the civil service mobility scheme that were impacted by the Human Resources Management System IT flaw which misrecorded departmental cancellations under the status "Employee Cancelled"; the steps the National Shared Services Office has taken to correct the historical records of the affected civil servants; the specific date on which the system modification agreed with the Department's Mobility Policy section was fully implemented; and the total financial cost incurred to deliver this software patch and system upgrade.

PQ77696/26 | PAUL MURPHY

595. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide the name of each flood relief and coastal protection scheme funded in each year from 2016 to 2025 and in 2026 to date; the amount approved for each; and the current status of each, by county.

PQ77734/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

596. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total funding approved and expended on flood relief and coastal protection in each year from 2016 to 2025 and in 2026 to date; and the cumulative total for each county, in tabular form.

PQ77733/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

597. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list all future funding commitments for flood relief and coastal protection schemes in Waterford; the scheme concerned; the amount committed; and the expected funding in 2027 and subsequent years.

PQ77732/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

598. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide the funding allocated to Waterford for flood relief and coastal protection in 2026, by scheme; the amount drawn down to date; and the funding programme concerned.

PQ77731/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

599. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list all flood relief and coastal protection schemes in Waterford currently prioritised for funding or progression by the OPW; the estimated cost of each; the funding committed; and the expected timeline for delivery.

PQ77730/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

600. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list all flood relief and coastal protection schemes for which Waterford City and County Council has sought OPW funding in the past ten years and in 2026 to date; the funding sought and approved for each; and the current status of each scheme.

PQ77729/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

601. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to ensure the megalithic tomb at Knockmaree Dolmen in the Phoenix Park is properly preserved and not subjected to further anti-social behaviour which has previously damaged the tomb.

PQ77719/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

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

602. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of temporary staff employed by his Department in preparation for and during Ireland's upcoming EU Presidency; the grades of those staff; the number employed on temporary and fixed-term contracts respectively; and the duration of each contract expressed in months; the total cost incurred to date and the projected overall cost, in tabular form.

PQ75329/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

603. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a breakdown of the dates on which he met with companies (details supplied) in each of the months since 2020, in tabular form.

PQ75366/26 | PA DALY

604. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a breakdown of the dates on which he met an organisation (details supplied) directly; to provide a breakdown of the dates in which his officials met in each of the months since 2020, in tabular form.

PQ75368/26 | PA DALY

605. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the critical skills employment permit application appeal of a person (details supplied).

PQ75390/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

606. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his attention or the attention of his officials has been drawn to the problem of forever chemicals and PFAS associated with data centres.

PQ75504/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

607. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether legislation to repeal and replace the Registration of Business Names Act 1963 will contain any clauses to allow individuals to remove or suppress a residential address once it has been registered.

PQ75432/26 | EMER CURRIE

608. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to address issues raised (details supplied); and provide funding specifically for the Skellig Coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75430/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

609. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the expected timeline for the enactment and implementation of the Short Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2026, following its publication on 6 October 2026; and the way in which the proposed measures will support the return of suitable properties to the long-term rental market, particularly in areas experiencing housing shortages.

PQ75599/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

610. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider introducing measures requiring employers to offer increased contracted hours to part-time employees who consistently work beyond their contractual hours, and to give existing employees priority when additional working hours become available, particularly in the retail sector.

PQ75597/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

611. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will consider reviewing the Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2018, particularly the current banded-hours arrangements for part-time workers, including reducing the reference period from 12 to six months and removing the two lowest weekly working-hour bands.

PQ75595/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

612. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of complaints referred to the Workplace Relations Commission under the Protected Disclosures Acts 2014 to 2022 in which the HSE was the respondent, in each of the years 2019 to date in 2026; and the outcome of those complaints by year, including the number withdrawn, settled, upheld and not upheld, in tabular form.

PQ75754/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

613. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a direct email address for correspondence with the AI Office of Ireland (aioffice.gov.ie), noting that its website currently provides a contact form but no published email address; to confirm whether the AI Office of Ireland is a public body subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2014; if so, to provide the designated email address for submitting FOI requests directly to the Office.

PQ75943/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

614. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the process by which a qualified teacher from a non-EEA country can apply for permission to work as a teacher in Ireland; and the visa and employment permit requirements that apply.

PQ75852/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

615. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75954/26 | CAROL NOLAN

616. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the avenues available to a qualified teacher from a non-EEA country who wishes to work as a teacher in Ireland.

PQ75869/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

617. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department or public bodies under the aegis of his Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if he will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75991/26 | CAROL NOLAN

618. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update on the enactment of the Short-Term Lettings and Tourism Bill 2025.

PQ75783/26 | ROBERT TROY

619. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if Enterprise Ireland plans to have an investment trade mission to India early in the New Year.

PQ76084/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

620. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the additional funding allocated to Tourism Ireland in 2027 for the tourism overseas marketing fund.

PQ76083/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

621. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76141/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

622. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide the web link to his Department’s Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date.

PQ76110/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

623. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the impact of the 50:50 employment-permit rule on traditional circus businesses, which are recognised as an intangible cultural heritage practice by the State; and does he intend to review this requirement to support the continued operation of these small and medium-sized enterprises.

PQ76384/26 | BARRY WARD

624. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider classifying specialist traditional circus workers under Category 341 – Artistic, Literary and Media Occupations, thereby recognising their contribution to preserving Ireland's intangible cultural heritage and providing access to arts and culture in rural communities.

PQ76387/26 | BARRY WARD

625. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any review the employment-permit classifications applicable to specialist traditional circus workers, with a view to including these occupations on the critical skills occupations list, given the lack of these highly specialised skills within the Irish labour market.

PQ76386/26 | BARRY WARD

626. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifier; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained; and the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76270/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

627. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the proposed increases to the MAR threshold are expected; and can it be deferred (details supplied).

PQ76403/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

628. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there are any legislative provisions entitling a person to the right to repair for a product or legislative provisions which mandate companies to ensure that there are available supplies of replacement parts for the original product for a certain period of time (details supplied).

PQ76441/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

629. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding a review of supports for urban pubs, similar to the funding provided for rural pubs in the budget; and if he is aware of the viability issues facing some urban pubs, particularly those outside city centres.

PQ76429/26 | BARRY WARD

630. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE digital accounts executives employed by IDA Ireland as of 12 October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76514/26 | JOE COONEY

631. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE digital accounts executives employed by Enterprise Ireland as of 12 October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76513/26 | JOE COONEY

632. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 72778/26, to provide, in respect of all Workplace Relations Commission complaint applications received since 1 January 2022, a breakdown of outcomes, including upheld, partially upheld, rejected, withdrawn, settled and otherwise resolved cases; average time to resolution; complaints by employer size; the sectors generating the highest number of complaints; complaints involving public sector bodies; and employers against whom five or more complaints were lodged.

PQ76618/26 | CAROL NOLAN

633. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the engagement he has had with employers in Ireland and America regarding a campaign (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76600/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

634. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76238/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

635. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current status of the Short-Term Lettings and Tourism Bill; the key outstanding actions required before commencement; and when he expects the legislation to be fully operational.

PQ76278/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

636. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current legislative timeline for the full implementation of the Short-Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2025 and the establishment of the short-term letting register; and the specific measures being taken to ensure local authorities are adequately resourced to enforce the associated planning regulations.

PQ76200/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

637. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there are any legislative provisions entitling a person to the right to repair for a product or legislative provisions which mandate companies to ensure that there are available supplies of replacement parts for the original product for a certain period of time (details supplied).

PQ76440/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

638. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the KPI's or performance targets that have been set for the National Artificial Intelligence Office to deliver over its first 12 months.

PQ76706/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

639. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department can assist with issues surrounding an employment permit application (details supplied).

PQ76750/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

640. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of an employment permit appeal application for a person (details supplied); and the timeframe for same to be completed.

PQ76784/26 | COLM BURKE

641. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he will take to ensure that the use of AI in the workplace is implemented with the involvement of all workplace stakeholders, including trade unions, business representatives, consumer groups and NGO's; and his plans to establish a stakeholder forum on the issue.

PQ76800/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

642. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the minimum annual remuneration threshold increase set for introduction in January 2027; and the exact timeline for its implementation.

PQ76929/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

643. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ77007/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

644. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current rights of retired workers to representation, and to access the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court, in disputes concerning their occupational pension entitlements; whether the provision introduced by the Industrial Relations (Amendment) Act 2015, permitting access for six months after retirement in respect of matters arising before retirement, remains the only such route; the number of referrals made under that provision in each year since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77000/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

645. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the outcome of the consultation between the Department of Social Protection, the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation unions, employers and the industrial relations bodies; the Government's current position on the principles of that Bill; whether the Government will bring forward its own proposals to give retired workers a recognised voice in decisions affecting their pensions, the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77025/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

646. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77009/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

647. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he can provide an update on the general employment permit application of a person (details supplied), the application that has been made for an individual with critical skills needed due to shortage of trained agricultural mechanics in Ireland.

PQ76853/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

648. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment what the annual Fáilte Ireland registration fee for a principal private resident host of a short-term let will be; the amount specifically for the retention or planning application fee for a continuous host of seven years; and the purpose of the proposed fee.

PQ77191/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

649. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number and value of grants awarded to small and medium enterprises in Kildare north in the past five years.

PQ77245/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

650. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of businesses in Kildare north that have participated in Enterprise Ireland, local enterprise office or other State-supported artificial intelligence and digitalisation programmes in each of the past three years.

PQ77253/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

651. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's assessment of the main barriers facing SMEs in adopting artificial intelligence technologies, including cost, skills shortages and access to technical expertise; and the actions being taken to address those barriers.

PQ77252/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

652. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of IDA-supported and Enterprise Ireland-supported jobs in Kildare north in the past five years; and the net employment growth recorded over that period.

PQ77244/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

653. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on whether Section 27C of the new Short Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2026 complies with the EU Court of Justice Smartflats judgment and EU Regulation 2024/1028.

PQ77259/26 | SEÁN KYNE

654. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 73574/26, to report on the regular engagement between his officials and officials in DCEE; the details of which this engagement consists of; to provide a breakdown of meetings held and the dates; the engagement that has taken place on the Large Energy User Action Plan, including meetings held and the dates; the engagement that took place 'regarding the CRU's recently approved grid code modification' including meetings held and the dates, in tabular form; and whether minutes are taken at the meetings.

PQ77196/26 | PA DALY

655. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to ensure that the planned increase to the MAR threshold in January 2027 is deferred, until the publication of a full impact assessment and engagement with NHI and the nursing home sector is secured.

PQ77293/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

656. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to confirm the details of the proposed increases to the MAR threshold; and to confirm the exact timeframe for their implementation.

PQ77292/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

657. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding the Co-operative Societies Bill 2022; and whether it will include a review of the requirements as set out in the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015.

PQ77110/26 | BARRY WARD

658. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will review the operation of the work permit system in relation to employers proving that they have made efforts to recruit from within the EU.

PQ77365/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

659. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will review the critical skills occupations list given the fact that many Irish graduates are experiencing difficulty securing employment.

PQ77364/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

660. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the January 2027 minimum annual remuneration thresholds will be confirmed; whether an impact assessment and engagement with an organisation (details supplied) will take place; and whether deferral will be considered given the implications for Fair Deal funding negotiations.

PQ77624/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

661. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if changes are being made to the upper grants limit for the renamed digital and AI voucher scheme.

PQ77914/26 | EMER CURRIE

Chun an Oideachais agus Óige: To the Education and Youth

662. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who applied for school transport under the school transport scheme for the 2026/27 academic year but who had not been allocated a place as of 1 October 2026, broken down by county and by primary and post-primary school level, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75337/26 | MATT CARTHY

663. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who were not allocated a school transport place for the 2026/27 academic year, broken down by county, primary and post-primary level, and reason for non-allocation; including concessionary applicants for whom no seat was available; applications submitted after the closing date; eligible applicants for whom no service or sufficient capacity was available; and all other reasons, specifying those reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75341/26 | MATT CARTHY

664. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school transport routes that did not commence operation on the scheduled first day of service for the 2026-2027 academic year, broken down by county and by primary, post-primary and special education transport services; the number of scheduled school days on which each affected route failed to operate; the number of children affected; the reason for the failure to commence, including delays in awarding or finalising contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75385/26 | MATT CARTHY

665. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of late applications received for school transport for the 2026-2027 academic year, broken down by county and primary and post-primary level; the number of these applications that resulted in the allocation of a place; the number that were unsuccessful; the number of concessionary applicants who were refused places due to insufficient capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75383/26 | MATT CARTHY

666. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of scheduled school transport service days lost since the commencement of the 2026-2027 academic year, broken down by county and reason, including the delays in putting contracts in place; the absence of an available

operator, driver shortages, vehicle availability or mechanical issues, and other reasons; the number of individual routes affected and the estimated number of children impacted in each county; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75387/26 | MATT CARTHY

667. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school transport routes for the 2026-2027 academic year for which contracts had not been finalised by the scheduled commencement date; the number of these routes for which contracts remain outstanding as of the latest available date, broken down by county; the number of children affected; the measures being taken to secure operators; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75388/26 | MATT CARTHY

668. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who remain without an allocated school transport place for the 2026-2027 academic year as of the latest available date, broken down by county and by primary and post-primary level; the number of additional school transport places provided since the commencement of the academic year; the number of additional routes or vehicles introduced to address unmet demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75391/26 | MATT CARTHY

669. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who were initially informed that they would not be allocated a school transport place for the 2026-2027 academic year but who have subsequently been allocated a place, broken down by county; the average number of school days between the commencement of the academic year and the allocation of those places; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75395/26 | MATT CARTHY

670. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of families who have received or been approved for alternative transport grants or other financial assistance in the 2026-2027 academic year arising from the non-availability of school transport services or delays in establishing routes, broken down by county; the total expenditure involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75398/26 | MATT CARTHY

671. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the decision to reduce the number of mainstream teacher positions at a school (details supplied) which has resulted in the 5th class and 6th class being combined into a class of 35 students; if she accepts this decision in not in keeping with the Government's stated aim of reducing pupil teacher ratios; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75498/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

672. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the procurement process for appointing a new contractor to complete the construction of the permanent school building for a school (details supplied); the current status of the tender process; the expected date for its completion and the appointment of a successful contractor; when construction works are expected to recommence; the estimated timeframe for the completion and handover of the new school building; and the engagement undertaken by her Department with the school principal, board of management and wider school community.

PQ75523/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

673. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has identified any outstanding issues preventing approval of the application for two additional special educational needs classrooms at a school (details supplied); the further information required from the school; and the steps being taken to ensure the additional accommodation is available as soon as possible.

PQ75521/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

674. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will intervene to assist in securing an appropriate school placement for a child (details supplied) with complex additional needs who has been without a formal educational setting since November 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75490/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

675. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the position in relation to a severe reduction in English as an additional language (EAL) teaching allocation for a DEIS Urban Band 1 primary school (details supplied) in Cork for the 2026/2027 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75510/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

676. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the status of DEIS Plus applications submitted by schools (details supplied), which are located in the same town as schools that have already been included in the DEIS Plus programme; the criteria used in assessing these applications; and whether consideration will be given to providing additional DEIS Plus funding and supports to all eligible schools in Longford town.

PQ75459/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

677. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a school (details supplied) has advertised a course being Teaching Council approved that is not, meaning students have lost out on qualifications to teach.

PQ75534/26 | JEN CUMMINS

678. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of recognised primary, post-primary and special schools currently employing a caretaker, broken down by school type, county and DEIS status, in tabular form; and the number of these schools employing a full-time caretaker, a part-time caretaker or a caretaker on a grant-funded basis.

PQ75543/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

679. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 72492/26, if she will provide details of the timeline of interaction between the Teaching Council of Ireland and an institute (details supplied), including the date on which the institute was first informed they did not meet requirements, that completion of the programme would not guarantee access to a PME or registration; and when it was requested that they ensure any communication to students, potential students, or the public, does not create an expectation of access onto a PME or of registration.

PQ75550/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

680. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a capital project for a school (details supplied).

PQ75617/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

681. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth is the taskforce for uniforms (circular 32/14) meeting; if so, to provide an update.

PQ75428/26 | JEN CUMMINS

682. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the process of relocating children in special classes closer to their home and community once a special class opens in their area.

PQ75616/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

683. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the case of a student (details supplied) who has been refused a school transport ticket for the 2026-2027 school year due to capacity constraints despite having previously availed of the service; the measures being taken by Bus Éireann and the school transport section to increase capacity on oversubscribed routes serving; and if consideration has been given to providing a larger vehicle or additional service.

PQ75682/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

684. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department maintains data on the number of recognised schools that do not currently have a caretaker; whether schools have been surveyed to establish which require caretaker services but cannot afford to employ a caretaker; and if so, the findings of any such survey.

PQ75676/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

685. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has assessed the number of schools that require caretaker services but are unable to recruit or retain a caretaker due to insufficient funding, difficulties in offering competitive pay or other barriers; if so, the findings of this assessment; and whether she will undertake a nationwide survey to identify schools with an unmet need for caretaker provision.

PQ75674/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

686. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has considered establishing a scheme under which caretakers could be employed directly by her Department or through a centralised regional service, particularly for schools that cannot independently fund a caretaker; and the estimated cost and potential benefits of such a scheme.

PQ75673/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

687. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date by which she forecasts all schools will have access to individual therapy to support children experiencing emotional difficulties.

PQ75569/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

688. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline if her Department has provided additional supports to schools to assist students who are homeless, with their studies.

PQ75668/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

689. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a person is on the incorrect pay scale.

PQ75733/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

690. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to prioritise the delivery of the ASD classroom in a school (details supplied) given the fast growing population in the area; and to confirm when this classroom will be provided.

PQ75802/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

691. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when RACE applications will open; and when the proposed closing date will be.

PQ75808/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

692. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken by her Department to resolve an issue regarding school transport for a student (details supplied).

PQ75812/26 | COLM BURKE

693. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 74451/26, if she is aware that 199 students would be a ratio of 25:1 and not 23:1 as set out in Circular 0025-2026.

PQ75814/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

694. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the rejection by special needs assistants of the proposed SNA Workforce Development Plan in July 2026 will have any bearing on SNAs' inclusion in, or entitlement to pay increases under, any successor to the Public Service Agreement 2024–2026.

PQ75942/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

695. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether, under the Education Act, a school may require a child to remain in class during SPHE/RSE lessons covering sexuality, gender identity or transgender-related topics where a parent has requested withdrawal on grounds of conscience; if not, what national guidance governs the child's removal and alternative supervision; and if she will issue specific guidance to ensure a consistent approach across schools.

PQ75893/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

696. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions that have been taken by her Department to engage with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to school transport for special schools in Cork.

PQ75886/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

697. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cad é an dáta tosaigh don fhorbairt nua ag Gaelcholáiste Reachrann chun a chinntiú nach mbeidh bliain eile imithe tharainn agus gan tús curtha leis an bhforbairt, tar éis na moille fada go dtí seo.

PQ75934/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

698. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by her Department and public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75953/26 | CAROL NOLAN

699. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans for the SNA Workforce Development Plan following its withdrawal; and whether any revised proposals will be subject to further consultation with special needs assistants.

PQ75877/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

700. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether special needs assistants employed in schools will be covered in full by any new public service pay agreement arising from the talks now underway at the Workplace Relations Commission, including any retrospective pay increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75876/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

701. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update and timeline for progressing the building extension and upgrade for a school (details supplied), which has architectural plans ready and has submitted an application for additional school accommodation; and to outline the reasons for delays which have necessitated a reduction in junior infant enrolment to a single stream for the coming school year.

PQ75867/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

702. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider providing interim teaching support to a school (details supplied), following the loss of a teaching post which will leave one class with 35 pupils, including a high number of pupils with additional educational needs; the supports that are available to schools in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75976/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

703. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the school building project for a school (details supplied).

PQ76009/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

704. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progression of a new building for a school (details supplied).

PQ76043/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

705. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update in respect of the timeline for the Strand 2 announcement.

PQ76027/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

706. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76140/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

707. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider including an application for a new school extension (details supplied) in her Department's Capital Plan for 2027.

PQ76155/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

708. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a NEPS assessment has not yet been made available to a child (details supplied); and when the necessary assessment will be provided.

PQ76125/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

709. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the web link to her Department’s Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date.

PQ76111/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

710. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Departments plans to allow bus drivers over 70 years-of-age take part in the school transport scheme for buses exceeding eight seats.

PQ76174/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

711. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which she is ensuring schools are communicating the primary school survey results to parents.

PQ76179/26 | JEN CUMMINS

712. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding or supports that are available for a project (details supplied) to expand its Irish-language drama and sporting activities for children in local communities.

PQ75973/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

713. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether special needs assistants employed in schools will be covered in full by any new public service pay agreement arising from the talks now under way at the Workplace Relations Commission, including any retrospective pay increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75879/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

714. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to ensure that primary schools have adequate classroom resources, materials and staffing supports so that teachers are not required to personally fund educational resources for their pupils; and whether her Department has assessed the extent to which teachers are using personal income to subsidise classroom provision.

PQ76182/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

715. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has undertaken, or plans to undertake, a review of the cumulative workload of primary school teachers, including administrative responsibilities, planning requirements, special educational needs coordination, parental engagement, supervision duties and other unpaid work undertaken outside contracted hours.

PQ76183/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

716. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to respond to correspondence (details supplied) on behalf of a parent in County Laois in respect of her son.

PQ76184/26 | SEAN FLEMING

717. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current plans in place to modernise ageing primary school buildings, improve energy efficiency, address overcrowding and provide appropriate facilities for pupils and staff; and the level of funding allocated for these purposes over the next five years.

PQ76185/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

718. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken to ensure that children with complex physical, medical and additional educational needs attending mainstream schools have access to appropriate staffing, equipment, facilities and care supports; and whether her Department has assessed the adequacy of current provision in this regard.

PQ76186/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

719. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the process by which a qualified teacher from a non-EEA country may apply for a teaching post in Ireland; the requirements that apply in respect of teaching council registration; and if registration can be completed in advance, before moving to Ireland.

PQ76201/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

720. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify whether her Department has the authority to direct a primary school Board of Management to review or remove a designated liaison person where concerns have been formally substantiated regarding inaccurate information provided to Tusla in connection with a mandated report; and the procedures that are in place to address such matters while ensuring fair procedures for all involved.

PQ76197/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

721. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can provide an update on the interest submitted by a school (details supplied) to transition to a Gaelscoil.

PQ76334/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

722. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can provide an update on the interest submitted by a school (details supplied) to transition to a Gaelscoil.

PQ76333/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

723. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to detail the membership of the National Forum on Inclusive Education for Students with Special Educational Needs; the number of times this group has met to date; and the recommendations the group has made at this stage.

PQ76360/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

724. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a letter of intent will be issued for a school building project (details supplied), given the impending expiry of planning permission for that project.

PQ76279/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

725. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Departments plans for lands adjacent to a school (details supplied).

PQ76394/26 | EMER CURRIE

726. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an dtabharfar treoir maidir le forbairt na sonraíochtaí nua Ardteistiméireachta Gaeilge i bhfianaise fógra ón gComhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta (CNCM) á rá go mbeidh na sonraíochtaí nua ailínithe ina n-iomláine leis an bhFráma Tagartha Comónta Eorpach (FTCE), agus ós rud é nach bhfuil amlíne shonrach foilsithe maidir leis an dáta a mbainfear amach an t-ailíniú iomlán.

PQ76299/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

727. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an leagfar síos sprioc intomhaiste Rialtais go mbeidh ar a laghad dalta amháin as gach cúigear daltaí ag freastal ar an nGaeloideachas faoi 2050, agus an bhforbrófar plean cuimsitheach, lena n-áirítear bearta reachtacha más gá, chun an sprioc sin a bhaint amach.

PQ76305/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

728. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department and each agency and public body under her aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76254/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

729. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhfuil machnamh déanta ar mholtaí an Ollaimh Emeritus Pádraig Uí Dhuibhir sa cháipéis Ó Dhíolúine go hIonchuimsiú: Tuarascáil Taighde ar Dhíolúintí ó Staidéar na Gaeilge i gcomhthéacs an mhéadaithe shuntasaigh atá tagtha ar líon na ndíolúintí ó staidéar na Gaeilge san iar-bhunoideachas, ó 33,476 in 2017 go 60,946 in 2024, agus an réamh-mheastacháin go sroichfidh an líon sin 22.5% de dhaltaí faoi 2030.

PQ76304/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

730. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an mbunófar grúpa saineolaithe gan mhoill chun Polasaí don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais, ón luath-oideachas go dtí an tríú leibhéal, a fhorbairt agus a ailíniú go hiomlán leis an bhFráma Tagartha Comónta Eorpach.

PQ76303/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

731. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an gcinnteofar go n-oibreoidh an Chomhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta agus Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit as lámha a chéile agus na sonraíochtaí nua Ardteistiméireachta Gaeilge á bhforbairt, go bhfoilseofar amlíne don ailíniú iomlán leis an gCreat Comhchoiteann Tagartha Eorpach le haghaidh Teangacha agus go gceapfar saineolaithe seachtracha a bhfuil saineolas acu ar an CCTE a mbeidh róil feidhmiúcháin acu sa phróiseas forbartha.

PQ76301/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

732. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an gcinnteofar go bhforbrófar ábhar breise Ardteistiméireachta Gaeilge go comhthreomhar leis na sonraíochtaí nua atá á bhforbairt faoi láthair, mar ábhar roghnach breise do dhaltaí a fhreastalódh ar chainteoirí dúchais agus ar dhaltaí a bhfuil ardchumas sa Ghaeilge acu, i gcomhréir leis an rún a ritheadh ag Dáil na nÓg i nDáil Éireann an 5 Bealtaine 2026.

PQ76302/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

733. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an dtabharfar treoir don Chomhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta (CNCM) síneadh a chur leis an bpróiseas forbartha do na sonraíochtaí nua Ardteistiméireachta Gaeilge chun a chinntiú go mbeidh siad ag teacht go hiomlán leis an gCreat Comhchoiteann Tagartha Eorpach (CCTE).

PQ76300/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

734. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the proposed new school building (details supplied).

PQ76439/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

735. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of unfilled school transport routes in County Galway in the school transport scheme for children with special educational needs; and if she will provide an update on two individual cases who are currently without school transport (details supplied).

PQ76447/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

736. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progression of the ASD classroom build at a school (details supplied).

PQ76421/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

737. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason cycle to work scheme applications are closed until 2027; and if there any way people can avail of the cycle to work scheme this year.

PQ76500/26 | JEN CUMMINS

738. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children currently in receipt of the home tuition grant at primary and post-primary, broken down by country, in tabular form.

PQ76499/26 | JEN CUMMINS

739. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children currently without an appropriate school placement at primary and post-primary level, broken down by county, in tabular form.

PQ76498/26 | JEN CUMMINS

740. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school build project for a school (details supplied).

PQ76491/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

741. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of mainstream schools that provide specialist classes for deaf and hard of hearing children.

PQ76526/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

742. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a breakdown for each of the two dedicated schools for the deaf (details supplied).

PQ76525/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

743. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the assessment of a revised report for a school (details supplied); and when she expects this ongoing review process to conclude.

PQ76576/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

744. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth who will be invited to the National Forum on Inclusive Education for Students with Special Educational Needs.

PQ76575/26 | JEN CUMMINS

745. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department’s plans to legislate to lower the 25% reserved allocation of places for select students in oversubscribed schools (details supplied); and to instead prioritise students with geographic proximity when schools are oversubscribed.

PQ76632/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

746. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a statement on discrimination against students and families who do not have familial connection to a school, when applying to a school that is oversubscribed (details suppled).

PQ76629/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

747. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a statement on discrimination against students that do not come from preferred feeder primary schools when applying to a school that is oversubscribed (details supplied).

PQ76630/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

748. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's plans to provide additional post-primary school places in the Rathdown area, given population growth and the consequent recurrence of oversubscribed schools within the constituency.

PQ76631/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

749. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the DEIS schools in Meath that have an application in but were refused or are awaiting approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76598/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

750. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the information gathered earlier this year by the Department on waiting lists for UBU projects will help to inform the targeted expansion of youth services in communities where demand is greatest when not all youth services or ETBs were able to provide waiting list data.

PQ76597/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

751. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the funding to expand UBU provision near DEIS plus schools will come from the youth affairs allocation, or DEIS plus funding; and if UBU expansion outside of the DEIS plus scheme or areas with post-primary DEIS Plus schools will also be considered.

PQ76596/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

752. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding that has been made available as part of the DEIS plus scheme to expand UBU provision near DEIS Plus schools; and the number of additional UBU schemes that are likely to be provided.

PQ76595/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

753. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given the Budget 2027 announcement by the Department of Social Protection to make the pilot Holiday Hunger Programme permanent, if she intends to do the same with the scheme for youth services.

PQ76594/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

754. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can provide a breakdown of the additional €7 million in current funding for youth services in Budget 2027; and the way in which the funding will be broken into existing services and programmes, and new measures.

PQ76592/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

755. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the National Forum on Inclusive Education for Students with Special Educational Needs will be convened.

PQ76574/26 | JEN CUMMINS

756. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76239/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

757. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide clarity around the ownership of and responsibility for a private gated road entrance to a primary school (details supplied).

PQ76666/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

758. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate examination entry fees in view of ongoing cost-of-living pressures on families; whether she will consider restoring the fee waiver that applied during the years in which examination fees were suspended; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76565/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

759. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she has assessed the financial impact of examination entry fees on families experiencing financial hardship who do not qualify for a full medical card; whether she has considered introducing an alternative means-tested exemption or financial assistance scheme for such families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76563/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

760. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost to the Exchequer of permanently abolishing examination entry fees for all students sitting the Junior Cycle, Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied examinations; the estimated annual revenue that would be forgone under such an arrangement; the number of students who would benefit; and if she will consider making these examinations free of charge for all candidates, regardless of medical card eligibility.

PQ76562/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

761. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of the total revenue collected by the State Examinations Commission from Junior Cycle, Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied examination entry fees in each of the years 2022 to 2025; the number of

candidates who paid fees in each year; the number of candidates who received exemptions on the basis of a full medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76561/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

762. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is satisfied that the recent primary school survey adequately captured the views of the wider local communities served by the schools, including prospect parents who do not currently have children enrolled. and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76560/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

763. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm the steps being taken by her Department to resolve an issue regarding school transport for a student (details supplied).

PQ76559/26 | COLM BURKE

764. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total cost to her Department of conducting, commissioning or administering the recent survey of primary schools, including the costs of external consultants, survey providers, administration and analysis, where applicable.

PQ76556/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

765. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding opportunities that are available to a project (details supplied) and other Irish-language community groups providing drama, sport and recreational activities for children; and the assistance her Department can provide to groups applying for funding.

PQ75970/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

766. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm if her Department is contacting patrons of schools to change the way children access a special class or a special school (details supplied).

PQ76692/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

767. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provision being put in place to ensure that young people currently receiving support from a school (details supplied) and the CAMHS Day Hospital are supported to return to or re-engage with education and to manage their mental health positively when the adolescent school closes in November 2026.

PQ76715/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

768. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if arrangements will be put in place whereby parents can pay for school transport on an instalment basis for their children (details supplied).

PQ76714/26 | SEAN FLEMING

769. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently review the application from a school (details supplied) that requests funding for a dedicated room for a learning support teacher, so that the educational needs of all pupils at the school are adequately met.

PQ76698/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

770. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the ongoing review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs (EPSEN) Act 2004, targeting the way in which the State plans to eliminate the financial barriers to literacy support.

PQ76727/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

771. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department is aware that current CID requirements are achieving the objective of providing employment stability given it is not collecting the information necessary to measure the outcomes for teachers who remain outside the CID permanent system.

PQ76805/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

772. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department will review the way in which accumulated teaching service and experience are recognised in recruitment processes for teaching positions.

PQ76804/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

773. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is working on providing clearer requirements on schools to provide recruitment feedback, access to individual interview scores and explanations of appointment outcomes to candidates who applied for a teaching position.

PQ76803/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

774. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether substitute-teaching arrangements, including sub seeker, can better support teachers seeking sustained and predictable employment.

PQ76808/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

775. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department is working to provide greater transparency on the number of qualified teachers on supplementary panels; the waiting times of teachers on these panels; and the statistics on the appointment outcomes for teachers on these panels.

PQ76807/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

776. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she accepts that primary and post-primary teachers employed within the same accredited international school are typically subject to the same governance, inspection, accreditation and management structures; the implications for incremental credit policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76817/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

777. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason teaching service in private international schools outside the European Union may be recognised for incremental credit purposes for primary teachers but not for post-primary teachers; and if she will outline the policy rationale underpinning this distinction.

PQ76816/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

778. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the assistance that is available to families seeking educational assessments in respect of their children attending schools that do not have access to a NEPS psychologist.

PQ76947/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

779. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) can access an assessment for a pupil via the scheme for commissioning psychological assessments.

PQ76946/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

780. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 75111/26, to clarify whether a person (details supplied) remains enrolled at a school; and if not, when and the basis on which has this enrolment ended; and the reason her Department was advised that the individual was no longer seeking transport, despite the NCSE's written confirmation on the 7 October, 2026 that it was seeking the Department's position on reinstating transport.

PQ76815/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

781. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a new school building (details supplied), will be too small based on recent and projected local demand; if there are plans to extend the school to accommodate this demand; and if she will provide the timeline for same.

PQ76964/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

782. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) does not have access to a NEPS psychologist; the measures which are in place to ensure families with children in the school can access NEPS referrals; and if this school will be provided with access to a NEPS psychologist.

PQ76945/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

783. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider opening a Gaelcholáiste to serve the communities of Dunboyne, Ratoath, Dunshaughlin and Ashbourne in County Meath.

PQ76960/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

784. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of a petition (details supplied) which has been submitted to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Public Petitions and the Ombudsmen; and if her Department plans to respond to this petition in a positive manner.

PQ76936/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

785. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she expects a shortage of secondary school places between Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin, Ratoath and Ashbourne in County Meath in the coming years; the way she has assessed this; and the specific inputs in this calculation.

PQ76959/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

786. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether purchase orders issued by her Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way her Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ76990/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

787. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason qualified teaching experience gained in overseas post-primary schools may be excluded from incremental credit while certain forms of relevant non-teaching professional experience may qualify for such credit; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76823/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

788. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether contracts recorded in her Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether her Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77010/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

789. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she is satisfied that Section 67 is operating as intended by the Oireachtas, given the continuing number of children with special educational needs who remain without school places, specialised and /or mainstream, each year.

PQ77069/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

790. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth If an additional school bus will be supplied to accommodate 28 school children that have been left with no school transport in 2026 (details supplied).

PQ77083/26 | NIALL COLLINS

791. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the circumstances in which the NCSE would expect to progress a Section 67 designation to a final direction to admit; and to identify the category of case for which the power is intended, both for a specialised place and a mainstream place.

PQ77068/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

792. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to previous replies stating that approximately 140 applicants secured placements following commencement of the Section 67 process, the shortest, longest and average period for each of those applicants had been without a school placement at the point the Section 67 process was initiated.

PQ77066/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

793. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding options that are available to schools who have none and want to install a new playing pitch or astro-turf pitch.

PQ77142/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

794. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assessment that has been undertaken of the staffing, accommodation and resource implications of any proposed changes to special class allocation arrangements; and the guarantees that will be provided that schools will receive the resources necessary to meet the needs of children placed in their care.

PQ76852/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

795. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the consultation has taken place with teacher unions, school management bodies, patrons, parents and disability organisations regarding proposed changes to special class admissions; the concerns raised; and the way in which parents and schools would be able to appeal decisions under any proposed new arrangements.

PQ76851/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

796. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is developing proposals to establish centralised or regional panels for the allocation of special class places for the 2027/28 school year; whether these proposals would alter the statutory admissions responsibilities of boards of management; and if she will publish the proposals in full.

PQ76850/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

797. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures she is taking to encourage schools to allow their playing pitches and sports facilities to be used 'out-of-hours' by local sports groups; if she has analysed barriers to same; and if she has plans to address these barriers.

PQ77136/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

798. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether youth service funding will cover the full costs of staffing, premises and activities; whether multiannual funding will be introduced to reduce reliance on fundraising; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77188/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

799. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the UBU review will be completed; the changes that are planned to reduce paperwork and duplicated reporting for youth organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77187/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

800. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will engage with an organisation (details supplied).

PQ76868/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

801. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken by her Department to support graduates (details supplied).

PQ76867/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

802. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which local youth organisations, youth workers and young people will be involved in shaping reforms and the review of the Youth Work Act 2001; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77190/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

803. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the practical supports that will be provided to help youth organisations recruit and retain staff and meet their governance and compliance requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77189/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

804. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether youth service funding will take greater account of population growth and increasing demand in counties such as Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77185/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

805. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which reforms will support community organisations providing a range of youth and family services; the way in which universal youth work will be supported alongside targeted services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77184/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

806. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will urgently review the case of a school (details supplied) in County Monaghan, where the deteriorating condition of the student facilities poses an immediate health and safety concern; and if an inspector from her Department can be deployed to assess the site to bypass the costly consultant report requirement.

PQ77248/26 | MATT CARTHY

807. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the projected demand for primary and post-primary school places in Kildare north over the next five years; and the measures being taken to ensure sufficient capacity is available.

PQ77239/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

808. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied).

PQ77251/26 | EMER CURRIE

809. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the arrangements that are being made to coordinate a resolution for graduates (details supplied).

PQ76871/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

810. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will examine the possibility of financial redress for students (details supplied).

PQ76870/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

811. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has examined the information provided to prospective students (details supplied).

PQ76869/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

812. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the emergency capital funding options or discretionary grants available to small primary schools with limited financial reserves that face immediate health and safety infrastructure crises but cannot afford the upfront costs of hiring independent consultant engineers required in order to apply for the emergency works scheme.

PQ77243/26 | MATT CARTHY

813. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special class places and special school places available in Kildare north in each of the past five years; and the number expected to come on stream in 2027.

PQ77241/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

814. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) can access funding from her Department to develop an outdoor sensory garden for students.

PQ77206/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

815. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 37658/26 and further to correspondence by email on 3 September 2026, if she has complied the requested figures.

PQ77265/26 | CATHY BENNETT

816. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for the SEC to provide clarity to a student (details supplied) regarding completing the 2027/2028 Junior Certificate examinations cycle.

PQ77264/26 | EMER CURRIE

817. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 71454/26, if there are any outstanding payments, disputes, or causes of concern (details supplied).

PQ77160/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

818. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the provision of a special class at a school (details supplied); whether this school has sought approval to establish a special class; whether her Department or the NCSE has had any engagement with the school in relation to the establishment of such a class and, if so, the outcome of that engagement; and whether the Department considers it necessary that provision be made for children requiring the support of a special class in this catchment area.

PQ77305/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

819. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied), having regard to its existing enrolment numbers, has the space and capacity to accommodate a special class; whether, in the Department's view, any additional accommodation or an extension to the school building would be required to facilitate the establishment of such a class.

PQ77307/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

820. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has examined the draft legislation prepared by an organisation (details supplied); if she will meet the organisation to discuss its proposals; and if she plans to introduce legislation to strengthen provision of Irish-medium education.

PQ77288/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

821. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on school building projects at schools in Dublin mid-west (details supplied).

PQ77326/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

822. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the appeal concerning DEIS status submitted by a school (details supplied); when a decision is expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77325/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

823. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the DEIS+ model will be expanded to additional schools; the criteria and assessment process for inclusion that will be applied; and if schools (details supplied) will be included.

PQ77323/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

824. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of youth clubs in Waterford that received funding from her Department for each of the past three years; the names, locations, and the amount of funding, in tabular form.

PQ77186/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

825. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress that has been made by the Taskforce on Models of Provision for Irish-Medium Education; the timeframe for its recommendations to be published; and the funding, staffing and measurable targets that will support their implementation.

PQ77291/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

826. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the additional Irish-medium school places that are planned for County Louth over the next five years, at primary and post-primary level; and the proposed locations and delivery dates, in tabular form.

PQ77290/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

827. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which demand for Irish-medium primary and post-primary education in County Louth is assessed; the unmet demand that has been identified, by school planning area; and the measures that are planned to meet that demand.

PQ77289/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

828. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether additional capacity for NEPS assessments will be contracted in from outside the existing services to provide additional support to schools.

PQ77394/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

829. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of NEPS assessments available to each school in Dublin mid-west, and the number of NEPS psychologists to each school in Dublin mid-west.

PQ77393/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

830. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of notifications made to Parents Notify by the 1 September deadline.

PQ77422/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

831. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the decision to remove menstrual disorders from the Leaving Certificate biology curriculum aligns with the Government's commitments under the Women's Health Action Plan and wider efforts to improve understanding, awareness and earlier diagnosis of women's health conditions.

PQ77475/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

832. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide details of the process by which topics were selected for removal from the revised Leaving Certificate biology specification, including the criteria used to determine which subjects would be retained or excluded.

PQ77474/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

833. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has engaged with the NCCA regarding the removal of menstrual disorders from the Leaving Certificate biology curriculum.

PQ77473/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

834. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she has engaged with women's health organisations, patient advocacy groups, medical professionals or educators regarding the removal of menstrual disorders from the Leaving Certificate biology curriculum.

PQ77472/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

835. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a matter regarding primary school payscales (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77436/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

836. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the removal of menstrual disorders from the Leaving Certificate biology curriculum as part of the recent curriculum changes.

PQ77470/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

837. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary schools that have lost a mainstream classroom teacher following the reassessment of pupil enrolments on 30 September 2026; the number that have had their teacher allocations reduced as a result of this reassessment; the average pupil-to-teacher ratio in these classrooms following the loss of a teacher; the number of classrooms now that have 30 or more pupils, 35 or more pupils, and the maximum number of pupils in any one classroom; and whether she is satisfied that these class sizes allow teachers to adequately support pupils, particularly those with needs.

PQ77350/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

838. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a child in County Kildare (details supplied) will receive home education hours.

PQ77627/26 | MARK WALL

839. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the school transport arrangements for a person (details supplied); and when suitable school transport will be made available for this student.

PQ77625/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

840. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review correspondence and address the concerns raised regarding transport for pupils attending a school and accessing after-school services (details supplied); and if she will advise whether a transport solution will be provided.

PQ77616/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

841. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the delivery and opening of a sanctioned special class for a school (details supplied).

PQ77615/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

842. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which teaching hours for non-new entrant EAL students (criteria B) are assessed, in tabular form, by number of students.

PQ77647/26 | CATHAL CROWE

843. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will list the number of contracts, by the date of each contract given to a company (details supplied); the contract price for each contract; if each contract was delivered on time and within budget; if any contract went over the agreed time for the contract to be delivered; if so, the additional length of time over the agreed contract time; and the additional costs that were incurred as a result of going over the agreed length of time.

PQ77622/26 | DESSIE ELLIS

844. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school's (details supplied) application for the climate action summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77536/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

845. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether current and projected population figures for Citywest are reflected in school capacity assessments for the Newcastle-Rathcoole School Planning Area; and to provide an update on the proposed additional primary school, including its current status and anticipated delivery timeframe.

PQ77651/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

846. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the housing, migration and population data currently informing school capacity planning for the Newcastle-Rathcoole School Planning Area; whether her Department has reviewed its methodology for assessing housing completions following the Comptroller and Auditor General's findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77650/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

847. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has considered the contents of correspondence (detail supplied).

PQ77634/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

848. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the completion date for the evaluation of the pilots currently underway; and if she will commit to ensuring that there is an appropriate space for every child on the school transport scheme.

PQ77698/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

849. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the Department will review the need for a new post-primary school in Newcastle, County Dublin, in light of the recent variation to the South Dublin County Development Plan and the additional residential development envisaged for the area; and to outline the next steps in assessing future school provision.

PQ77652/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

850. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to set out the formal process, eligibility criteria, documentation requirements and decision-making procedure for an organisation seeking recognition as a national association of parents under the Education Act 1998, including any review or appeal mechanism available where recognition is refused.

PQ77605/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

851. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether attendance figures reported by the National Parents Council for training between 2021 and 2025 represent unique individuals or repeat attendances; the outcome measures used to assess the effectiveness of this training; and the reason post-primary parents' association event figures were not provided for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

PQ77603/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

852. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has assessed possible duplication between the National Parents Council, the Department's parents and learners unit and the arrangements under the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019; if so, whether she will publish the assessment; and if not, the reason no assessment was undertaken.

PQ77604/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

853. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has issued guidance to boards of management on their obligations under section 26(2)(a) and section 26(3) of the Education Act 1998; if not, whether guidance will be issued; and the oversight arrangements that will ensure compliance with these statutory obligations.

PQ77608/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

854. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth with respect to Circular 38/26 Senior Cycle Redevelopment (SCR) Implementation Support Measures and the provision of post of responsibility for senior cycle level 1 and level 2 coordinator roles; and if a decision has been taken not to award these posts of responsibility in special schools.

PQ77602/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

855. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the reduction in National Parents Council helpline contacts from 4,614 in 2021 to 1,798 in 2025; and the annual figures for unique parents supported, cases resolved, referrals made and contacts relating to pupils in special schools.

PQ77599/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

856. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth with respect to Circular 38/26 Senior Cycle Redevelopment (SCR) Implementation Support Measures and the provision of post of responsibility for senior cycle level 1 and level 2 coordinator roles, the number of posts of responsibility that have been awarded nationally on foot of this circular; and the number of posts of responsibility have been awarded specifically in special schools.

PQ77598/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

857. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assurances that can be provided that consultation with patron bodies will not be regarded as a substitute for direct engagement with frontline school staff and school communities prior to any changes being finalised.

PQ77715/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

858. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has assessed the potential impact of the proposed reforms on demand for special class and special school places; and whether the reforms are intended to broaden access to specialist provision, alter admission criteria, or manage existing capacity pressures within the system.

PQ77713/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

859. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the additional investment that is planned in special classes, special school places, staffing, teacher training, special needs assistant supports, therapeutic services and multidisciplinary supports to accompany any changes to eligibility arrangements; and whether a resource impact assessment has been undertaken.

PQ77711/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

860. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures that will be introduced to ensure that any revised eligibility system does not result in a disproportionate increase in administrative workload for schools or transfer responsibility for high-stakes placement decisions to teachers and principals.

PQ77709/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

861. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the consultation that has taken place, or is planned, with frontline teachers, special education teachers, special needs assistants, principals and school leaders regarding proposed changes to eligibility arrangements; and the way in which their views will inform the final policy position.

PQ77708/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

862. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which a revised eligibility framework will align with the inclusive, strengths-based, relational and child-centred approaches currently promoted by the National Council for Special Education (NCSE); and the way in which schools will be supported to implement both objectives consistently.

PQ77707/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

863. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of post-primary pupils with an NCSE letter of eligibility who remain without their recommended special class placement, nationally and in County Waterford, broken down by school year, length of time awaiting placement and whether they are on a reduced timetable, in tabular form; where these data are not collected, the way in which her Department and the NCSE identify and monitor this unmet need; and whether she will arrange for these data to be collected.

PQ77723/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

864. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the escalation procedure where a post-primary pupil has an NCSE letter of eligibility and professional recommendations for a special class but remains without a suitable placement following repeated refusals arising from oversubscription or admissions criteria; the body responsible for coordinating and securing a placement; the applicable timelines; and the circumstances in which the section 67 or section 37A powers cited in her previous reply are considered and used.

PQ77721/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

865. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown on the works at a school (details supplied); and the facilities that will be included in the final build such as sensory rooms or facilities for children with additional needs.

PQ77550/26 | TOM BRABAZON

866. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 74028/26, whether details of the new SENO contact can be provided to the school directly.

PQ77780/26 | EMER CURRIE

867. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an SNA review carried out in a school (details supplied).

PQ77775/26 | EMER CURRIE

868. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the statutory criteria, administrative procedures and evidential requirements applied by her Department when assessing applications for recognition as a national association of parents under section 2 of the Education Act 1998, including requirements concerning parent-led governance, national membership and educational objectives; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77871/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

869. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of applications for recognition as a national association of parents under section 2 of the Education Act 1998 that have been refused since 1 January 2016; the reasons for each refusal; whether applicants were given written reasons and advised of any review or appeal mechanism; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77870/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

870. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has received applications since 1 January 2016 from organisations representing parents who share particular religious, non-religious or philosophical perspectives, seeking recognition as national associations of parents under section 2 of the Education Act 1998; the number of applications received and their outcomes; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77869/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

871. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the names of all organisations recognised as national associations of parents under section 2 of the Education Act 1998 since 1 January 2016; the dates of recognition; whether any recognition has subsequently been withdrawn or ceased, including the relevant dates and reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77867/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

872. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the financial support services unit records instances where annual school accounts are deemed non-compliant with its financial reporting requirements; and, if so, the number of schools concerned in each school year from 2019/2020 to date.

PQ77864/26 | CAROL NOLAN

873. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of annual school accounts submitted to the financial support services unit that required amendment, correction, clarification or resubmission following review in each school year from 2019/2020 to date; and the most common reasons such follow-up was required.

PQ77862/26 | CAROL NOLAN

874. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will publish formal guidance for organisations seeking recognition as national associations of parents under section 2 of the Education Act 1998, clarifying the requirements relating to parent-led governance, national membership, educational objectives, organisational independence and the assessment of applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77874/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

875. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the criteria and procedures used by her Department to assess applications for recognition as a national association of parents under section 2 of the Education Act 1998 are publicly available; if so, where they can be accessed; if not, whether she will publish them to ensure transparency and consistency in the recognition process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77873/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

876. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide copies of the funding agreements, grant conditions and service-level agreements governing funding to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years 2025 and to date in 2026, including all performance indicators, targets, reporting requirements and provisions for addressing underperformance.

PQ77592/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

877. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the whole-time equivalent staff employed by an organisation (details supplied) whose posts were funded wholly or partly by her Department's grant, broken down by role, funding source and proportion of salary costs met by the grant, for each year from 2021 to date in 2026.

PQ77596/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

878. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a principal or board of management may require a parents' association established under section 26 of the Education Act 1998 to obtain prior approval before communicating with parents; if so, the specific statutory basis for this requirement; and the guidance that has been issued to schools on this matter.

PQ77595/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

879. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the formal mechanism available to a parents' association seeking redress where it believes a board of management has failed to comply with section 26(3) of the Education Act 1998; which body is responsible for investigating such complaints; and the steps parents' associations may take where no specific statutory complaints mechanism exists.

PQ77594/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

880. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a formal evaluation or value-for-money review of funding to an organisation (details supplied) has been conducted since 2021; if so, the date and findings of each review; whether the reports will be published; and if not, the reason no such review has been undertaken.

PQ77593/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

881. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether post-primary special class admissions guidance permits feeder-school attendance, previous attendance in a primary special class, sibling connections or being a child of a staff member to take priority over an eligible pupil already enrolled in mainstream education in that school; whether her Department has identified any such criteria as inappropriate following the Inspectorate's June 2026 review; and the specific changes and enforcement measures she will introduce, with timelines.

PQ77720/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

882. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether independent eligibility panels are being considered as part of any revised admissions or placement process; and, if so, the composition of such panels; the expertise that will be represented; the role of parents and schools in the process; the extent to which the views of the child will be considered; and the appeals mechanisms that will be available.

PQ77706/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

883. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the Department will ensure that educational, behavioural, social or communication progress achieved by a child as a result of specialist teaching, interventions and supports is not interpreted as evidence that the child no longer requires access to specialist educational provision.

PQ77704/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

884. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether school support plans, student support files or other school-generated documentation will form part of the eligibility assessment process for special class or special school placements; and the safeguards that will be put in place to ensure that such documents retain their primary purpose as educational planning and support tools.

PQ77703/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

885. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific changes to the eligibility criteria for admission to special classes and special schools are currently under consideration; whether these proposals include the removal of a clinical diagnosis requirement; and the timeline for consultation, decision-making and implementation.

PQ77702/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

886. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the provision of four classrooms of additional temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) in order to meet enrolment pressures in the Dublin 15 area.

PQ77597/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

887. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the additional number of special classes in the pipeline for 2027 in the South Louth Area; when communication is forthcoming to parents of upcoming places available; and the mechanisms that are open to parents who have contacted their SENO in this area and haven't received a response and/or a special school place for their child.

PQ77761/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

888. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of vacancies that exist in each school completion programmes across the country, in tabular form.

PQ77915/26 | JEN CUMMINS

889. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of vacancies that exist for youth workers across Ireland, by county, in tabular form.

PQ77921/26 | JEN CUMMINS

890. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the 2 class SEN Base Building Project for a school approved in 2022 (details supplied); to confirm the Stage 1 report was received in October 2025; when a response will be provided to the BOM; and if the project will be prioritised.

PQ77920/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

891. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the length of time each of the 56 vacant posts in educational psychological supports for schools have been vacant, in tabular form.

PQ77919/26 | JEN CUMMINS

892. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to fill the 56 vacant posts in educational psychological supports for schools.

PQ77918/26 | JEN CUMMINS

893. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm when a school (details supplied) will move from stage 2b to stage 3 in the additional accommodation scheme given the timelines on planning permission granted.

PQ77942/26 | COLM BURKE

894. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. PQ75308/26, PQ75310/26 and PQ75311/26, the number of children in Waterford city and county who require special education places for September 2027; the number of special education places are expected to be available in Waterford city and county for September 2027; and the number of additional ASD classes or special school places planned for Waterford city and county for September 2027, in tabular form.

PQ77953/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

895. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions being taken to increase access to specialist literacy interventions, reading support programmes and assistive technology for children diagnosed with dyslexia; the number of children currently awaiting access to such supports; and if she will outline plans to expand community-based and school-based specialist reading services to ensure timely intervention for affected children.

PQ77952/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

896. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken to improve initial teacher education and continuing professional development in relation to dyslexia, literacy difficulties and specific learning disabilities; and the extent to which teachers are trained to identify children who may require assessment or intervention.

PQ77950/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

897. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) psychologists currently allocated to primary schools in Dublin mid-west; the number of primary schools operating without access to a dedicated NEPS psychologist; the average waiting time for a NEPS assessment of a child with suspected dyslexia or other specific learning difficulties; and the measures being taken to improve early identification and assessment of children with reading and literacy difficulties.

PQ77948/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

898. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. PQ75313/26, the options available to children who do not secure an appropriate special education place for September 2027, due to the shortage of places.

PQ77945/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

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899. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether intervention area boundaries are subject to review where commercial rollouts do not materialise or fail to deliver the expected service levels in the context of the NBI.

PQ75524/26 | GRACE BOLAND

900. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to publish his Departments plan for the future of television; the way in which the shutdown of satellite broadcasting will be managed, ensuring no one is left behind and audiences can continue to access to television programming.

PQ75520/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

901. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which intervention areas under the National Broadband Plan are identified and mapped by his Department; and the specific criteria used to determine whether an area is deemed adequately served by existing or planned commercial broadband providers and the minimum service thresholds applied in making those determinations.

PQ75522/26 | GRACE BOLAND

902. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the process by which commercial operators' claims of existing or planned broadband coverage are assessed by his Department when determining National Broadband Plan intervention areas; and the measures taken to verify that broadband speeds of at least 30 Mbps are actually available to affected households.

PQ75517/26 | GRACE BOLAND

903. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the criteria used by his Department to determine whether a premises is included in the National Broadband Plan intervention area.

PQ75516/26 | GRACE BOLAND

904. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the public information and awareness measures planned ahead of the rollout of IE Alert; whether a national information campaign will be undertaken before the system becomes operational; if advance notice will be given prior to any testing; the plans to educate the public, schools, community groups and vulnerable persons on the system's purpose and operation; and the steps being taken to ensure alerts do not cause unnecessary alarm or distress when introduced.

PQ75535/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

905. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if all invitations for the first tranche of basic income for the arts recipients have been issued; when the second tranche of applicants will be announced; the number of applicants the second tranche will include; and the date for when all applicants will receive a definitive individual outcome, including those who are unsuccessful.

PQ75533/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

906. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason for the delay in receiving Eircodes for a new residential development at Cnoc An Cairn in Dingle (details supplied).

PQ75650/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

907. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the date of the next batches of notification for the basic income for the arts scheme applications.

PQ75660/26 | EMER CURRIE

908. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on a club's registration (details supplied) for the 2026 Community Sport Facilities Fund SPRAOI system.

PQ75684/26 | EMER CURRIE

909. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will engage with An Post to ensure that retirees of An Post received their pension increases as soon as possible.

PQ75726/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

910. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his Department's position regarding the protection of artistic intellectual property in the era of artificial intelligence.

PQ75757/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

911. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of the payment of grant that was approved for a sporting organisation (details supplied).

PQ75811/26 | SEAN FLEMING

912. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason for the delay in concluding the emergency call answering service (ECAS) procurement process; the arrangements in place to ensure continuity of the 999/112 service pending its completion; and the protections that will apply to existing ECAS staff in the event of a change of service provider.

PQ75850/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

913. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the procurement process for the emergency call answering service contract; whether a preferred bidder has been selected; and when a final contract award decision is expected.

PQ75849/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

914. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department or public bodies under the aegis of his Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if he will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75989/26 | CAROL NOLAN

915. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport When the next tranche is expected to be notified for the 2026–2029 basic income for the arts scheme.

PQ76090/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

916. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when all applicants can expect to receive a definitive decision on their application for the 2026–2029 basic income for the arts scheme.

PQ76089/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

917. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether the first tranche of notifications has been completed for the 2026–2029 basic income for the arts scheme.

PQ76088/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

918. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of successful applicants that have been notified to date for the 2026–2029 basic income for the arts scheme.

PQ76087/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

919. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to extend the date for registering with the Spraoi system.

PQ76132/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

920. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76138/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

921. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide the web link to his Department's Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76112/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

922. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the analysis that has been undertaken by his Department and or other relevant State bodies to assess the extent to which the poor physical condition of telecoms poles are a factor in telecoms outages during severe weather incidents such as storm Eowyn; if no analysis has been done, the reason for this; and the statutory powers the State has to compel telecoms operators to carry out maintenance to their pole infrastructure.

PQ76207/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

923. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the statutory or regulatory requirements that apply to telecoms operators regarding the maintenance of duct and pole networks to ensure resilience during severe weather events such as storm Éowyn; whether any such requirements are under review; whether his Department has examined comparable regimes in other EU Member States; and whether similar measures are being considered for introduction in Ireland.

PQ76206/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

924. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the date by which all applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme 2026-2029 can expect to find out if they are successful; and the date by which the unsuccessful candidates will be notified that they have not been successful.

PQ76359/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

925. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason for the delay in notifying the 2,000 successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme; if advice will be provided to a person (details supplied) who decided to take up a full-time course due to the uncertainty with the BIA scheme and has now been notified that their application is successful.

PQ76363/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

926. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the proposed culture card which was promised in advance of Budget 2027; and if consideration can now be given to expand this to cover sporting activities for children.

PQ76288/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

927. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the planned introduction of core and development funding for organisations (details supplied), either through the Department or the Arts Council.

PQ76409/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

928. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the preparatory work has been carried out by his Department toward the introduction of a Youth Culture Card.

PQ76406/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

929. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76255/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

930. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware of the confusion in relation to the administration and communication of the basic income for the arts scheme for applicants (details supplied); if he is aware of a lack of transparency resulting in undue stress, anxiety and a lack of dignity for artists, the way in which the scheme is being administered; when artists will know if they have been deemed eligible; the way in which successful applications are being selected; if he can explain what is meant by the 'batches'; if there is a timeline for when artists will know their fate; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76415/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

931. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware that some sports capital grant payments have still not been paid out despite letters of acknowledgement being issued; and when grants will be provided to successful applicants in this situation.

PQ76532/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

932. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status of the new basic income for the arts scheme; when applicants can expect to be informed of the outcome of the selection process; and when successful applicants are expected to receive their first payments.

PQ76624/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

933. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76240/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

934. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total cost to date for the renovation works on the Dead Zoo since it closed for renovation in 2024; the full and detailed breakdown of those costs; the timeline for when the works will be completed; and the estimated cost for the entire project.

PQ76418/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

935. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the up to date position in relation to An Post pension scheme for current pensioners; if the process has been completed; the date for payments under this agreement to be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76694/26 | SEAN FLEMING

936. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the assessment his Department or Sport Ireland has made of the implications of an organisation's (details supplied) examinership for it's affiliate organisations; the arrangements that are being made to ensure continuity of financial assistance and sporting programmes, including pathways towards European, World Championship and Paralympic competition; the financial reporting and stakeholder engagement conditions his Department will attach to future public funding for the organisation; and the way in which compliance will be monitored.

PQ76752/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

937. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; the status of the application; and when a decision will be made.

PQ76937/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

938. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ76991/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

939. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77011/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

940. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants will be told of the decision on their application for basic income for the arts scheme.

PQ76838/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

941. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has advertised with community radio stations around the country over the past five years; the amount spent on community radio adverting over those years; and if not, the reason his Department does not advertise with community radio to ensure his Department's communications are reaching local areas.

PQ77320/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

942. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the second tranche of applicants to the basic income for the arts will be informed whether they have been successful in their applications and when they can expect payment.

PQ77116/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

943. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the second phase of notifications under the basic income for the arts pilot scheme; the number of applicants selected for participation who have been notified to date; the number who have accepted their place and completed all necessary documentation; the expected timetable for notifying the remaining successful applicants; and when all unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications.

PQ77395/26 | CAROL NOLAN

944. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status of the latest round of the basic income for the arts scheme; the number of successful applicants notified to date; the number who have accepted their offers and completed all required documentation; the number of remaining successful applicants yet to be notified; the timetable for issuing these notifications; the number of unsuccessful applicants yet to be informed of the outcome of their applications; if he will provide a clear timeline for the completion of the notification process; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77399/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

945. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants who have been unsuccessful under the basic income for the arts scheme will be formally notified of the outcome of their applications; the total number of applicants who will not receive funding; whether all applicants will receive a definitive decision within a specified timeframe; and the arrangements in place for applicants seeking clarification or a review of their application outcome.

PQ77408/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

946. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of the approximately 750 applicants initially notified of their success under the basic income for the arts scheme have formally accepted their offers to date; the number who have completed the necessary documentation; the who number have commenced receiving payments; and when payments are expected to commence for the remaining successful applicants.

PQ77405/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

947. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful applicants for the basic income for artists will be notified; and if a clear timetable will be provided for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists.

PQ77431/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

948. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when will all unsuccessful applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme be informed (details supplied).

PQ77435/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

949. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the basic income for the arts scheme; including the number of the first tranche of successful applicants that have accepted their offers; the numbers who are due to receive payments; a timeline for the remaining successful applicants under the scheme be notified; whether all unsuccessful applicants will be informed; and when that might be.

PQ77434/26 | JOE COONEY

950. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of the first group have accepted their offers of basic income for the arts scheme; the number of applicants that have accepted their places; completed the required paperwork; and are due to receive payments.

PQ77433/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

951. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful applicants of the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified.

PQ77450/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

952. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to the notification of approximately 750 successful applicants under the basic income for the arts scheme, when the remaining approximately 1,250 successful applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications; and if a definitive timetable for issuing these notifications will be published.

PQ77404/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

953. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful applicants under the basic income for the arts scheme 2026–2029 will be notified; the number of applicants who have accepted offers and completed the necessary requirements to commence payments; and when unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications.

PQ77448/26 | EAMON SCANLON

954. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding a timeline for when unsuccessful applicants to the most recent tranche of the basic income for artists scheme (details supplied) will be informed that they will not be included in the scheme on this occasion.

PQ77447/26 | BARRY WARD

955. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme who were not successful will be informed.

PQ77445/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

956. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total number of successful applicants under the most recent tranche of the basic income for artists scheme (details supplied) that have confirmed their participation.

PQ77444/26 | BARRY WARD

957. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of the first group of 750 successful applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme that have accepted their offers; to confirm the number of applicants that have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and the timeframe for all the unsuccessful applicants to be informed given that artists need to know where they stand rather than being left waiting indefinitely.

PQ77403/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

958. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the unsuccessful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified.

PQ77454/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

959. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe for the remaining successful applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme to be notified; and if he will provide a clear timetable for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists.

PQ77402/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

960. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments.

PQ77451/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

961. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeline for when the remaining successful applicants under the basic income for artists scheme will be notified.

PQ77438/26 | BARRY WARD

962. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of the initial 750 successful applicants under the basic income for the arts scheme have accepted their places; when they are expected to begin receiving their payments; and when the remaining 1,250 offers will be made.

PQ77440/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

963. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be formally notified; and the definitive timeline for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists who are awaiting confirmation.

PQ77488/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

964. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe for notifying the remaining approximately 1,250 successful applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme; the number of applicants from the first tranche who have accepted their offers, completed the required documentation and are due to receive payments; and when all unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications.

PQ77469/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

965. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport following the notification of the first tranche of successful applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme, when will the remaining successful applicants be notified; whether his Department can confirm the number of the initial tranche of successful applicants that have accepted their offers, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and when unsuccessful applicants will be notified.

PQ77468/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

966. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of the first of applicants who applied for the basic income for the arts scheme that accepted their places on the scheme; completed the required paperwork; and are due to receive payments.

PQ77498/26 | MARTIN KENNY

967. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total number of applicants from the first group who have formally accepted their offers under the basic income for the arts scheme to date in 2026; if his Department can confirm the number of individuals who have completed the required paperwork and are cleared for processing; and the expected date when financial disbursements will commence for this specific group.

PQ77489/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

968. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful applicants who applied for the basic income for artists will be notified; and if a clear timetable will be provided for contacting the remaining approximate 1,250 artists.

PQ77493/26 | MARTIN KENNY

969. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeline by which all unsuccessful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be officially informed of their status; and the steps being taken to ensure these artists are not left waiting indefinitely without clear updates regarding their standing.

PQ77492/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

970. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful artists under the basic income for arts scheme will be notified; and the exact date their first payments will reach their bank accounts.

PQ77346/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

971. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the unsuccessful applicants to the basic income for the arts (BIA) scheme will be informed of the decisions on their application.

PQ77610/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

972. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport in regard to the BIA scheme, when the remaining successful applicants will be notified; if he will provide a clear timetable for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists; if his Department will confirm the number of applicants that have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and when will all unsuccessful applicants be informed.

PQ77609/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

973. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has had any consultation with an organisation (details supplied) since the Ireland versus Israel fixtures on their handling of the matter.

PQ77649/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

974. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful applicants under the basic income for artists (BIA) will be notified; if there is a clear timetable for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists; the number of those offered a BIA under the first tranche have accepted their offers; the number of applicants who have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and when all unsuccessful applicants will be informed.

PQ77648/26 | SEÁN KYNE

975. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful applicants of the basic income for the arts will be notified; if the he will provide a clear timeline for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists; the number of the first group of successful applicants have accepted their offer; the number of applicants who have accepted their places; the number who have completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments, in tabular form; if all unsuccessful applicants will be informed; and if his attention has been drawn to the distress incurred on those waiting.

PQ77618/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

976. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the concerns raised; to confirm when the remaining successful applicants under the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified; the number of the first group that have accepted their offers; and when all unsuccessful applicants will be informed.

PQ77614/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

977. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when successful applicants to the new basic income for the arts scheme will receive payments.

PQ77546/26 | RORY HEARNE

978. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining cohort of applicants for the new basic income for the arts scheme will be notified of the outcome of their application; and the number of applicants still waiting to be informed of the outcome of their application.

PQ77543/26 | RORY HEARNE

979. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason payments under the basic income for the arts scheme 2026 to 2029 will not commence for all 2,000 participants before the end of 2026, as stated by the Department on 10 February 2026; the amount of the 2026 allocation of €18.27 million spent to date; the projected 2026 outturn for the scheme; the amount, if any, to be returned unspent; the reason the 2026 allocation could not fund all 2,000 participants from September 2026; and he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77542/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

980. 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 who have not been selected will be notified; whether every applicant received the status update promised in the Department's press release of 13 October 2026; whether applicants deemed ineligible will be given the reasons and offered a review; whether a reserve list of eligible applicants has been established; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77541/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

981. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of applicants notified in the first tranche of the basic income for the arts scheme 2026 to 2029 who have accepted their place; the number who have signed the participation agreement and submitted banking, Revenue and proof of address details; the number who have declined or not yet responded; whether places not taken up will be reallocated to other applicants and, if so, the method of reallocation; the number of participants expected to receive a first payment before 31 December 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77540/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

982. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to the notification on 15 October 2026 of a first tranche of up to 750 successful applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme 2026 to 2029, the number of further tranches in which the remaining successful applicants will be notified; the number of applicants in each tranche; the date on which each tranche will be notified; the date by which all 2,000 participants will have been notified; the basis on which successful applicants were allocated to the first tranche or to a later tranche; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77539/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

983. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will indicate when fibre optic broadband services will be made available to the property located at R32 K2E2, County Laois, given that access to reliable high-speed broadband is required for employment purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77537/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

984. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport regarding the current application rounds for the basic income for the arts scheme, when the remaining successful applicants will be notified; the number of the first group to receive an offer and have accepted their offers; and when will all unsuccessful applicants be informed.

PQ77640/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

985. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when will the remaining successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme be announced; will he provide a clear timetable for contacting the remaining applicants; the number of the first group have accepted their offers; and when will all unsuccessful applicants be informed.

PQ77631/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

986. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of the first group of successful basic income for the arts scheme applicants that have accepted their offers, and the number of applicants that have completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments.

PQ77606/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

987. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful BIA applicants, approximately 1, 250 artists will be notified; and if he will provide a clear timetable for contacting the remaining applicants.

PQ77601/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

988. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide funding to Coimisiún na Meán to offset the €1.04 million increase in the 2026 radio broadcasting levy, in order that the increase is not borne by radio stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77712/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

989. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the basic income for the arts scheme; the number of successful applicants who have accepted offers to date, when all remaining successful applicants will be notified; and when unsuccessful applicants can expect to receive a decision on their applications.

PQ77740/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

990. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the basic income for the arts; the timeline for contacting the remaining artists; the number of applicants have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and when all unsuccessful applicants will be informed.

PQ77722/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

991. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when will the remaining successful applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme be notified; the number of applicants in the first tranche have accepted their offers, completed the required documentation and are due to receive payment; when the remaining approximately 1,250 successful applicants can expect to be contacted; and when all unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications.

PQ77548/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

992. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a breakdown of the local authorities that have availed of funding under the artist workspaces scheme; the amount of funding that has been awarded to each; the number of projects; and the way in which the funding was used in each instance.

PQ77778/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

993. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if a timetable can be provided for the remaining successful basic income for the arts scheme applicants to be informed if their applications were successful (details supplied).

PQ77781/26 | ROBERT TROY

994. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when will the remaining successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme be notified; the timetable for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists; the number of the first group that have accepted offers; the number of applicants have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and when will all unsuccessful applicants be informed.

PQ77579/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

995. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when will all unsuccessful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme be informed.

PQ77577/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

996. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to address the critical deficit of public sports and recreational facilities in Newbridge.

PQ77865/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

997. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport with regard to the basic income for the arts scheme, the number of the first group have accepted their offers; and the number of applicants that have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments.

PQ77571/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

998. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport with regard to the basic income for the arts scheme, when will the remaining successful applicants be notified; and the timetable for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists.

PQ77569/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

999. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when will the remaining successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme be notified; the timetable for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists; the number of the first group that have accepted offers; the number of applicants have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and when will all unsuccessful applicants be informed.

PQ77555/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1000. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of the successful 750 applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme that have accepted their places; completed the required paperwork; and are due to receive payments.

PQ77590/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1001. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when remaining successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified; if he will provide a clear timetable for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists; the number of the first group of successful applicants have accepted their offers, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and when all unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application.

PQ77889/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1002. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the pension increases for both Eir and An Post workers (details supplied).

PQ77589/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1003. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to layout a clear a timeline for when the remaining applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be informed about the outcome of their application; and when the remaining 1,250 spots available will be offered to successful applicants.

PQ77588/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1004. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe in which the remaining successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified; the number of the first cohort that have accepted their offer; the timeframe in which unsuccessful applicants will be informed; the timeline for payments to be issued; and the way in which the payments are being backdated for the different cohorts being informed.

PQ77846/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

1005. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when unsuccessful applicants for the basic income for artists scheme will be notified the outcome of their applications as payments have now commenced.

PQ77805/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1006. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which offers under the basic income for artists scheme have issued in the first cohort of offers; and the number of these offers have been accepted to date.

PQ77804/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1007. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when remaining applicants for the basic income for artists scheme will be notified the outcome of their applications as payments have now commenced.

PQ77803/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1008. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when all unsuccessful applicants for basic income for artists will be informed.

PQ77799/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1009. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to his announcement of 13 October 2026 regarding the notification of the first tranche of successful applicants under the basic income for artists scheme, when the remaining successful applicants will be notified; the timetable for notifying the remaining applicants selected for the scheme; the number of applicants in the first tranche who have accepted their offers and completed all required documentation; and when unsuccessful applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications.

PQ77798/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1010. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the assurances he will provide to rural and isolated households, who currently rely on copper telecommunication lines, that their telephone and communications services will not be disrupted when these lines are decommissioned and that alternatives will be in place before they are phased out.

PQ77800/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

1011. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of the first group have accepted their offer under the basic income for artists scheme; and the number of applicants who have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments.

PQ77797/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1012. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful applicants for basic income for artists scheme will be notified; and the timetable for contacting the remaining approximately 1,250 artists.

PQ77796/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1013. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department intends to publish a schedule outlining the remaining stages of the basic income for the arts application and notification process, including indicative dates for successful and unsuccessful applicants to be informed of outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77911/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1014. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total number of applications received under the most recent basic income for the arts scheme; the number of applicants selected to receive support; the number notified to date; and if he will provide an update on the current status of the selection and notification process.

PQ77910/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1015. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe for unsuccessful applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme to be formally informed of the outcome of their applications; if a timetable has been established for issuing these notifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77909/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1016. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of applicants who have accepted offers under the first tranche of notifications issued under the basic income for the arts scheme; the number who have completed all necessary documentation and verification requirements; the number approved for payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77908/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1017. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe for the remaining successful applicants under the basic income for the arts (BIA) scheme to be notified of the outcome of their applications; the number of successful applicants yet to be contacted; and if he will provide a clear timetable for the notification of all remaining successful applicants.

PQ77907/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1018. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe for the remaining successful applicants under the basic income for the arts scheme to be notified; the number of the first group that have accepted their offers; and the date all unsuccessful applicants be informed.

PQ77906/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

1019. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 69765/26, the timeframe under which the remaining successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified that they have been awarded funding through the scheme, given that only 750 applicants have been notified thus far; and to clarify whether the selection process was anonymous and randomised given that candidate’s applications were ranked.

PQ77927/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1020. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of successful applicants in the basic income for the arts scheme are yet to be notified; timeline for the same; the number of applicants that have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and when will all unsuccessful applicants be informed that they were not successful this time around.

PQ77766/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1021. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status of notifications under the basic income for the arts pilot scheme: the number of successful applicants notified to date; the number of successful applicants yet to be notified; and if he will provide a clear timetable for the issuance of all remaining notifications.

PQ77961/26 | JOHN LAHART

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

1022. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to request An Coimisiún Toghcháin to prepare a report on amendments to local electoral area boundaries as recommended by the Local Democracy Taskforce.

PQ75340/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1023. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 71212/26, whether local authorities record the citizenship or immigration status of the main applicant at the point of allocation of a social housing dwelling; if so, whether the Department will collate and publish that information for each local authority; if not, whether the Department will require it to be recorded once the lawful residency provisions of the Housing and Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 are commenced.

PQ75358/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1024. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the Government's September 2026 commitment to exempt ECCE-only preschool services from commercial rates; when the exemption will take effect; whether commercial rates bills already issued to providers will be withdrawn or refunded; whether local authorities will be instructed to suspend collection pending implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75349/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1025. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 71902/26, the amount by which Exchequer equalisation funding to each of the 21 equalisation local authorities was reduced in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 as a result of increases in estimated local property tax yield; and whether Cork City Council and Cork County Council are equalisation or self-funding authorities for 2026.

PQ75364/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1026. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 71901/26, to state clearly whether any assessment has been undertaken by the Department of the extent to which increases in local property tax receipts since 2021 have resulted in additional local authority services rather than maintaining existing service levels; if so, whether it will be published; and if not, whether one will be undertaken.

PQ75363/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1027. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Department has issued any guidance to local authorities on assessing social housing support applications; and whether such applicants may be deemed qualified for social housing support while resident in those settings.

PQ75361/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1028. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 71213/26, the date on which the lawful residency and habitual residency provisions of the Housing and Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 will be commenced; the date on which guidance for local authorities and applicants will be published; and whether the new criteria will apply to households already qualified for social housing support on the date of commencement.

PQ75360/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1029. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department is developing a relocation scheme for the nine households at Elm Park, Buncrana, County Donegal, whose homes are affected by defective concrete and flood risk, following previous ministerial statements regarding agreement in principle to relocation; if so, when its terms are expected to be finalised; and if no such scheme is currently being developed, whether the proposal has been abandoned or deferred.

PQ75396/26 | CHARLES WARD

1030. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the context of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022–2027, the mechanisms in place to identify properties suitable for people with disabilities but which cannot be brought into use because the property requires adaptation, renovation or other capital works for which an appropriate funding mechanism is not available; the number of such cases identified by his Department or local authorities; the average length of time such properties remain unavailable; and whether he will establish a dedicated mechanism to fund necessary works where existing schemes do not cover them.

PQ75437/26 | BARRY WARD

1031. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process for individuals following a decision by a mortgage lender to not grant mortgages on properties that would qualify for the vacant homes grant; the steps his Department is taking to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75536/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

1032. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if provision exists within the vacant property refurbishment grant scheme for discretion or exceptional arrangements where a homeowner has complied with all scheme requirements, including verifying and submitting a contractor's valid tax clearance certificate prior to the commencement of works, but is subsequently unable to obtain an updated tax clearance certificate because the contractor has become uncontactable (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75625/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1033. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the legacy defects support scheme.

PQ75567/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1034. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of accelerated CALF approved in 2026; the number of individual projects approved; and the number of AHBs these projects relate to, in tabular form.

PQ75561/26 | RORY HEARNE

1035. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties that will be provided by each local authority for people with a disability in each of the years 2026 to 2031, inclusive, in tabular form.

PQ75681/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1036. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the timelines for the rural planning guidelines to be published by his Department; and if he will outline whether his Department is considering changing guidelines around ribbon development.

PQ75654/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

1037. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties that will be provided by Kerry County Council for people with a disability in each of the years 2026 to 2031, inclusive, in tabular form.

PQ75679/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1038. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of accelerated CALF repaid for projects that received funds but that subsequently did not commence for the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form.

PQ75560/26 | RORY HEARNE

1039. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of projects that received accelerated CALF; the number of projects commenced, the number of projects yet to commence; and the number of projects completed for the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form.

PQ75559/26 | RORY HEARNE

1040. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of AHBs that received accelerated CALF for the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form.

PQ75558/26 | RORY HEARNE

1041. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of accelerated CALF provided to AHBs; and the number of individual projects that received accelerated CALF for the years 2015 to 2025.

PQ75555/26 | RORY HEARNE

1042. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to assist Kildare County Council in dealing with the backlog of unauthorised development cases in County Kildare.

PQ75570/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1043. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has instructed local authorities to suspend financial contribution schemes for age friendly rightsizing due to an ongoing review by the Department.

PQ75799/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1044. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to section 31(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2019 (details supplied) whether it is his Department's understanding that Cork County Council remains the authority responsible for enforcing orders it obtained under section 160 of the Act of 2000 before that date in respect of land now within the city; whether any guidance or advice has issued to either authority on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75937/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1045. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department intends to review the exempted development restrictions applying to protected structures and architectural conservation areas in respect of rooftop solar, given that these provisions were not amended during the 2022 review.

PQ75833/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1046. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will request the Office of the Planning Regulator to examine, under its statutory review functions, the systems and procedures used by Cork City Council and Cork County Council for planning enforcement files arising from contraventions that occurred before the 2019 Cork boundary alteration; whether Part 11 of the Planning and Development Act 2024, when fully commenced, will provide additional means for a planning authority to give effect to a court order where the person bound by it has failed to comply over a period of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75940/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1047. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Cork Boundary Alteration Implementation Oversight Committee established under section 18 of the Local Government Act 2019 has been dissolved; if so, the date of the order; whether any dispute or referral has been made to the Committee or to him under that Act concerning responsibility for planning enforcement files relating to the area transferred to Cork City Council; whether he has given any direction under section 5 of the Act in relation to such files; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75938/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1048. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department will publish national guidance for planning authorities and conservation officers on the assessment of solar installations on protected structures and in architectural conservation areas, so that decisions are consistent across local authorities.

PQ75835/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1049. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning applications for solar installations on protected structures that have been granted and refused nationally since October 2022.

PQ75836/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1050. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local-authority posts sanctioned by his Department in each year from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026 that remain unfilled, broken down by local authority, functional area and year of sanction; the median time between departmental sanction and appointment; and the number of sanctioned posts subsequently withdrawn or allowed to lapse.

PQ75900/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1051. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken a review, consultation or examination of the need for national guidance on solar installations on protected structures and within architectural conservation areas since the introduction of SI 493 of 2022.

PQ75840/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1052. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications relating to solar panel installations within architectural conservation areas granted and refused since October 2022.

PQ75841/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1053. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of appeals to An Bord Pleanála relating to solar installations on protected structures or within ACAs since October 2022; and the outcome of those appeals.

PQ75842/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1054. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75959/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1055. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will exercise the power under section 21(9) of the Local Government Act 2019 to request from the chief executives of Cork City Council and Cork County Council the number of planning enforcement files on which Cork County Council performed functions (details supplied); the number of those files that remain open; the number in which an order of the court under section 160 of that Act has not been complied with; which authority currently holds each such file; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75979/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1056. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current heritage and ownership status of a location (details supplied); whether his Department has a record of the site transferring from public to private ownership; if so, when; whether his Department has information identifying the current landowner; and the protections in place for the site.

PQ75872/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1057. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the payments listed by the Department of Social Protection under the Social Welfare Acts (Part4. Income that is not assessable) on the Government household means policy should be disregarded in all cases when calculating local authority and social housing schemes rent.

PQ76021/26 | MARTIN KENNY

1058. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 484 of 7 July 2026 (details supplied), the reason this deadline was not met; the specific issues have prevented publication, given that other Government Departments have already published their Q1 and Q2 2026 reports, with some having also published Q3 2026; whether he considers the continued delay an issue; the measures being taken to address the delay; and the specific dates by which the outstanding Q1, Q2 and Q3 2026 reports will be published.

PQ76095/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1059. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has issued guidance to designated local authorities administering the defective concrete blocks grant scheme regarding cases where competent building professionals fail or refuse to provide the final invoices, certificates or other documentation required to facilitate the release of grant payments; and whether a formal procedure exists for escalating complaints concerning such professionals.

PQ76152/26 | CHARLES WARD

1060. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage If his Department will consider the introduction of a rent to buy scheme for households who have previously been accommodated through the tenant in situ and are paying rent to a local authority.

PQ76133/26 | ROBERT TROY

1061. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76145/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1062. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the web link to his Department's Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76113/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1063. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the capital funding available to local authorities to install, upgrade and maintain gates and access control systems in local authority flat complexes; whether such works are eligible under existing refurbishment or estate regeneration programmes; the amount drawn down by Dublin City Council for such works in each of the years 2024 to 2026; and if he will consider a dedicated funding stream to improve security for local authority tenants affected by anti-social behaviour.

PQ76188/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1064. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will provide an increase in funding through the housing aid for the elderly scheme, housing adaptation scheme, and mobility aids grant scheme to Westmeath County Council (details supplied).

PQ76361/26 | ROBERT TROY

1065. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to publish the Q3 2026 social and affordable housing delivery data.

PQ76190/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1066. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the 9000 new build social housing delivered in 2025 by the following criteria; directly delivered by councils and AHBs on public land; turnkey acquisition; partnership development agreement on private land; and Part V.

PQ76189/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1067. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the number of hectares of forest removed already or to be removed in 2027 and in subsequent years in the Slieve Bloom mountains SPA to support conservation of the endangered hen harrier; and to provide details on the number of hectares of forestry to be removed in the Slieve Aughty mountains SPA, Mullaghanish to Musheramore SPA, Slieve Beagh SPA, Slievefelim to Silvermines mountains SPA, and the Stack's to Mullaghereirk mountains, West Limerick hills and Mount Eagle SPA to support hen harrier conservation.

PQ76297/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1068. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage If he intends to further fund Louth County Council with more resources to keep up with the growing demand for Housing Adaptation Grants which has resulted in the local authority having to close the schemes for applications due to funding constraints.

PQ76287/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1069. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of the social housing income eligibility thresholds.

PQ76286/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1070. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address the worsening homelessness crisis; and the recent engagement he has had with local authorities in this regard.

PQ76285/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1071. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of HAP rates; and if changes are forthcoming this year to the rates and discretion levels.

PQ76284/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1072. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review of parks and open spaces policies in order to identify suitable sites in all counties for circuses.

PQ76389/26 | BARRY WARD

1073. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the challenges facing traditional circuses to access sites managed by local authorities and the impact this has had on restricting access by communities to the arts, culture and heritage.

PQ76388/26 | BARRY WARD

1074. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the scheme to allow victims and survivors of domestic violence to transfer to a different local authority housing list and keep their time; and if people on HAP transfer lists will also be considered for same.

PQ76282/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1075. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses constructed in the 1930s that have received funding under the Historic Structures Fund in each of the past five years; whether a dwelling built in the 1930s that is not included on a Record of Protected Structures is eligible for assistance under the scheme; and whether he plans to extend eligibility to historically and architecturally significant properties of this period that are currently excluded from support.

PQ76374/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1076. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department will introduce quarterly reporting and publication of actual expenditure incurred by each of the nine homelessness regions, broken down by expenditure category, including emergency accommodation and homelessness prevention, tenancy sustainment and resettlement supports; whether the relevant lead local authorities currently record this expenditure on a quarterly basis; whether the existing annual reporting arrangements could be amended to provide quarterly returns; and if not, the specific legal, technical or administrative reasons preventing this.

PQ76275/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1077. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76256/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1078. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications received, the number of applications approved, and the number of applicants paid and properties completed under the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, by county and year since the scheme launched, in tabular form.

PQ76462/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

1079. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the apartment defects remediation scheme; the number of developments and residential units that have applied for, been approved for or received support; the measures being taken to protect apartment owners from remediation costs; whether changes to the scheme are under consideration; the role of engineers, surveyors and other construction professionals in assessing and certifying defects and remedial works; the challenges identified in implementing the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76474/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1080. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the proposed revised National Planning Statement is expected to be brought before Government for approval; the current stage of its preparation; and if a target date has been set for its publication and implementation.

PQ76486/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1081. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of meetings that have taken place and the dates of these meetings, between his officials and the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration regarding the transfer of responsibility for the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 and related functions from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to his Department; the additional resources required by his Department to facilitate the transfer of these functions; when further meetings are due to take place; and the steps he is taking to resolve this matter.

PQ76493/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1082. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the older persons housing financial contribution scheme; the reason for the curtailment or discontinuation of the scheme, if applicable; whether a review of the scheme has been undertaken; and if he will consider reinstating or expanding the scheme in view of its role in supporting older people to rightsize into more suitable accommodation while increasing the availability of housing stock for local authorities.

PQ76583/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1083. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of the latest guidelines issued to local authorities in relation to implementation of Section 39 (2)(e) of the miscellaneous Provisions Act 2014 which relates to “Good Faith” HAP tenancies.

PQ76617/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

1084. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Government intends to require community, sports and recreational facilities to be included as part of the design and planning process for large residential developments.

PQ76646/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1085. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats, in tabular form; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced.

PQ76243/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1086. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No.28023/26, when it is expected the statutory designation process will be completed for County Tipperary.

PQ76677/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1087. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No.28023/26, if the Housing Agency has made its recommendation to him under Section 5 of the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022; if so, when was it sent to him; and if the recommendations include all or part of County Tipperary.

PQ76676/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1088. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 28023/26, if the final test results for Tipperary have been received by the Housing Agency; and if so, when they were received.

PQ76674/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1089. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage If he is aware that homeowners who suspect defects in their domestic waste water treatment system (DWWTS) require an inspection report to support an application for a DWWTS remediation grant but cannot directly request an inspection from their local authority; the reason for this restriction; and if he will consider introducing a mechanism whereby householders can request such inspections.

PQ76728/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1090. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all sections of the Planning and Development Act 2024 that have not yet been commenced; and to provide the timeline for the commencement of each of these sections, in tabular form.

PQ76726/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1091. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of the social housing income eligibility thresholds.

PQ76725/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1092. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of the HAP payment limits.

PQ76724/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1093. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for the planning policy statement on short term letting to be published; and whether the Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage will have an opportunity to scrutinise the draft statement before it is approved by cabinet.

PQ76722/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1094. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of homes delivered, approved, or drawing down funding within County Mayo for the full year of 2025 under the first home scheme, shared equity completions; the local authority affordable purchase scheme; the local authority home loan, approved and drawn down; the help to buy scheme, claims approved and paid out by Revenue; the tenant (incremental) purchase scheme; the ready to build scheme, serviced sites allocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76739/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1095. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department plans to review regulations that allow owners' management company's prevent home owners from having pets in the apartments they own within a residential building.

PQ76738/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1096. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports are in place to help a family (details supplied) who's land is being destroyed by a badger.

PQ76761/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1097. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for the commencement and operation of Sections 13 and 14 of the Planning and Development Act 2024, whether these provisions will require a public notification and consultation process in respect of applications for licences relating to telecommunications masts and associated infrastructure.

PQ76764/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1098. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all contracts entered into by his Department with external consultants; the subject matter of those contracts; the cost of those contracts; and a status update on each of the contracts that is completed, ongoing and so on.

PQ76782/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1099. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if in the implementation of the European Union drinking water regulations 2023 SI 99, in respect of small private water suppliers SPS a tiered pricing structure for the cost of water testing and monitoring will be put in place to reflect the size of the commercial establishment and its turnover, in order that the costs of the tests will not have a negative impact on the smaller businesses in the sector particularly family run businesses; if all local authorities throughout the country will have a common approach and pricing structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76931/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

1100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, what prevents this information from being recorded.

PQ77012/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; if not, the way his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract

PQ76992/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason there is no nationally agreed protocol, based on the updated I.S. 465: 2026, for houses being bought and sold in areas affected by concrete blocks; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the absence of such a protocol has a profound effect on the housing market in those areas with devastating impacts on some homeowners that cannot sell their homes.

PQ77079/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Government intends to introduce planning and development guidelines specifically for wind energy projects; and when such guidelines will be published.

PQ76645/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has directed Limerick City and County Council to require applicants under the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme to provide proof of funding available to complete their build where the total project cost, including professional fees, exceeds the grant amount offered; and the statutory, regulatory or administrative basis for this requirement.

PQ77148/26 | CHARLES WARD

1105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether data is collected by his Department, local authorities or An Coimisiún Pleanála on applicants who are required to submit multiple planning applications in respect of a proposed one-off rural dwelling before obtaining permission; and the estimated costs incurred by such applicants.

PQ77217/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of appeals to An Coimisiún Pleanála in each of the past five years relating to refusals of one-off rural housing applications; and the number and percentage of those appeals which resulted in the original refusal being overturned.

PQ77216/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if works involving alterations to walls, upper floors, stairs and roof structures, which are listed as eligible works under the vacant above the shop grant scheme, may include works necessary to achieve minimum floor-to-ceiling heights required by building regulations; and if he will clarify his Department's interpretation of these provisions.

PQ77280/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether applicants whose eligibility under the vacant above the shop grant scheme is uncertain may access the Expert Advice Grant in advance of a formal determination of eligibility; and if he will outline the criteria and application process for such support.

PQ77279/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether additional flexibility or modified criteria apply to applications under the vacant above the shop grant scheme in the case of offshore islands, having regard to construction costs and the objective of sustaining island populations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77277/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether a property owner who undertakes structural alterations to vacant space above a commercial premises must satisfy a further two year vacancy period before becoming eligible for the vacant above the shop grant scheme; if so, the legislative or administrative basis for this requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77275/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether vacant attic space above a commercial premises that does not currently meet residential standards may qualify for support under the vacant above the shop grant scheme where the proposed works would render the accommodation compliant; and if he will clarify the relevant eligibility criteria.

PQ77274/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the vacant above the shop grant scheme permits grant funding to be used for structural works, including raising roof levels, increasing wall heights, altering roof structures and associated works, where such works are required to bring vacant space above a commercial premises into compliance with residential standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77273/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the European Court of Justice ruling in the SmartFlats case, to support an approach to short term lets that recognises the contribution of self-catering accommodation to tourism, rural communities and local economies (details supplied).

PQ77298/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to ensure restrictions to short term lets are evidence-based, proportionate and compliant with EU law (details supplied).

PQ77297/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is Departmental policy that grant payments under the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme may be withheld until a local authority is satisfied that an applicant has sufficient funding to complete the entire project; and the legislative or regulatory provision supporting such a condition.

PQ77153/26 | CHARLES WARD

1116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to consider the European Court of Justice ruling in the SmartFlats case, and to review his Departments proposed planning restrictions on STLs considering the ruling.

PQ77296/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has assessed the extent to which the grant available under the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme covers the actual cost of completing approved qualifying remediation works, including associated professional fees; the number of cases which the cost of approved qualifying works exceeds the grant amount available; if an assessment has been undertaken of the financial shortfalls faced by affected homeowners; and if so, if he will publish the findings of any such assessment.

PQ77152/26 | CHARLES WARD

1118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage If he will instruct all local authorities to exclude all short term social welfare benefit payments and carers allowance payments when calculating the amount of rent to be paid by a local authority tenant and establish a uniformed approach across the country.

PQ77347/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

1119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address the high representation ratio where an individual councillor represents an average of 4,830 citizens without an allocation review since 2013.

PQ77515/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people homeless in Dublin south central over the past five years, in tabular form.

PQ77613/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the requirement for applicants to the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme to demonstrate proof of private funds to cover rebuilding shortfalls is being applied uniformly across all five participating local authorities; and if he is aware that this condition is being enforced by Limerick City and County Council as part of its remedial works plan checklist but is reportedly absent from equivalent checklists in other counties.

PQ77670/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities have administrative discretion to impose localised financial eligibility or verification conditions, such as proof of funds that are not explicitly referenced in the overarching national legislation governing the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme.

PQ77667/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the treatment will be applied to auto-enrolment pension contributions under My Future Fund when calculating differential rents for local authority tenants; and whether such contributions will be included in the assessment of reckonable income for rent purposes.

PQ77688/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of defective concrete block scheme remediation downgrade decisions that have been reviewed by the statutory appeals panel to date; the proportion of those adjudicated decisions that have been annulled due to identified errors of fact and/or law; and the steps his Department is taking to review the initial technical and engineering assessment processes that led to these flawed determinations, in tabular form.

PQ77684/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in transfer to his Department of responsibility of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 and amendments to same; when the transfer will be complete; the number of staff assigned to the transfer; if there have been substantive meetings between his officials and their counterparts in the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and; and if so, the number of meetings that took place and the issues discussed.

PQ77636/26 | IVANA BACIK

1126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Guidelines for the assessment and allocation process, for social housing provision for people with a disability, will be reviewed by his Department and the Housing Agency.

PQ77751/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

1127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on talks between his Department and Galway Country Council in order to secure the necessary funding to bring Dunguaire Castle back into public use.

PQ77554/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to ensure a consistent national approach to the administration of the defective concrete blocks grant scheme across all local authorities; whether applicants in Donegal County Council can access the rental accommodation grant prior to the submission of a commencement notice; whether Limerick City and County Council requires a commencement notice to be submitted before rental supports are approved; if this represents a divergence in administrative practice between local authorities; and whether any guidance has been issued by his Department on this matter.

PQ77777/26 | CHARLES WARD

1129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will review access to domestic wastewater treatment systems grants for householders with defective septic tanks who are outside designated eligible areas or have not been selected for inspection under the National Inspection Plan; whether such householders can request an inspection that may establish eligibility for assistance; and whether he will consider a nationwide application route based on demonstrated environmental or public health need.

PQ77774/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given that applications to the apartment and duplex defects remediation scheme must be made by an owners' management company, the provisions that will apply to affected duplexes and apartment developments where no owners' management company exists or is operational; the way in which homeowners in such developments can access the scheme; and the steps being taken to ensure that the absence of an owners' management company does not exclude otherwise eligible homeowners from redress.

PQ77769/26 | CHARLES WARD

1131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated and actual expenditure under each domestic wastewater treatment systems grant scheme in 2025 and to date in 2026; the average time from application to decision and from submission of a valid payment claim to payment; the number of approved applications awaiting payment; and the reasons for outstanding payments, broken down by local authority.

PQ77770/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the principal reasons for refusal of domestic wastewater treatment systems grant applications in 2025 and to date in 2026, including the number refused under each eligibility criterion; whether local authorities record enquiries from householders who are advised that they are ineligible before submitting a formal application; and if he will review these figures to identify barriers to accessing the schemes.

PQ77768/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the implementation status of changes extending the geographical eligibility of domestic wastewater treatment systems grants under the River Basin Management Plan 2022–2027; the date on which each local authority was notified and began accepting applications under the revised criteria; whether all relevant public maps and Eircode search tools have been updated and where these can be accessed; and whether previously refused applicants whose properties are now within eligible areas will be notified and invited to reapply.

PQ77772/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter regarding a toilet in a national park (details supplied).

PQ77576/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage If his Department is looking at a new phase of compensation for existing cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme applicants; and, if so, to provide a timeframe for applicants to be informed.

PQ77877/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to assist in the transfer of responsibility for the Multi-Unit Developments (MUD) Act 2011 from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77850/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason demolition, even if required under the defective concrete blocks grant scheme (Option 1), is not listed as a permitted ground for terminating a tenancy during the six-year TMD for small landlords, nor at any time for large landlords, except at the end of the TMD for small landlords under the ground of substantial refurbishment or renovation; and if he will seek a resolution.

PQ77560/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that NPWS is engaging with the water advisory unit/water division within his Department on the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) measures relevant to freshwater pearl mussel within the Dawros Sub-Catchment, County Galway and whether any officials within his Department have met or have sought a meeting with Galway County Council concerning Kylemore bridge, flooding, maintenance and any proposed remedial works at the location of Kylemore Bridge, Kylemore, County Galway.

PQ77820/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he accepts that the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Freshwater Pearl Mussel) Regulations 2009 require the preparation of a sub-basin management plan for the Dawros catchment in Co Galway; if such a plan has not yet been prepared, the reasons for this; the agencies and bodies that will be involved in its development; the timeframe he expects the process to commence; and the proposed date of completion of any such plan.

PQ77812/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide detailed update on each action outlined in the first six months section of the local democratic taskforce Government implement plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ77757/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all Local Authorities have housing and disability steering groups; the reports to they produce; and when will groups and reports be reviewed by the Department to ensure timely and consistent outcomes for persons with disabilities.

PQ77758/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

1142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will implement safeguards for property owners currently living in pyrite homes that do not reach the criteria for the remediation scheme currently but the property may do so in the future, past the cut off date of the scheme.

PQ77786/26 | JOE NEVILLE

1143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress that has been made on the development of successor schemes for communities affected by restrictions on turf cutting on protected bogs; whether new compensation, restoration or stewardship schemes are planned; the income supports that will be available for local bog stewards engaged under these schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77783/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications received nationally under each domestic wastewater treatment systems grant scheme in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number approved, refused, withdrawn and awaiting a decision; the number of grants actually paid and the total value of those payments in each period, distinguishing payments relating to applications from earlier years; and if he will provide a breakdown by local authority and scheme, in tabular form.

PQ77767/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has sought information from local authorities regarding State-funded homeless accommodation that lacked required fire-safety certification or compliance since 2020; when the Department was notified, what records of inspections and risk assessments are held, and the steps that were taken to address any identified risks.

PQ77959/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his opinion of the recent European Court of Justice SmartFlats Ruling (details supplied); and whether it will impact Government plans for regulation of the short term letting sector.

PQ77247/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning applications for solar installations on protected structures that have been granted and refused nationally since October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78229/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

1148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department plans to review the exempted development restrictions applying to protected structures and architectural conservation areas in respect of rooftop solar, given that these provisions were not amended during the 2022 review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78226/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

1149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will publish national guidance for planning authorities and conservation officers on the assessment of solar installations on protected structures and in architectural conservation areas, in order that decisions are consistent across local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78227/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

Chun an Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Social Protection

1150. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when An Cheathrú Rua ceased to have a community welfare officer; and if there are plans in place to reinstate such a role.

PQ75347/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

1151. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to carry out a review of the social welfare entitlement of a person (details supplied), who was recently refused jobseekers allowance.

PQ75380/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1152. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of a carer's benefit application for a person (details supplied); the timeframe for a decision to be reached; and if serious consideration will be given to the application due to the circumstances involved.

PQ75478/26 | COLM BURKE

1153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if funds raised via a community fundraiser or crowdfunding platform for a full-time family carer are treated as capital or income during a means assessment for carer's allowance; if he will clarify the distinct assessment rules if such funds are placed in a restricted trust account exclusively for the benefit of orphaned or dependent children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75407/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the receipt of voluntary community donations or localised fundraising proceeds can negatively impact a child's eligibility for domiciliary care allowance or the guardian's payment (contributory/non-contributory) following the death of a parent; the guidelines his Department issues on how these funds should be legally structured to protect family entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75408/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 71927/26 of 13 October 2026, whether his Department receives information from the Irish Prison Service on committals for the purpose of suspending or terminating payments; and if so, the number of payments suspended or terminated on foot of such information in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

PQ75386/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 72304/26 of 13 October 2026, the date on which the review of means testing will be submitted to him and published; whether the review examines the treatment of inherited capital for people with lifelong disabilities; and whether his Department will engage with the Department of Finance on aligning the tax and means test treatment of such inheritances.

PQ75384/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment will be awarded to a person (details supplied).

PQ75645/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 72573/26, the total number of recipients of jobseeker's allowance who have been in receipt of payment for the given durations, by nationality, in tabular form.

PQ75426/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1159. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware of the food safety order against a company (details supplied); and if it directly impacts the hot school meals programme in schools who have this company as a provider.

PQ75664/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1160. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of protected disclosures made by staff of his Department in each of the past five years; the measures in place to protect reporting persons from penalisation; and whether any review has been undertaken of the effectiveness of those protections.

PQ75781/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1161. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether all roles within his Department are covered by a current safety statement and risk assessment in accordance with health and safety legislation; and whether these documents are available to staff on request.

PQ75780/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1162. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of requests for personal data made by current and former employees to his Department under data protection legislation in each of the past five years; the number granted, partially granted and refused; and the average time taken to process such requests.

PQ75779/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1163. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the criteria for the provision of subsidised scale and polish dental treatments for adults under the PRSI treatment benefit scheme; and to confirm if there is a statutory cap on the fee qualifying patients pay.

PQ75803/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

1164. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the domiciliary care allowance application for a person (details supplied); and when a decision will be made.

PQ75828/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1165. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware of anomaly in PRSI contributions (details supplied).

PQ75946/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1166. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the value of social-welfare payments issued after the recorded date of a recipient's death in each of the years from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the amount recovered, written off or remaining outstanding; the average interval between notification of death and termination of payment; the number of estates contacted for repayment; and whether delays in data transmission between the Civil Registration Service and his Department contributed to any such payments.

PQ75907/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1167. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and value of electronic social-welfare payments returned by financial institutions because the nominated account was closed, frozen, dormant or otherwise unable to receive payment in each year from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by payment scheme.

PQ75902/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1168. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the purpose and outcome of his Departments engagement with a company (details supplied) for their work on strategic workforce planning.

PQ75885/26 | EOIN HAYES

1169. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total cost of engagement his Department has had with a company (details supplied) in relation to strategic workforce planning projects.

PQ75881/26 | EOIN HAYES

1170. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75962/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1171. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an updates position regarding a matter (details supplied).

PQ75843/26 | SEAN FLEMING

1172. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department or public bodies under the aegis of his Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if he will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75986/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1173. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if written instructions have been issued to deciding officers or other social welfare staff concerning applications submitted before January 2027 by applicants who will now qualify under the revised fuel allowance income thresholds; if existing applications awaiting a decision be will reassessed automatically, or if applicants must contact the Department or submit a new application; the arrangements being made to process the expected increase in applications; if there is a timeframe for decisions; and if eligible applicants will retain their original application date for payment purposes.

PQ76002/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1174. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has considered providing a full carer's payment for those on a State pension (contributory).

PQ76026/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1175. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the reasoning for a disparity by which people on job initiative (JI) schemes must retire at 68 years-of-age on the basic State pension, with no option to extend, while supervisors of these schemes are permitted to extend their working lives up to 70 years-of-age; and if this disparity will be addressed.

PQ76037/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1176. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide an update on the review of the household package which is a commitment in the Programme for Government.

PQ76081/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1177. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any grants, exceptional needs payments, or other financial supports are available to assist families with multiple children, including children with disabilities, in purchasing a larger vehicle where a standard family car is no longer suitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76072/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1178. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76149/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1179. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide the web link to his Department's Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76114/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1180. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons a claim for illness benefit has been closed for a person (details supplied) in County Clare given that sick certs have been submitted from April 2024 up to and including 21 October 2026.

PQ76202/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1181. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has considered establishing a transport support scheme for families caring for children with disabilities who require larger vehicles to meet mobility and access needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76075/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1182. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a refund on their PRSI paid contributions.

PQ76365/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1183. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Department will reconsider the decision to omit Blind Welfare Allowance from the list of schemes eligible for next year's Cost of Disability payment; the reason Blind Welfare recipients have not been considered to date, despite the one-off lump sum being intended for recipients of long-term disability payments; and the expected additional cost to the Exchequer should Blind Welfare be added to the list of eligible schemes.

PQ76390/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1184. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will explain the reason blind welfare allowance is not included in the list of eligible payments for the 2027 cost of disability grant; the decision-making process that led to this discrepancy given that the grant was promised to persons receiving a long-term disability payment; and whether his Department will reconsider omitting blind welfare recipients, many of whom are over 65 years-of-age and thus not in receipt of the other schemes eligible for the grant.

PQ76392/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1185. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76257/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1186. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans his Department has to reform the working family payment.

PQ76401/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

1187. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasoning behind not including blind welfare allowance recipients in those eligible for the 2027 cost of disability payment; if his Department will reconsider omitting blind welfare given that it is a long-term disability payment and many of its recipients will miss out as they are over 65 years-of-age and thus not in receipt of other eligible schemes.

PQ76450/26 | MARK WALL

1188. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE qualified accountants working within his Department as of 31 October 2026 by civil service grade, in tabular form.

PQ76519/26 | JOE COONEY

1189. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the €500 cost of disability payment to all families currently in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance (DCA); and if any assessment has been carried out by his Department regarding the distinct and rising cost of disability experienced by households with children who receive DCA.

PQ76511/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1190. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale behind the decision to exclude families in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance (DCA) from the €500 Cost of Disability Payment announced in Budget 2027, if his Department considers DCA to be a long-term payment supporting children with permanent disabilities; and if he will review this exclusion to ensure families caring for children with disabilities are included prior to the payment's issuance in early 2027.

PQ76510/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1191. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced, in tabular form.

PQ76244/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1192. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on whether fair and due process has occurred regarding a social welfare appeal for a person (details supplied) that was submitted over seven years ago in 2019, with the appeal to now be heard and adjudicated on.

PQ76608/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1193. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current waiting times for invalidity pension appeals; and to outline the process for deciding a person will be fit to work within a set time-frame (12 months) if the treatment required may not be available through the public system within that timeframe.

PQ76591/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1194. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review will be carried out on a persons (details supplied) State pension (contributory) rate.

PQ76573/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1195. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the €500 cost of disability payment to all families currently in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance (DCA); and if an assessment has been carried out by his Department regarding the distinct and rising cost of disability experienced by households with children who receive DCA.

PQ76552/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1196. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale behind the decision to exclude families in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance (DCA) from the €500 cost of disability payment announced in Budget 2027; if his Department considers DCA to be a long-term payment supporting children with permanent disabilities; and if he will review this exclusion to ensure families caring for children with disabilities are included prior to the payment's issuance in early 2027.

PQ76547/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1197. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on a cost of disability query (details supplied).

PQ76746/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1198. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to extend the new disability payment to all people with a disability, outside of whether they are in receipt of disability allowance/invalidity pension as there is a substantial cost to having a disability (details supplied).

PQ76753/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1199. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether consideration is being given to additional supports for independent retailers and family owned businesses employing significant numbers of part time staff, in view of increasing labour costs and employer PRSI contributions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76771/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1200. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the decision-making process which led to blind welfare allowance not being included in the list of schemes eligible for next year's cost of disability payment; the reason recipients will not be receiving the one-off lump sum, despite blind welfare being a long-term disability payment; and the expected number of blind welfare recipients who will miss out on the payment, since they are over 65 and therefore not in receipt of other eligible schemes.

PQ76976/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

1201. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the impact of inheritance and means testing rules on persons with lifelong disabilities who inherit assets from their parents; and if he will consider exempting such inheritances from assessments affecting entitlement to disability allowance, medical cards and related supports.

PQ76972/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1202. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether retired members of occupational defined benefit pension schemes have any statutory right to nominate or be represented on the trustee boards of their schemes under the Pensions Act 1990 and associated regulations; whether the Pensions Authority holds data on the number of schemes with a pensioner trustee; whether he will consider legislating to provide for at least one retired member representative on such boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77026/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1203. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his currents plans to address issues parents who are transgender not being recognised as the parents of their children.

PQ76839/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1204. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are free travel entitlements for cancer patients to travel to and from hospital appointments.

PQ77097/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1205. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he will consider reviewing and increasing the fuel allowance income threshold for single and widowed pensioners to reflect the cost of heating a home, given the disparity between the income limits for single people and couples.

PQ77053/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1206. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider introducing measures to ensure that persons with lifelong disabilities who inherit assets from their parents or guardians for the purpose of their future care and wellbeing are not disadvantaged through inheritance tax liabilities or the loss of means tested supports, including disability allowance and medical card eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77155/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1207. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in receipt of a State pension, both contributory and non, who have had their fuel allowance withdrawn from them because there is a non-qualifying person living in the house with them, in each of the past three years, in tabular form.

PQ77213/26 | MARK WALL

1208. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a dedicated paid benefit for parents of children born through surrogacy will be introduced; and the proposed timeframe for same.

PQ77237/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

1209. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to his Department's 2025 Appropriation Account, which states under the heading “Procurement” that “Expenditure on goods and professional and other contracted services, amounted to a total of €568 million in 2025”, to confirm whether this €568 million represents the Department's total procurement expenditure for 2025.

PQ76980/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1210. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to his Department's 2025 Appropriation Account, whether expenditure on the hot school meals scheme is included in the €389 million reported as expenditure on the delivery of programmes; if so, the total amount included in respect of the scheme in 2025; and whether these payments were classified as procurement expenditure, grants or another expenditure category.

PQ76979/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1211. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 37239/25, and his Department's 2025 Appropriation Account, which reports €568 million expenditure on goods, professional and contracted services, to explain the difference between this figure and the approximately €81 million recorded in published purchase orders over €20,000; the total number and value of all purchase orders issued in 2025, including those below €20,000; to identify, by expenditure category, the amounts included in the €568 million that were not associated with a purchase order; and to explain the accounting or reporting differences.

PQ76978/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1212. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 661 of 14 October 2025 (55066/25), whether contracts recorded in his Department's contract register include the eTenders contract award notice reference or URL where available; if not, whether another identifier is maintained to link contracts with published award notices; whether such information could be included in the Department's purchase-order reports without integrating financial systems with eTenders; and, if not, to outline the specific technical or operational barriers to doing so.

PQ76984/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1213. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 55066/25, whether purchase orders raised by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the relevant contract recorded in its internal contract register; whether a common contract reference or other identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; if not, the way in which his Department reconciles expenditure against individual contracts and monitors cumulative payments against their approved values.

PQ76982/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1214. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the OAP amount (not COAP) a person with no stamps having not worked, would receive who is 66 on 1 January 2036.

PQ77224/26 | JOE NEVILLE

1215. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the COAP amount a person will receive who starts work as a nurse at 36 years-of-age in 2006 and they retire on 1 January 2036 at 66 years-of-age with 30 years of stamps (1,560 in total).

PQ77223/26 | JOE NEVILLE

1216. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the decision to disallow entitlement to the State pension or a disability allowance payment when a person inherits shares in an organisation (details supplied) and ensure that they are at least entitled to a reduced payment on a weekly basis.

PQ77103/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1217. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in receipt of fuel allowance and living alone allowance.

PQ77407/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1218. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the evidence on which reserve service in the Defence Forces is designated as subsidiary employment under Schedule C, paragraph 4 of S.I. 312 of 1996; when that designation was last reviewed; and the way in which it is consistent with the statement of the Minister for Defence that each case is determined on its own facts.

PQ77353/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

1219. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has assessed the number of retired CIÉ pensioners and former public servants who are living alone and are excluded from the living alone increase solely because they are in receipt of an occupational pension rather than a qualifying social welfare payment; and whether he will consider extending eligibility to this cohort.

PQ77629/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1220. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review a case (details supplied) of a person who had made Class A PRSI contributions to ensure they are provided the corresponding pension.

PQ77638/26 | PAUL MURPHY

1221. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the carer's allowance claim for a person (details supplied) now that the person requiring care has returned home from hospital.

PQ77656/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1222. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the checks his Department carries out to ensure that calculation errors made by his Department's officials do not adversely affect a person's application where they are in fact eligible for a payment (details supplied).

PQ77600/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1223. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider a request from a person (details supplied) regarding back payment of pension.

PQ77866/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1224. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if recipients of the State pension who have a disability will be eligible for the €500 cost of disability payment announced in Budget 2027.

PQ77917/26 | CATHY BENNETT

1225. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the eligibility criteria for the €500 cost of disability lump sum payment announced in Budget 2027, to ensure that persons with disabilities who have transitioned from invalidity pension or other disability payments to the State Pension upon reaching 66 years-of-age are not excluded from the payment solely on the basis of age.

PQ77787/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1226. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the procedures that apply when an economically inactive EEA national claims social assistance and questions arise about their right of residence under Directive 2004/38/EC; the way in which his Department liaises with immigration authorities in such cases; and the number of cases that have resulted in a referral to immigration authorities, in each of the years 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ77936/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has identified cases in which economically inactive EEA nationals may not satisfy the applicable conditions of residence under Directive 2004/38/EC; the number of cases that were referred to the relevant immigration authorities, in each of the years 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and whether his Department receives information on any subsequent residence decisions or removals.

PQ77935/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department records the number of recipients and total expenditure for its principal social welfare payments by nationality or nationality grouping, including Irish, other EEA and non-EEA nationals; if so, the available figures for each of the past five years by payment type; and if not, whether his Department has assessed the feasibility of collecting such data.

PQ77937/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

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

1229. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of temporary staff employed by his Department in preparation for and during Ireland's upcoming EU Presidency; the grades of those staff; the number employed on temporary and fixed-term contracts respectively; and the duration of each contract expressed in months; the total cost incurred to date and the projected overall cost, in tabular form.

PQ75330/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

1230. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of cycling training programmes have been provided for Gardaí this year in the DMR; the number of Gardaí are currently licenced to use a bicycle during patrol; and if he has any intention of introducing e-bikes into the Gardaí patrol units.

PQ75346/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1231. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of prisoners subject to rule 63; the number of such prisoners who are in single accommodation; and the number of such prisoners sharing accommodation with one or more other prisoners.

PQ75356/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1232. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of notifications he has received under Rule 19(2) of the Prison Rules 2007 broken down by prison for the current year to date and for each of the previous three years broken down by prison.

PQ75354/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1233. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners currently accommodated otherwise than in a cell or room certified under Rule 18 of the Prison Rules 2007.

PQ75351/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1234. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration is he aware of a particular problem with family reunification for internationally recruited nurses at UHL; if he is aware of the significant delays securing dependent visas for spouses and children of persons working in Ireland over a year; and the action he will take to alleviate the problem.

PQ75477/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

1235. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda divisional asset profilers trained and assigned in each Garda division, including the Mayo division; the number of these profilers who carry out asset profiling on a full-time dedicated basis rather than in addition to other duties; the number of referrals made by divisional asset profilers to the criminal assets bureau, in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by division; and the number of those referrals that resulted in seizures.

PQ75404/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1236. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a breakdown of the number of IPAS accommodation centres and the total number of beds in each local electoral area as of 1 May 2025 and 19 October 2026, , by local electoral area, in tabular form.

PQ75497/26 | GARY GANNON

1237. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí of each rank currently assigned to each station across Carlow and Kilkenny; and the number who are currently not working due to accidents, road traffic crashes, and assaults suffered while on the duty as of October 2026.

PQ75525/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

1238. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of trained criminal assets profilers in each Garda division; the number of these assigned full-time to that role; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75495/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1239. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff currently assigned to the Criminal Assets Bureau, broken down by Garda members, Revenue officers, Department of Social Protection officers and other staff; the comparative figures for each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75494/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1240. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda members assigned to the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau as of the latest date for which figures are available, broken down by rank; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75492/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1241. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda members and Garda staff assigned to the Garda National Diversity and Integration Unit; the annual cost of the unit in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75491/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1242. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of full-time and part-time, Garda diversity officers assigned to each Garda division; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75489/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1243. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda members currently designated as diversity officers or ethnic liaison officers, broken down by rank and division; the number of these that are full-time; the number that are part-time, that is, carried out alongside other duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75487/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1244. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a service provider (details supplied) will be paid for their services.

PQ75532/26 | NIALL COLLINS

1245. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda members assigned to each specialist and national unit, and to general regular unit policing in each division, as of the latest date for which figures are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75496/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1246. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any plans to provide for additional prison capacity at Thornton Hall.

PQ75451/26 | BARRY WARD

1247. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions he is taking to address overcapacity in parts of the Irish Prison Service; and if there are any plans to expand prison capacity in any existing prison in Ireland.

PQ75449/26 | BARRY WARD

1248. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in the context of a serious and violent incident (details supplied), the engagement he is having with An Garda Síochána in relation to addressing public fears related to the increase in incidents of this nature.

PQ75448/26 | BARRY WARD

1249. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72363/26 of 13 October 2026, under the existing provisions of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, which social welfare payments and State supports are currently taken into account in assessing an application for naturalisation; and whether internal guidance on this exists and will be published.

PQ75382/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1250. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72367/26 of 13 October 2026, whether mandatory affordability checks or mandatory deposit limits, as distinct from limits set by customers under section 164 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024, will be required for online gambling accounts; whether the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland intends to exercise its power under section 170 to limit the amount lodged with a licensee; and, if so, the timeframe for same.

PQ75381/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1251. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72361/26 of 13 October 2026, the date on which sections 144, 146 and 149 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 will be commenced.

PQ75379/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1252. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72369/26 of 13 October 2026, whether money has been collected for or disbursed from the Gambling Social Impact Fund to date; and the date on which regulations under section 54 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 will be made.

PQ75378/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1253. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason he will not meet with the family of a person (details supplied).

PQ75627/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

1254. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72357/26, whether Chapter 3 of Part 2 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 has been commenced; if not, the date on which it will be commenced; and on which the National Gambling Exclusion Register will be fully operational.

PQ75377/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1255. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 71930/26, whether a formal written protocol or memorandum of understanding exists between An Garda Síochána and the International Protection Office, the International Protection Appeals Tribunal and the Tribunal for Asylum and Returns Appeals governing the sharing of information indicating links to a prescribed terrorist organisation.

PQ75376/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1256. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72343/26, the date to which the figures supplied for cases awaiting a first instance decision and an appeal decision under the International Protection Act 2015 relate; the projected date by which all cases under the 2015 Act will be concluded at first instance and appeal; and the number of persons with cases pending under the 2015 Act currently accommodated by IPAS.

PQ75375/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1257. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72356/26, whether any organisations, legal experts or other stakeholders, other than the Office of the Attorney General, were consulted on the family reunification and citizenship changes in the International Protection Act 2026; if so, the names and dates; and whether any submissions received will be published.

PQ75374/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1258. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72353/26, whether an equality, human rights or regulatory impact assessment was carried out in respect of the policy decision, effective from 8 December 2025, to increase the reckonable residence requirement for refugees from three to five years; the date on which that decision was made; whether it was approved by Government; and whether any assessment will be published.

PQ75373/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1259. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72359/26, the evidence, data or analysis, beyond the number of persons granted family reunification permission, relied upon by the Department in deciding to change the family reunification provisions in the International Protection Act 2026, including any analysis of reliance on State supports; and whether this will be published.

PQ75372/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1260. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 71887/26, whether any written guidance, verification checklist or training is provided to peace commissioners for the certification of copies of identity and residency documents; whether the Department's review of the office of peace commissioner includes the responsibilities and protections of peace commissioners in certifying such documents; and the date on which the review is expected to conclude.

PQ75371/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1261. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 71886/26, whether a peace commissioner certifying a copy of a passport, identity or residency document is required to establish that the original document is genuine, or only that the copy corresponds with the document presented; the legal protections, if any, that apply to a peace commissioner who certifies a copy in good faith where the original subsequently proves to be fraudulent.

PQ75369/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1262. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will review the effectiveness of existing criminal trespass legislation as it applies to agricultural land, including deliberate and repeated entry where the statutory threshold for an existing offence may not be met; whether consideration will be given to a narrowly defined offence targeting deliberate, harmful unauthorised entry; and the way in which any reform would protect lawful access, legitimate hunting or conservation activities and genuinely harmless entry.

PQ75608/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1263. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the existing statutory powers available to An Garda Síochána are sufficient to seize and retain firearms, vehicles, trailers or other equipment where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that these items are being used in connection with criminal trespass, illegal hunting, animal cruelty or criminal damage; and whether he will review the adequacy of these powers and the relevant safeguards.

PQ75606/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1264. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the up-to-date status of an application by a prisoner serving a sentence in the UK (details supplied), for permission to complete the sentence in Ireland; the timeframe for the process to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75687/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

1265. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences recorded, prosecutions initiated and convictions secured in each of the years 2021 to 2025, and to date in 2026, for trespass under the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994, with a breakdown by Garda division where available; and whether the figures distinguish incidents involving agricultural land.

PQ75591/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1266. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is satisfied that the existing criminal law adequately protects farmers from deliberate and repeated unauthorised entry onto agricultural land, particularly where threats, damage, illegal hunting or other harmful conduct is alleged; and whether he will review the operation and effectiveness of the relevant provisions of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994.

PQ75590/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1267. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether interim Exchequer funding will be provided to allow the Treatment and Recovery Supports strand of the Social Impact Fund, being developed with Pobal, to open to applicants before contributions from licensees are collected; the date on which he expects the first funding call under that strand to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75739/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1268. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the basis on which contributions to the Social Impact Fund will be calculated under section 54 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024; whether contributions will be set as a percentage of turnover or of gross gaming revenue and the rate under consideration; whether the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland made a recommendation to him on the rate in its strategy for the fund; if he will publish that strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75737/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1269. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the regulations to be made under section 54 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 will provide that contributions to the Social Impact Fund are payable by licensees in respect of the full period since the first licences were issued by the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland in July 2026, so that no contribution is foregone because of the time taken to make those regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75736/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1270. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of citizenship applications received; the number of citizenship applications processed; the number of citizenship applications still processing; the median processing time for citizenship applications, broken down by year, from 2018 to date, in tabular form.

PQ75776/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1271. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown of the number of citizenship applications processing, by timeframes 0-6 months, 6 months-1 year, 1-2 years, 2-3 years, 3-4 years, 4+ years, in tabular form.

PQ75778/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1272. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an extension of visitor permission application (details supplied); the timeframe for same to be processed; and if favourable consideration will be given to the application.

PQ75806/26 | COLM BURKE

1273. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the proposal in the General Scheme of the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022 to end the requirement to extinguish an existing licence in order to obtain a new on-licence, following a transition period, will be retained in the forthcoming intoxicating liquor Bill; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75896/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1274. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware that, under section 18 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2000, a new on-licence by way of extinguishment may only be granted for premises to which a full licence was never attached, with the result that former public houses in rural communities, including in County Mayo, face greater barriers to reopening than premises that were never licensed; if he will consider amending the law to remove this anomaly, including in the forthcoming intoxicating liquor Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75897/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1275. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deaths referred to a coroner in each of the years from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026 for which a final death certificate remained outstanding after three, six, 12 and 18 months, broken down by coroner district; the number attributable to outstanding pathology, histology or toxicology reports; the number of interim certificates issued; and whether a national service standard will be introduced for the completion of coronial investigations.

PQ75906/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1276. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda vehicles unavailable for operational use because they were awaiting parts or repairs at the end of each quarter since 1 January 2023, broken down by Garda division and vehicle type; the number unavailable for more than 30, 60 and 90 days; and the expenditure incurred on replacement or hired vehicles.

PQ75904/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1277. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the intoxicating liquor Bill listed in the Government Legislation Programme for Autumn 2026 as a condensed Bill to introduce certain key reforms from the general scheme of the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022; when he expects the Bill to be published and enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75895/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1278. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department provides exceptional visa processing flexibility or dedicated case coordination to enable family members specifically including spouses and young dependent children to leave Gaza together; to clarify the exact administrative or humanitarian pathways available; and the way his Department coordinates this with the Department of Foreign Affairs.

PQ75851/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1279. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75960/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1280. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda members, by rank, and Garda staff assigned to Stepaside Garda station at the end of each year since its reopening in March 2020 and to date in 2026; the number of community gardaí and Garda vehicles attached to the station; and the opening hours of the station's public office.

PQ76015/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

1281. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai by rank attached to each divisional scenes of crime unit as of 20 October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76074/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1282. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 586 of 29 September 2026, if he has received the necessary information from Garda authorities to answer the PQ.

PQ76071/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1283. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fines issued by An Garda in respect of non-compliance with new e-scooter rules since their introduction (details supplied); and if he will provide a breakdown by offence and fines issued.

PQ76154/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

1284. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76146/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1285. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the web link to his Department's Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76115/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1286. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a person (details supplied) was denied a student visa; and if his Department will re-examine the issue.

PQ76161/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

1287. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will engage with the Criminal Assets Bureau to ensure that all necessary resources are made available for a dedicated operation targeting those responsible for drug debt intimidation; and if he will detail the plans to strengthen CAB's capacity in this regard.

PQ76199/26 | MATT CARTHY

1288. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will engage directly with Garda management to ensure a sustained and targeted crackdown on those responsible for drug debt intimidation.

PQ76198/26 | MATT CARTHY

1289. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to review a renewal application for a person (details supplied), in view of the fact that the application has exceeded the processing timeline and their employment will be affected.

PQ76195/26 | COLM BURKE

1290. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he intends to introduce a specific criminal offence of coercive exploitation of at-risk adults, including circumstances where a person is exploited for financial gain or where control is taken over their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76217/26 | MARTIN DALY

1291. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he intends to introduce a criminal offence of coercive control of an at-risk adult in familial, caring or cohabiting relationships, as recommended by the Law Reform Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76215/26 | MARTIN DALY

1292. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he intends to introduce a specific criminal offence of intentional or reckless abuse, neglect or ill-treatment of an at-risk adult, as recommended by the Law Reform Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76214/26 | MARTIN DALY

1293. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department intends to progress the Criminal Law (Adult Safeguarding) Bill proposed by the Law Reform Commission in 2024; the current status of its consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76213/26 | MARTIN DALY

1294. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether legislative proposals are being prepared to strengthen bail conditions for repeat and prolific offenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76309/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1295. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the Government's consideration of the recommendations contained in the review of Ireland's bail laws; which recommendations it intends to implement; and the expected timeline for their implementation.

PQ76308/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1296. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on plans to deliver more than 1,500 additional prison spaces by 2031; the projected delivery timeline for each phase of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76307/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1297. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current operational capacity of the prison estate; the current prison population; the number of prisoners being accommodated in excess of the approved capacity of institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76306/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1298. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has considered enhanced supervision arrangements for prolific offenders granted bail, including the use of electronic monitoring, curfews and reporting requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76311/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1299. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration which recommendations of the bail review relating to electronic monitoring have been accepted by Government; when any necessary legislation will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76310/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1300. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of complaints received by An Garda Síochána regarding alleged dangerous driving, excessive speeding and illegal vehicle exhaust noise in the Swinford area of County Mayo in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76223/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1301. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current immigration status of a person (details supplied); and to lay out their current rights while waiting for a decision from a case.

PQ76218/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1302. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if consideration has been given to offering a formal State apology to the family of a person (details supplied) in recognition of failures in the Garda investigation into their killing.

PQ76296/26 | MATT CARTHY

1303. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of complaints or representations received by his Department or by Cuan regarding the recent We-Consent advertisement depicting grandparents; and whether a review of the advertisement is planned.

PQ76383/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1304. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent by Cuan on public awareness and advertising campaigns in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, compared with the amount spent on direct services and supports for victims of domestic, sexual and gender based violence in the same years.

PQ76382/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1305. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the objectives, target audience and evaluation measures set for the recent We-Consent advertisement; and the way in which its success or value for money will be assessed.

PQ76381/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1306. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the research or evidence base relied upon in deciding to depict ordinary family affection between grandparents and a grandchild in a campaign concerned with the prevention of sexual violence; and whether any testing of the advertisement with parents or grandparents was carried out before it was published.

PQ76380/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1307. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether Cuan reviewed and approved the script and final content of the recent We-Consent advertisement depicting grandparents greeting their family before it was published; the grade or role of the person who gave that approval; and whether his Department was consulted.

PQ76379/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1308. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to seek details on the expenditure costs incurred by CUAN with respect to the development and promotion of media material addressing the issue of consent; and to confirm if CUAN developed the concept in partnership with the National Women's Council of Ireland.

PQ76290/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1309. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total funding provided by his Department or by Cuan to an organisation (details supplied) for the We-Consent campaign since it's launch in March 2023, by year; and the amount allocated for 2026 and 2027.

PQ76378/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1310. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total cost to the Exchequer of the We-Consent advertisement carrying the Cuan logo, released in October 2026, with the message 'not everyone wants a hug even from the people who love them'; and the breakdown of that cost by production, creative agency fees, and media buying across television, online and social media channels.

PQ76377/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1311. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline Governments plans to combat the growing misuse of nitrous oxide in Ireland.

PQ76283/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1312. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown of the total public expenditure incurred by organisations (details supplied) in the development, production, promotion and dissemination of its recent public awareness campaign; the process by which the campaign was approved; whether any consultation was undertaken with organisations representing older people, grandparents or age-related advocacy groups prior to its publication; if he is satisfied that the campaign did not risk unfairly stereotyping or stigmatising grandparents and older persons; and if taxpayers money spent on the campaign will be repaid.

PQ76395/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

1313. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to review the visa appeal of a person (details supplied) who seeks to study in Ireland from Gaza.

PQ76408/26 | THOMAS GOULD

1314. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase

orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76258/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1315. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether consideration is being given to establishing a dedicated specialist advocacy service for victims of sexual violence, independent of An Garda Síochána and the prosecution authorities, to support survivors throughout the criminal justice process; and if he will outline any proposals under active consideration.

PQ76471/26 | MATT CARTHY

1316. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the progress that has been made on commitments in the Third National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence to provide survivors with access to support and advocacy services and whether a national advocacy model is under consideration.

PQ76470/26 | MATT CARTHY

1317. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the funding allocated in each of the past five years for advocacy, Garda accompaniment and court accompaniment services for survivors of sexual violence; the current geographical coverage of such services; and whether additional resources are planned to ensure nationwide access, in tabular form.

PQ76468/26 | MATT CARTHY

1318. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the planning that has been undertaken by Cuan in relation to the establishment or expansion of specialist advocacy support services for victims of sexual violence; whether these plans include Garda and court accompaniment services; and the timeline for implementation.

PQ76467/26 | MATT CARTHY

1319. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures currently in place to ensure compliance with the specialist support service requirements contained in Directive (EU) 2024/1385 on combating violence against women; what further measures are planned before the June 2027 transposition deadline; and the outstanding gaps that remain to be addressed.

PQ76465/26 | MATT CARTHY

1320. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 966 on 16 September 2026, if he has received the relevant information from Garda Authorities to answer this PQ.

PQ76512/26 | JOE COONEY

1321. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced, in tabular form.

PQ76245/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1322. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of the processing of visa applications from Palestinians based in Gaza, whether there has been any change in the administration or organisation of the visa decision process in respect of Gazan applicants, in the last year or in the previous year; and if any functions that were previously carried out in the Irish embassy in Tel Aviv are now carried out in Dublin, notwithstanding that final decision has always lain with departmental officials in Dublin.

PQ76578/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

1323. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are plans to introduce an independent enforcement mechanism for child maintenance payments; given the onus remains on the receiving parent to seek enforcement through the courts in circumstances of non-payment.

PQ76627/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1324. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of naturalisation applications in which the applicant has been asked for further information or documents, in each of the last three years; whether an application retains its place in the queue once that information is submitted; the average time taken to resume processing and reach a decision after the information is received; and the steps he is taking to ensure all required documents are requested at the earliest stage so that applicants are not delayed.

PQ76626/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1325. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which the changes that are due to come into effect in March 2027 affect a person (details supplied).

PQ76638/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1326. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to report on the status of the visa application of a person from Gaza who is seeking to study in the State (details supplied).

PQ76587/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1327. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the current bail system needs to be reformed.

PQ76675/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1328. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department and consular services will liaise with the relevant authorities to ease the passage of a family (details supplied), with the sponsorship group in place.

PQ76038/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1329. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of join family visas that are currently on file awaiting processing or decision; and if he will further confirm the timeframe of applications received which are currently being processed by his Department.

PQ76551/26 | ROBERT TROY

1330. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of join family visa applications that have been fuly processed within the past two year period.

PQ76550/26 | ROBERT TROY

1331. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will urgently investigate a long stay visa application for persons (details supplied); to provide clarification of the current status of both applications and the specific reasons for the delays; to confirm if any outstanding documentation, administrative checks or other requirements remain.

PQ76548/26 | ROBERT TROY

1332. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the powers available to An Garda Síochána, if any, to intervene where nitrous oxide canisters are suspected of being supplied or used for alternative means beyond their intended use.

PQ76756/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1333. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are further controls being considered on the sale or supply of nitrous oxide for recreational use.

PQ76754/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1334. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department and Cuan has given approval to the memorandum of understanding between organisations (details supplied); and when the development will be transferred to a single approval process as stated in his letter to this Deputy on the 23 July 2026.

PQ76748/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

1335. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the enforcement that can be taken where large nitrous oxide canisters are marketed for recreational use or alternative means beyond their intended use.

PQ76758/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1336. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify when sections 143, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 151, 157 and 159 of the Gambling Regulation Bill will commence which include marketing, advertising and sponsorship, taking into account the huge rise in gambling addiction, especially due to the marketing of 24 hour Online slot machines.

PQ76769/26 | COLM BURKE

1337. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has assessed whether the payment basis of IPAS accommodation contracts, including payment per person per night or payment for contracted rather than occupied beds, gives providers a financial incentive to maintain or increase the number of persons accommodated; the payment basis used in current contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76781/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1338. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of State-owned IPAS accommodation centres and beds delivered to date under the Comprehensive Accommodation Strategy agreed by Government on 27 March 2024; the number of centres and beds planned, with the expected delivery date for each; whether the target of 14,000 State-owned beds by 2028 remains in place; the number of residents currently in State-owned accommodation as a proportion of all IPAS residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76780/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1339. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IPAS accommodation contracts audited or reviewed for value for money by or on behalf of his Department since 1 January 2019; the findings of those audits or reviews; the amounts recovered from providers as a result; whether the reports will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76779/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1340. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure on IPAS accommodation in each of the years from 2019 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the amount of that expenditure paid to private and commercial accommodation providers in each of those years; the amount spent on State-owned accommodation in each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76778/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1341. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the date on which the decision was first taken to procure IPAS accommodation without a competitive tendering process; the office holder or official who authorised that approach; whether it was approved by the Minister then responsible or by Government, and the date of any such approval; the legal basis relied upon under the European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Regulations 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76777/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1342. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has a timetable for putting IPAS accommodation contracts that were awarded without a competitive tendering process out to competitive tender; if so, the dates and stages of that timetable; the number of contracts at each stage; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76776/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1343. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure on IPAS accommodation in 2025 and to date in 2026; the amount and percentage of that expenditure paid to providers whose contracts were awarded without a competitive tendering process, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76775/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1344. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IPAS accommodation centres currently operating under contracts awarded without a competitive tendering process, including contracts awarded under the negotiated procedure without prior publication; the number operating under contracts awarded following a competitive process; the number of residents accommodated under each category; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76772/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1345. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will sanction the continued use of a property (details supplied) for temporary accommodation.

PQ76809/26 | ROBERT TROY

1346. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who were the subject of a deportation order and who were residing in International Protection Accommodation Service accommodation at the end of each quarter of 2025 and to date in 2026; the average time such persons remained in that accommodation after the order was signed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76957/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1347. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the policy of his Department where a person who is the subject of a deportation order is charged with a serious criminal offence, including whether enforcement of the order is suspended pending trial; the number of persons in that position at the latest date for which figures are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76956/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1348. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who were the subject of a deportation order that had not been enforced and who were charged with a criminal offence in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; the breakdown of those charges by category of offence, including sexual offences and offences against children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76955/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1349. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update in relation to a single Garda vetting card; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76962/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

1350. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to the International Protection Summary Reports published on his Department's website (details supplied), noting that the most recent report available relates to May 2026, the reason no subsequent monthly reports have been published; the expected publication dates for the outstanding reports for June, July, August and September 2026; if his Department intends to continue publishing these reports on a monthly basis; and, if so, the expected timeframe between the end of each reporting month and publication.

PQ76975/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1351. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; if not, the way his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract

PQ76993/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1352. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77013/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1353. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fines issued at a static speed camera (details supplied) from 1 to 30 September 2026 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77078/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

1354. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount has been paid out in criminal legal aid certificates under the new flat fee system; and to provide a district office (or county by county) breakdown of the amounts paid out in new criminal legal aid certificates.

PQ76837/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

1355. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas applied for by Palestinian nationals in Gaza in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ77141/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1356. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas applied for by Palestinian nationals in the occupied Palestinian territories in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ77139/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1357. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas granted to Palestinian nationals in Gaza at first instance in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ77138/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1358. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas granted to Palestinian nationals in the occupied Palestinian territories at first instance in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ77137/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1359. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the process for forwarding a visa application to the relevant department, embassy or consulate, varies based on the nationality of the applicant; and if so to outline the way in which the process may vary.

PQ77135/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1360. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visa appeals were filed in respect of Palestinian nationals in the occupied Palestinian territories in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ77134/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1361. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas granted on appeal, in each year 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 in respect of Palestinian students who are applying from the occupied Palestinian territories.

PQ77133/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1362. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visa appeals for all nationalities that were successful in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ77132/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1363. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration of the 140 applications from Palestinian nationals seeking student visas up to August 2026, the number of those students applying from within the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

PQ77131/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1364. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration of the 115 student visa refusals of Palestinian nationals in 2026, to provide a breakdown of the number of Government sponsored students and recipients of university scholarships, of privately sponsored and/or self-funded students.

PQ77130/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1365. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to explain the decision-making process for expedited processing of visas in time-sensitive instances, as stated on his Departments website (details supplied); and to explain the policy determining if the applicant qualifies for expedited processing in this regard.

PQ77128/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1366. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visas per year, for the last five years, his Department expedited owing to time-sensitive issues.

PQ77126/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1367. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeline for determining a visa application, once the applicant has met the threshold for expediting an application owing to time-sensitive situation.

PQ77125/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1368. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the information that is noted at the initial processing of a visa application, before it is forwarded to the correct processing subdepartment.

PQ77123/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1369. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of complaints received in relation to the Customer Service Portal within the Immigration Service Delivery from the launch of the digital contact centre to date, broken down by month.

PQ77122/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1370. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his Department’s plans to reform the customer service portal in light of the fact that response times for priority requests for ‘time-sensitive issues’ is seven weeks.

PQ77120/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1371. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of sponsoring agencies which have made referrals to the youth diversion programme; and the number of referrals made by each foreach of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ76883/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1372. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of referrals made to the youth diversion programme by an Garda Síochána, by district for the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 and which are rejected.

PQ76882/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1373. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of referrals made to the youth diversion programme by an Garda Síochána, by district for the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 and which are accepted.

PQ76881/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1374. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of referrals made to the youth diversion programme by an Garda Síochána, by district for the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ76880/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1375. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai within Waterford-Kilkenny division that have successful completed the HGV course in 2025 and to date in 2026; and the number of courses that were held for Gardaí within this Division during this period, and the duration, in tabular form.

PQ77183/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

1376. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage of funding on each youth diversion programmes which is on staff; and the total cost of each youth diversion programme.

PQ76891/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1377. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of youth diversion programmes where the Garda Superintendent (Community Policing) attends the management meeting.

PQ76890/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1378. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of late night leagues being offered in each youth diversion programme; and the details of each.

PQ76889/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1379. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of parenting programmes being offered in each youth diversion programme; and the details of each.

PQ76888/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1380. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the additional staffing, funding and capacity his Department will provide to Office of State Pathologist as a result of Budget 2027.

PQ77218/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

1381. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of inspectors dealing with drug related intimidation in every Garda division and every community policing area.

PQ76887/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1382. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the opening times of every youth diversion project around the country.

PQ76886/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1383. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on work conducted within his Department on the proposed removal of daylight savings time, as voted upon by the European Parliament in 2021; and to detail any discussions held on a European level or with the Northern Ireland Executive on the matter.

PQ77258/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1384. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has plans for a review of privacy or data protection legislation related to the use of smart glasses in public spaces, specifically in relation to capturing photos and filming videos without consent.

PQ77205/26 | BARRY WARD

1385. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he plans to review the legal position related to the use of smart glasses in public spaces.

PQ77202/26 | BARRY WARD

1386. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding work ongoing within his Department to address concerns related to the use of smart glasses in public spaces at a legislative level.

PQ77201/26 | BARRY WARD

1387. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of garda by rank attached to Galway divisional roads policing unit as of October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ77199/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1388. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a request (details supplied) made by a person through a query in the online portal will be facilitated given the request was submitted six months ago and they have not yet received a response.

PQ77165/26 | COLM BURKE

1389. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will review the decision to deport a family (details supplied) who have established employment and community connections in Ireland, and who face significant danger if returned to their home country.

PQ77318/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

1390. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of employees in his Department responsible for processing and reviewing requests for priority in relation to visa application and appeals, in each of the years from 2021 to 2026.

PQ77117/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1391. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the general process for investigating complaints in regards to the impartiality of members of IPAT; whether his office has received complaints in relation to the impartiality of members of the IPAT; if so, the number of complaints received; and the current status of the investigation into said complaints.

PQ77330/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1392. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of the appeal routes and safeguards which international protection applicants can avail of in instances where the impartiality of an assigned decision maker in the IPAT is brought under reasonable question.

PQ77329/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1393. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide clarification on the way in which complaints alleging bias in decisions made by members of IPAT are investigated and addressed.

PQ77328/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1394. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide detail on the membership of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal; their qualifications for membership of the tribunal; and the process for the appointment, oversight, and accountability of IPAT members.

PQ77327/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1395. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average period of residence in the State prior to deportation for persons removed on charter flight operations (details supplied).

PQ77337/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1396. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average number of student visas that were expedited by his Department owing to time-sensitive issues in each of the past five years.

PQ77115/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1397. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of each charter deportation flight operated on dates (details supplied), the number of deportees who had resided in the State for less than two years, two to five years, five to ten years and more than ten years, prior to their removal.

PQ77339/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1398. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, in relation to an application for renewal of immigration permission under stamp 3 submitted by a person (details supplied), consideration will be given to expediting the processing of the application in view of the circumstances outlined in correspondence furnished.

PQ77376/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

1399. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration If, in relation to a visa application (details supplied), he will arrange for the application to be processed as a matter of urgency in view of the educational circumstances outlined.

PQ77375/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

1400. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he can provide an update on the cost of maintaining the Wicklow Courthouse.

PQ77374/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

1401. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason an application by a person (details supplied) was closed despite them having supplied all the required documents and additional documents that were requested.

PQ77623/26 | DESSIE ELLIS

1402. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he can provide an update on the waiting times in the District Probate Registries which were given in a PQ in September 2025.

PQ77668/26 | JOHN LAHART

1403. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason for the delay in transfer from his Department of responsibility of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 and amendments to same; when the transfer will be complete; the number of staff assigned to the transfer; if there have been substantive meetings between his officials and their counterparts in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; and if so, the number of meetings that took place and the issues discussed.

PQ77637/26 | IVANA BACIK

1404. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an update will be provided on the Irish Immigration Service Online IRP renewal website (details supplied) which has been unavailable for some days.

PQ77659/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

1405. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the introduction of a Garda vetting card, similar to that of a passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77653/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

1406. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences of drink driving detected in the DMR region each month from January 2025 to October 2026.

PQ77742/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1407. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences of breaking a red light detected in the DMR region each month from January 2025 to October 2026.

PQ77741/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1408. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of instances of driving in a bus lane detected in the DMR region each month from January 2025 to October 2026.

PQ77739/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1409. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm that an IRP Card has been dispatched to a persons address (details supplied) in view that the application was approved eight weeks ago and the card has still not been received.

PQ77551/26 | COLM BURKE

1410. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has considered the need for a look-back review mechanism in circumstances where a member of the judiciary is subsequently convicted of offences against children or vulnerable persons; and if he will outline any procedures currently in place.

PQ77549/26 | MATT CARTHY

1411. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences of driving without insurance detected in the DMR region each month from January 2025 to October 2026.

PQ77748/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1412. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences of using a vehicle without a valid NCT certificate detected in the DMR region each month from January 2025 to October 2026.

PQ77746/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1413. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any formal "look-back" procedures exist to identify potential lessons, failures or missed opportunities for intervention in cases of historical child sexual abuse that do not ultimately proceed to trial; and whether he intends to introduce any such mechanism.

PQ77567/26 | MATT CARTHY

1414. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration If he has been made aware of the Irish Immigration Service online IRP renewal portal having technical difficulties; when these difficulties will be fixed; and the interim measures for people who have been unable to renew their permissions due to these difficulties

PQ77558/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1415. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has considered the impact of language tests for naturalisation on the deaf community in the North who primarily use British Sign Language (BSL); and if he has consulted with deaf community organisations in the North regarding the language tests.

PQ77860/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1416. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to consider improving oversight mechanisms for members of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal to ensure that members public statements in regards to the applicants communities are taken into consideration, when reviewing the impartiality of the members of the committee.

PQ77811/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1417. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of complaints alleging actual or apparent bias of members of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal brought forward by applicants which are investigated and addressed.

PQ77808/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1418. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences of parking a vehicle in a dangerous position detected in the DMR region each month from January 2025 to October 2026.

PQ77745/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1419. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences of holding a mobile phone while driving detected in the DMR region each month from January 2025 to October 2026.

PQ77744/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1420. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences of speeding detected in the DMR region each month from January 2025 to October 2026.

PQ77743/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1421. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to state the current oversight mechanism used to scrutinise the impartiality of members of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal.

PQ77806/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1422. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visas granted, and immigration permissions issued in each of the past five years, by nationality immigration route and purpose, including employment study, family reunification and international protection; and whether these figures are published in a consolidated format.

PQ77941/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1423. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any accommodation used by the International Protection Accommodation Service has been found to lack required fire-safety certification or other mandatory fire-safety compliance since 2020; the number of premises involved; whether payments continued after deficiencies became known; the inspections and corrective actions that followed; and whether any referrals for investigation or prosecution were made.

PQ77939/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1424. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application for a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that the application was submitted five months ago.

PQ77938/26 | COLM BURKE

1425. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the annual expenditure on international protection, refugee resettlement and associated accommodation and support services in each year since 2020, broken down by programme and expenditure category; whether any cost-benefit or long-term fiscal assessment has been conducted; and whether any such assessment will be published.

PQ77949/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1426. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the identity-verification and family-relationship checks applied in international protection, resettlement and family-reunification cases, including the documents and other evidence accepted; the way in which suspected inconsistencies or suspected fraud are investigated; and the procedures that apply where family relationships cannot be reliably established.

PQ77947/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1427. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures that apply where an international protection, resettlement or family-reunification application raises concerns about a child's welfare, including suspected abuse, exploitation or uncertainty about parentage; which agencies are consulted; the way in which referrals to Tusla are managed; and the way in which the child's best interests are considered in decisions.

PQ77946/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1428. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to consider introducing legislation to require delivery apps to implement stronger responsible alcohol sales measures including refusing to deliver alcohol to visibility intoxicated people.

PQ77665/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1429. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to consider introducing legislation to limit the amount of alcohol able to be delivered to a single address through a delivery app.

PQ77657/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1430. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration of the 115 student visa refusals of Palestinian nationals in 2026, if his Department provides a breakdown of the number that were Government sponsored; recipients of university scholarships; privately sponsored and or self-funded.

PQ78320/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1431. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration of the 140 applications seeking student visas from Palestinian nationals in 2026 to August, the number of those students that were present in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

PQ78316/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1432. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas granted on appeal in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in respect of Palestinian students who are present in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

PQ78286/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1433. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas were granted to Palestinian nationals in Gaza at first instance in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ78282/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1434. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visa appeals were filed in respect of Palestinian nationals in the Occupied Palestinian Territories in each of the past the five-years to date in 2026.

PQ78283/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1435. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas were granted to Palestinian nationals in the occupied Palestinian territories at first instance in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ78281/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1436. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas that were applied for by Palestinian nationals in Gaza in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ78267/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1437. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visas were applied for by Palestinian nationals in the occupied Palestinian territories in each year over the five-year period leading up to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ78264/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1438. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration on his Departments website provision is made for expedited processing of visas in 'time-sensitive instances such as where a family member has been hospitalised, in a life-threatening situation or in the unfortunate event of a bereavement', to provide details of the way in which this decision is made; and the persons who determines whether the applicant qualifies for same.

PQ78326/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1439. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visas on average, for each of the past five years, his Department expedited owing to time-sensitive issues.

PQ78328/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1440. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the other information available when the visa type is available, and the application is forwarded to respective work, study, family units; and if it is flagged at this juncture whether the request has been made for prioritisation on a time-sensitive basis.

PQ78322/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1441. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of complaints that have been received in relation to the customer portal on the immigration service delivery; if his Department are aware that service-users of the portal report many barriers and difficulties; and if he has reviewed the functionality and accessibility of same.

PQ78338/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1442. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on whether the portal is fit for purpose when it is designed to respond to requests for priority for 'time-sensitive issues' including bereavement and life-threatening situations and the current processing time is seven weeks.

PQ78341/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1443. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average number of student visas per year, for the last five years; and whether his Department expedites owing to time-sensitive issues.

PQ78329/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1444. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 78329/26, if it is determined that a visa applicant has met the threshold for expediting an application owing to time-sensitive situation, the length of time typically, does the determination of said visa application take in that scenario.

PQ78331/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1445. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the leading basis for visa applications and appeals that succeed in meeting the time-sensitivity threshold to be processed on an expedited basis.

PQ78332/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1446. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of his Department that are responsible for processing and reviewing requests for priority in relation to visa application and appeals.

PQ78339/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1447. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of his Department that are responsible for processing and reviewing requests for priority in relation to visa application and appeals in each of the years 2024 and 2025.

PQ78340/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

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

1448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. PQ2607/26, the number of the estimated 81 full-time jobs listed for Dundalk Stadium relate exclusively to greyhound racing, given that this venue also hosts horse racing (details supplied); and he will provide a breakdown of the employment roles covered.

PQ75446/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to urgently provide clarity on when a seed fishery will open (details supplied).

PQ75541/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether a formal protocol exists between his Department, An Garda Síochána and the National Parks and Wildlife Service for investigating suspected animal cruelty involving dogs and wildlife; whether joint investigations or coordinated enforcement operations have taken place in rural areas affected by repeated suspected illegal hunting; and whether he will consider additional joint enforcement measures.

PQ75614/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of investigations, enforcement actions and prosecutions relating to suspected cruelty involving dogs used in illegal hunting activities in each of the years 2021 to 2025, and to date in 2026; whether these figures are recorded separately from other animal-welfare cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75613/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has examined reports of livestock being put at risk by deliberate damage to farm fencing or electric-fencing systems, particularly for those suspected of being involved in illegal hunting and trespassing on agricultural land in pursuit of same; the animal-welfare provisions that may apply where such interference causes or threatens injury to livestock; and whether he will engage with An Garda Síochána on a coordinated response.

PQ75612/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has received reports of animal cruelty involving dogs being used to catch and kill hares during suspected illegal nighttime hunting or lamping activities; the procedures in place for investigating such reports; and whether he is satisfied that the existing animal-welfare framework provides adequate protection in these circumstances.

PQ75609/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department accepts and investigates online video footage as evidence in suspected animal-cruelty cases; whether a formal process exists for referring such material to An Garda Síochána and the National Parks and Wildlife Service where appropriate; and whether further cooperation with social media platforms is being considered.

PQ75611/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he has assessed the animal-welfare implications of dogs being used to pursue and kill live wild animals during suspected illegal hunting activities; which provisions of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 may apply where cruelty is suspected; and whether additional guidance or enforcement measures are required.

PQ75610/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department did not submit an action plan in relation to the assessment of balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities; and the reason his Department does not consider any of the Irish fishing fleet segments to have a structural imbalance.

PQ75773/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to strengthen transparency laws on the beneficial ownership of fishing vessels at EU level to ensure that quota remains a public resource in practice as well as policy.

PQ75763/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Government's strategy for ensuring that Ireland's long standing right to invoke the Hague Preferences at the EU Fisheries Council, is not blocked by a minority of Member States again in 2026; and the discussions that have taken place with his European counterparts about this breach of faith since December 2025.

PQ75761/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, given that lobsters are sentient creatures capable of suffering, he will ban the practice of boiling lobsters alive which causes excruciating pain.

PQ75807/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps taken by Ireland to obtain a blue fin tuna quota (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75810/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

1461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75949/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department or public bodies under the aegis of his Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if he will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75984/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) given the tourism impact of such developments in tourist and scenic areas.

PQ75475/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the number of calls made by members of the public to his Department's animal welfare helpline; and the number of emails from members of the public reporting suspected cases of animal abuse or mistreatment to his Departments animalwelfare@agriculture.gov.ie address from 2025 to date in 2026.

PQ76039/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body that independently checks the accuracy of milk-test results used to calculate farmer payments, given that the milk purchaser controls the sampling arrangements, chooses the laboratory and applies any resulting deduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76044/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria by which it will be determined whether a body is a co-operative for the purposes of the exemption in Article 148(5)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2026/1739; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76058/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether section 32 of the Dairy Produce Act 1924 remains in force; if so, whether he will use the power under that section to make regulations on how milk is sampled, retained, tested and recorded for the purpose of calculating the price paid to suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76057/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Milk and Cream (Calculation of Price) Order 1928 (S.R. & O. No. 23 of 1928) has not been revoked; the way in which this is reconciled with his reply to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 2515 to 2519 of 28 July 2026 on his Department's statutory function in milk testing; whether any of the Order's requirements are considered no longer applicable; if so, on what legal basis; and the arrangements that have replaced them.

PQ76056/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether Ireland intends to exercise the options under revised Article 148 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 concerning price indicators, indices or calculation methods and farmer-triggered revision clauses; whether farmer representatives will be consulted before that decision is made; whether the decision and supporting evidence will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76050/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will verify that a co-operative satisfies the conditions for the derogation in Article 148(5)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013, as revised by Regulation (EU) 2026/1739, before that derogation is relied upon from 19 August 2028; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76049/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine given that his Department has confirmed that it cannot compel a milk purchaser to undertake an independent retest, the steps a farmer can take to obtain the underlying test records and independently verify the individual results used to calculate their payment or impose a deduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76048/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to set out the statutory and policy basis for treating milk-payment testing solely as a private commercial matter between supplier and purchaser, given that the Metrology Act 1996 provides statutory verification for other commercial measurements, including petrol pumps and weighing instruments, where a measurement controlled by one party determines the payment made to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76047/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the Milk and Cream (Calculation of Price) Order 1928 (S.R. & O. No. 23 of 1928), made under section 32 of the Dairy Produce Act 1924, remains in force; if not, the instrument by which and the date on which it was revoked; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76055/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason no equivalent independent oversight applies where the same bulk-tank milk sample and test result are used to impose a financial deduction on a farmer, even though the milk remains acceptable for collection and processing under the applicable food-safety requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76046/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76135/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the web link to his Department's Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76101/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will re-visit the fuel rebate scheme and allow for applications which were below the €100 threshold for the first application tranche, but would qualify now with the additional months secured; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76357/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

1478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider lifting the 100 tonne cap limit in relation to the fertiliser scheme to enable farmers who are above this usage to benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76356/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

1479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the number of hectares of forestry approved for reforestation (replanting) since the publication of the Hen Harrier Threat Response Plan 2024-2028 on 10 September 2024, within the Slieve Bloom mountains SPA, the Slieve Aughty mountains SPA, the Mullaghanish to Musheramore SPA, the Slieve Beagh SPA, the Slievefelim to Silvermines mountains SPA, and the Stack's to Mullaghereirk mountains, West Limerick hills and Mount Eagle SPA.

PQ76298/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of bovines that currently have no movements; the number of bovines with one to three movements; the number of bovines with four to seven movements; the number of bovines with eight to 13 movements; the number of bovines with 14-20 movements; and the number of bovines with more than 20 movements.

PQ76277/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to set out the anticipated impact on farm payments of any proposed changes to the Common Agricultural Policy under the next EU Multi Annual Funding Framework.

PQ76411/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76259/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced, in tabular form.

PQ76246/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry appeals received in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of appeals determined during that period; the number of decisions that were favourable and unfavourable to applicants; the current number of appeals awaiting determination; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76241/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

1485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to make anaesthesia and analgesia mandatory for disbudding and castration of bovines; and if he is required to do so under EU law.

PQ76663/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of bovines that currently have no movements; the number of bovines with one to three movements; the number of bovines with four to seven movements; the number of bovines with eight to 13 movements; the number of bovines with 14-20 movements; and the number of bovines with more than 20 movements.

PQ76557/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is considering the inclusion of hydraulic roll-over cattle crates as a new eligible investment under the TAMS farm safety capital investment scheme.

PQ76684/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

1488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking, in cooperation with the Minister Culture, Communications and Sport, to ensure that an organisation's (details supplied) affiliated organisations have meaningful opportunities to contribute to proposals for its future governance and operation.

PQ76755/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to reject the proposed cut to the Common Agriculture Policy budget as this is estimated to be a reduction for Laois farmers of €67.3 million over the next six year period.

PQ76943/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

1490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to ensure that every effort is made during the Irish Presidency of the EU not to allow the proposed cut to the CAP budget and that a better deal is got for Irish agriculture.

PQ76942/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

1491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ76994/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77014/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the number of applications for a felling licence for thinning purposes, clearfelling and replanting of forestry and number of hectares applied for, if the application is made by a farmer or company/corporation for the years 2020 to date.

PQ77088/26 | MARTIN KENNY

1494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline his plans to minimise the export of seaweed from Ireland and maximise the job creation potential at Irish based production plants, in a sustainable and environmentally friendly approach.

PQ77086/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has assessed the animal welfare benefits of modern harness and low-draught agricultural equipment for working animals; the way in which these benefits are considered when determining eligible investments under TAMS; and whether he will review the provision of support for such equipment in light of relevant Irish and EU animal welfare obligations.

PQ76863/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether proposals to support working animal harness and agricultural equipment and to remove the upper age limit under the women farmer capital investment scheme will be examined as part of the call for evidence on on-farm capital investments; the timeframe for publishing the findings and responding to submissions; and the way in which these findings will inform investment supports after 2027.

PQ76866/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the objective justification and legal basis for the upper age limit of 67 under the women farmer capital investment scheme; whether this limit is required by EU legislation or is a national policy choice; and whether an equality assessment has examined its compatibility with Irish equality legislation and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, including its impact on women entering farming later in life.

PQ76865/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he will remove the requirement that applicants to the women farmer capital investment scheme be under 67 years of age, particularly in recognition of women who take over farms later in life through inheritance, succession or bereavement and continue actively farming.

PQ76864/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline in detail the action being taken to help prevent accidents involving deer on a daily/nightly basis on roads across County Kerry before someone is killed or seriously injured.

PQ76893/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an ownership/responsibility issue can be examined in regard to Kilkeaveragh Pier, Portmagee, County Kerry, given Trinity College records seem to be at odds with those of his Department; and if he will request his Department to liaise with the college.

PQ77287/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to ensure transparency and accountability in Horse Sport Ireland following its entry into examinership, and to ensure continued funding and support for affiliated organisations, particularly an organisation (details supplied) and riders with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77162/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds injured in racing, trials and sales events to-date in 2026, by type of injury; the date and location where they occurred; the number killed outright or euthanised by track vets; the number and causes of additional racing fatalities; and the results of any related post-mortems.

PQ77331/26 | PAUL MURPHY

1503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific contractual responsibilities do the deer units have under the TB Action Plan for culling, sampling and testing deer in Wicklow; and if these fall outside their remit, who is responsible.

PQ77373/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

1504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a deer-culling incentive is planned or approved; when will it start; and which departmental budget will fund it.

PQ77372/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

1505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the contractual requirements of the deer management units, by when and what has actually been delivered, particularly regarding cold rooms, the number of deer tagged and logged on the app and reports on progress and so on.

PQ77371/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

1506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason it is not mandatory that all deer are tagged when shot; and the reason it is not mandatory that all deer are not being sampled and tested for TB.

PQ77370/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

1507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason we not found a way to vaccinate against bovine TB in cattle.

PQ77369/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

1508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps Coillte is taking to solve the deer problem in Ireland.

PQ77368/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

1509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a payment will be made to a company (details supplied) under the fuel income support scheme.

PQ77617/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific regulatory requirements, governance measures, safety standards or welfare criteria that an association (details supplied) must satisfy in order for Horse Racing Ireland to formally engage with or provide support to it; and if he will provide a breakdown of any such requirements that Horse Racing Ireland considers have not yet been met by the association.

PQ77621/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the assessments that have been carried out on the potential long-term implications of climate change on land use in Ireland.

PQ77855/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's approach to the use of gene-editing in order to reduce crop disease.

PQ77854/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the national tillage strategy.

PQ77853/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline moves towards automation and the potential role of agricultural robots in future farming and food production.

PQ77863/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1515. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department is supporting the rollout of digital agriculture systems to farmers to enable them to improve efficiency, productivity and sustainability.

PQ77858/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the way in which artificial intelligence is and will transform the farm sector; and the action his Department is making to support farmers in that transition.

PQ77861/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures Ireland has in place to prevent the arrival of migratory pests and to highlight their impact on agriculture.

PQ77859/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will establish a central animal cruelty register, to track persons with animal cruelty convictions and/or who are banned from keeping or owning animals, in order to prevent breaches of such bans and to prevent anyone with a cruelty conviction from working with animals.

PQ77591/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1519. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is undertaking to implement the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2026/1818 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2026 on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability.

PQ77929/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1520. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the principle changes that will need to be make to Irish law to implement the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2026/1818 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2026 on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability.

PQ77928/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

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

1521. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has assessed the impact of increased wage costs arising from Employment Regulation Orders on ECCE-only preschool providers; whether increases in core funding have been sufficient to cover these additional staffing costs; whether particular consideration has been given to providers operating for three hours per day during the ECCE programme year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75355/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1522. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the emergency financial supports are currently available to ECCE-only providers experiencing serious financial difficulties; whether such supports are available to services participating in core funding; the number of providers who have received sustainability assistance in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75353/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1523. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has conducted an assessment of the financial sustainability of small, rural ECCE-only preschool services, particularly those experiencing declining enrolments; whether consideration has been given to introducing a minimum guaranteed funding allocation or additional rural sustainability supports to assist providers with fixed operating costs regardless of enrolment levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75352/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1524. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she intends to review the current ECCE capitation rate of €69 per child per week, which has remained unchanged since 2018, in light of increased staffing costs, inflation, insurance, rent and other operational expenses; whether her Department has assessed the adequacy of this funding for ECCE-only providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75350/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1525. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the financial reporting and accounting requirements imposed on early learning and childcare providers participating in core funding; the reason providers are required to submit additional financial returns where annual accounts are already prepared; whether her Department has assessed the financial burden these requirements place on smaller ECCE-only services; whether consideration will be given to simplifying the reporting requirements for such providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75348/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1526. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the HSE or HSE funded disability residential service providers have been directed or encouraged to make applications for social housing support on behalf of residents; if so, the policy basis for this; the number of residents in respect of whom such applications were made in 2025 and to date in 2026, by HSE region; and whether residents and their families are informed of the implications for their existing residential placement.

PQ75362/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1527. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a child (details supplied) in south Tipperary will be approved for residential care given they have been categorised as priority 1 for residential care since 2022 and their parent and care giver has now been diagnosed with cancer and undergoing chemotherapy.

PQ75526/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

1528. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of additional HSE, section 38 or 39 disability residential beds opened in each of the years 2020 to 2026 inclusive, that were provided by the State, and not including private provision.

PQ75529/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1529. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of the 1,000 disability residential beds (details supplied) that were used for closing down beds due to the decongregation policy, moving adults back out of for-profit residences into state run settings and moving adults out of inappropriate nursing home placements.

PQ75528/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1530. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality of the additional disability residential placements opened since 2020 and provided by the State only, the number that are specifically for intellectual disability; and the number that have been provided for those under 18 years, those between 18-30 years and those over 30 years.

PQ75530/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1531. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an overview of the discretionary financial supports or emergency allowances available through Tusla for a relative who assumes full-time care of multiple dependent children with complex special needs following a sudden parental bereavement; if the acceptance of voluntary community fundraising affects Tusla's assessment for financial assistance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75415/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1532. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the Government commitment to reduce childcare fees to €200 per month; and if this plan is to include band F childcare centres at the same price point.

PQ75544/26 | BARRY WARD

1533. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the draft Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill currently being prepared incorporates the recommendations of the Joint Committee's Pre-Legislative Scrutiny Report to strengthen statutory reasonable accommodation obligations on employers; and the specific measures being introduced to shift the legal onus onto employers to provide necessary workplace supports.

PQ75624/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1534. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the target publication date for the Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill; the specific legislative measures included to ensure the transposition of the EU Pay Transparency Directive that applies to disabled workers; and if these provisions will incorporate the Joint Committee's Pre-Legislative Scrutiny recommendations to explicitly prohibit sub-minimum wage practices and differential pay rates for disabled people.

PQ75623/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1535. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently in care who do not have an allocated social worker, by county; and the length of time that the children have been waiting on a social worker.

PQ75573/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1536. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the roles within a children's disability network team that exisit to assist families to complete the national ability supports system annually; and the number of such roles that exist within each CDNT.

PQ75670/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1537. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the process by which it is ensured that data for all relevant people is recorded through the National Ability Supports System (NASS) each year; the way the Health Research Board (HRB) ensures that data is collected annually; and the way the HRB measures the data that may be missing.

PQ75667/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1538. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of Tusla staff that were employed at Crannóg Nua prior to May 2026; and the grades of those staff, in tabular form.

PQ75588/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1539. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 71087/26, which stated both that children placed abroad have court appointed Guardians ad Litem and that the courts are not typically involved in out of State foster care placements, the number of children currently in out of State placements who do not have a Guardian ad Litem; the person or body responsible for representing the views and wishes of those children in decisions about their placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75751/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1540. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality given that Article 21 of the Child Car Regulations 1995 requires a register be kept of every child placed in residential care and requires each child's case record to contain a copy of any court order or parental consent relating to the child's admission to care, whether Tusla maintain such a register in respect of children placed in residential care outside the State; the number of children in out of State placements at the latest available date, by placement type and legal basis with figures below five suppressed if necessary to protect privacy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75749/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1541. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any child has been placed outside the State since 2023 in an institution in which the majority of children are being treated for acute illnesses, or in an institution for children with physical or intellectual disabilities, either of which is excluded from the definition of a residential centre in Article 3 of the Regulations (details supplied); if so, the number of such placements and the regulations that govern them; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75753/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1542. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has considered the implications of the Core Funding fee management conditions where a long-standing childcare provider retires and a new provider takes over an established service; whether the current rules allow an exemption where a modest fee increase is required to ensure the continued viability of the service; and if she will review the operation of these rules to ensure that otherwise viable childcare services are not forced to close solely because of a change of provider.

PQ75731/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1543. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider an interim arrangement to allow a creche (details supplied) to remain open while the Department considers a request for an exemption from the Core Funding fee management conditions; and the options available to prevent a temporary closure and disruption to children and families.

PQ75729/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1544. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an urgent update on the request submitted by an organisation for an exemption from the fee management conditions of the Core Funding scheme for a crèche; when a decision will issue; and if she will ensure that

the request is assessed as a matter of urgency given the risk that the crèche will otherwise be required to close for six months, with significant consequences for children, families and staff.

PQ75728/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1545. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the length of time the current person has been in the role of Data Protection Officer in Tusla; and the number of staff that are employed in the Data Protection Unit.

PQ75706/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1546. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of personal data breaches which occurred in Tusla in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and the numbers of each case categorised as low, medium, high, or severe risk following assessment, in tabular form.

PQ75705/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1547. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of all recruitment efforts made by Tusla since January 2023 to fill staffing vacancies preventing the operation of its full complement of 26 special-care beds, by special-care unit; the dates on which each recruitment campaign commenced; the number and grades of posts advertised; the number of applications received, candidates interviewed and offers made; the number of successful appointments and staff who subsequently took up post; and the number of recruitment campaigns that failed to fill the advertised vacancies and the dates they were run, in tabular form.

PQ75777/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

1548. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in relation to the eleven out of twenty six special-care beds that remain closed due to staffing shortages, the breakdown by special-care unit of the number of beds currently closed, the number of additional staff required to re-open these beds, by grade and discipline, the number of vacant posts and the date on which each vacancy first arose, the reasons these posts remain unfilled; and the anticipated date on which the necessary staff will be in place and each of the 11 beds reopened, in tabular form.

PQ75774/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

1549. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether an exceptional extension of eligibility under the ECCE programme can be granted to a five-year-old child (details supplied) who commenced junior infants in September 2026; whether provision exists for children who have already commenced primary education to re-enter the ECCE programme in such circumstances; and the appeals or exceptional review mechanisms available to parents.

PQ75711/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1550. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when statutory neonatal care leave and pay is due to be introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75794/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

1551. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the next phase of the building blocks extension scheme will be open for applications.

PQ75813/26 | JOE NEVILLE

1552. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 71087/26, how relatives living outside the State are assessed and approved as carers; if that assessment is carried out by Tusla staff or by an agency in the host country; the vetting and police clearance checks required of each adult in the household; whether the Child Care (Placement of Children with Relatives) Regulations 1995, which contain no provision for placements outside the State, are applied to such placements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75916/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1553. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 71087/26, in respect of each establishment outside the State in which a child in the care of Tusla has been placed, if Tusla obtained the written fire safety confirmation required; the number of visits to and inspections of each establishment by a person authorised under Article 17; the number of occasions on which the manager of an establishment was requested to remedy non-compliance under Article 17(2); and if each establishment's records are open to inspection by Tusla as required by Article 16, in tabular form.

PQ75914/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1554. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the community childcare committees across Ireland have yet to receive a formal briefing from her Department regarding the childcare measures announced in Budget 2027; the reason for any delay; and the timeframe within which such briefings will take place.

PQ75825/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1555. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will support increasing the number of new residential places for people with disabilities from the proposed 212 to 500 under the HSE National Service Plan for 2027, in view of the urgent and growing demand for residential care.

PQ75941/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1556. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the additional funding planned for a facility (details supplied) under the HSE National Service Plan for 2027; and the additional services or supports that will be provided.

PQ75966/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1557. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the additional funding planned for a facility (details supplied) under the HSE National Service Plan for 2027; and the additional residential, respite or day services will be provided.

PQ75965/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1558. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has provided a briefing to each Community Childcare Committee on the changes to childcare funding and supports announced in Budget 2027.

PQ75823/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1559. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality following Budget 2027, if funding has been provided withing the HSE disability services budget to support the establishment of the post for an MS community worker in Sligo/Leitrim; and if she will make the recruitment of this position a priority given Sligo/Leitrim is the only region in the country without an MS community worker.

PQ75947/26 | MARTIN KENNY

1560. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality With respect to DEXA screening63200/26 and staffing in North Tipperary CDNT, for an update on the senior physiotherapist, senior psychologist and basic grade psychologist recruitment campaigns.

PQ75819/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1561. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of new residential places that have been provided since 2023 for adults with complex disabilities who receive services from a clinic (details supplied); and the number of additional residential and respite places planned for 2027 to meet their needs.

PQ75974/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1562. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 68135/26 and staffing in North Tipperary CDNT, for an update on the Basic Grade Social Worker post campaign, following interviews in early October.

PQ75817/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1563. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the additional funding that is planned for a service (details supplied), under the HSE National Service Plan for 2027; and the additional services or supports that will be provided.

PQ75968/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1564. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will advise the reason Tusla introduced a 'zero' level risk for data breaches, internally categorising some breaches as having zero risk; the type of breaches that come under this; if some examples can be included in the response; if all data breaches do not carry some level of risk; and if she is concerned that of 490 breaches in 2025, the vast majority (320) were categorised as zero risk, totalling 65% of all breaches compared to 17% the year before.

PQ75887/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1565. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the progress of each of the 30 recommendations made in the External Review Group on Special Care published in April 2025, in tabular form.

PQ75880/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1566. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by her Department and public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75950/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1567. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to request the HSE to set out for each HSE-funded organisation providing services or supports to people who are blind or vision impaired, the specific services associated with that funding; the age, service-user population covered and geographical coverage; and where specified the agreed service-user numbers, service capacity, staffing or WTE levels, activity levels, performance indicators or other service-delivery outputs.

PQ75878/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1568. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to request the HSE to identify all organisations that received HSE funding in each of the years from 2015 to 2026 specifically for the provision of services or supports to people who are blind or vision impaired, including but not limited to organisations (details supplied); the recurring and non-recurring funding provided to each organisation in each year; the HSE region, CHO or national function through which such funding was provided; and the service or purpose associated with each funding stream.

PQ75875/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1569. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to ensure that staff in the childcare sector receive better pay and conditions for the essential role they provide.

PQ75997/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

1570. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department or public bodies under the aegis of her Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if she will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75983/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1571. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality of the 23 per cent of services who will receive an extra €80 million of core funding in September 2027 to reduce their fees to €250 a week, the number of those services that have a 1 per cent + profit margin, 5 per cent+ profit margin, 10 per cent+ profit margin, 15per cent+ profit margin, 20 per cent+ profit margin, 25 per cent+ profit margin and 30 per cent+ profit margin, in numbers, in tabular form.

PQ76030/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1572. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of early years and school age childcare services in each county that charge at least one fee above €250, in numbers, in tabular form; and to ask her to comment on the geographic spread.

PQ76031/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1573. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare places, in numbers, that are available in each county based on the following criteria, 1 child under-6 accessing 45 hours of childcare per week for €183, in tabular form; and to ask the Minister to make a statement on the matter.

PQ76032/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1574. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the financial figure in totality for 2023, 2024, 2025, as per the core funding financial accounting returns, of early years and school age childcare service funds that are going to shareholders or owners.

PQ76033/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1575. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide in deciles the most up-to-date detail, in percentages, of profit margins, break-even and loss margins in all early years and school age childcare services.

PQ76029/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1576. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE occupational therapists posts by grade filled within West Clare Children's Disability Network Team as of 20 October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76068/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1577. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE speech and language therapist posts by grade filled within East Clare Children's Disability Network Team as of 20 October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76067/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1578. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage of providers in Dublin Central expected to lower at least one fee under the new fee bands.

PQ76066/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1579. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children on a waiting list for a childcare place in Dublin central.

PQ76070/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1580. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of families in providers outside of core funding, by area, in tabular form.

PQ76069/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1581. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently on a waiting list for a crèche place in County Wexford; and the plans in place to address this issue.

PQ76094/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

1582. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports available in County Wexford for older adults who are profoundly deaf, including access to social work and community resource services; and the way in which these services are reviewed to ensure they meet the needs of service users.

PQ76093/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

1583. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she could provide a breakdown of the amount spent on disability services in Wexford in the years 2021 to date, in tabular form, by county, by year and by service.

PQ76091/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

1584. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she will commit to providing clarity to parents before the end of 2026 on whether changes to ECCE age eligibility will apply from September 2027, particularly for children born in January who may otherwise be required to wait an additional year to access the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76131/26 | EMER CURRIE

1585. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has examined the feasibility of reintroducing multiple entry points to the ECCE programme, introducing a second lower age eligibility threshold, or providing limited flexibility for children who miss the September eligibility cut-off by a matter of days or weeks; when this examination will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76130/26 | EMER CURRIE

1586. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she will consider progressing changes to the ECCE age eligibility criteria independently of Phase 2 of the Early Years Action Plan, given that the independent review of the ECCE programme was completed in 2024; whether any legislative or administrative barriers prevent earlier reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76129/26 | EMER CURRIE

1587. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she intends to make a decision on amending the lower age eligibility criteria for the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme before the commencement of the September 2027 programme year; the specific timeline for completing the evaluation committed to in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76128/26 | EMER CURRIE

1588. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which her Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76136/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1589. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the web link to her Department’s Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76102/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1590. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a percentage breakdown of the number of children in each fee band in the core funding scheme.

PQ76212/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1591. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76260/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1592. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced, in tabular form.

PQ76247/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1593. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown of eligible services outside core funding by those which have never participated in core funding, those which formally withdrew and those which did not renew their funding agreements, by area, in tabular form.

PQ76485/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1594. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown of the number of children and families affected by providers leaving or choosing not to renew core funding, by area, in tabular form.

PQ76484/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1595. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown of the number of providers participating in core funding who have chosen not to renew their agreements this year, by area, in tabular form.

PQ76481/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1596. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown of the additional €170 million allocated to core funding in Budget 2027.

PQ76478/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1597. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown of the supports being provided to small and sessional childcare providers.

PQ76479/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1598. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the building blocks scheme will re-open for new applications.

PQ76473/26 | ROBERT TROY

1599. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality If her Department will accept a late application from a childcare provider to the building blocks scheme in order to create additional capacity.

PQ76472/26 | ROBERT TROY

1600. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department are currently reviewing the supports in place for foster families; if she will commit to increasing the weekly allowance per child; if foster parents are to be considered for pension contributions through their work as foster parents; her views on whether the current cost of living issues are having a profound effect on foster families given the limited rate of the allowance which is in place.

PQ76488/26 | ROBERT TROY

1601. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of applications received under the mother and baby institutions payment scheme, per institution, in tabular form.

PQ76419/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1602. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which the commitment to reduce parental fees to €200 per month will apply to families whose providers remain outside core funding; and the measures will ensure that these families will see benefits.

PQ76487/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1603. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a comprehensive update on the mediation process currently underway between Cork City Council and the owners of the Bessborough lands (details supplied).

PQ76505/26 | THOMAS GOULD

1604. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of young people in the Separated Children Seeking International Protection service who were moved to another County for education or training in 2025 and 2026; and the criteria used in these circumstances.

PQ76506/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1605. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has undertaken any policy, legal or financial assessment of introducing a direct State-funded salary model for early years educators, including the estimated cost, implications for childcare providers and potential benefits for staff retention; and if such a model is being considered as part of future childcare funding reforms.

PQ76503/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

1606. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department is examining options for the direct funding of salaries for early years educators and childcare professionals, including through a dedicated State-funded pay mechanism; and the measures being considered to ensure that increased public investment translates into improved pay, conditions and staff retention.

PQ76502/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

1607. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of young people who are in the care of Tusla through its Separated Children Seeking International Protection Service who are unable to avail of third level and further education courses where said courses are not available in the County they reside; and the actions being taken to ensure these young people can access further educational opportunities.

PQ76520/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1608. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who accessed AIM Level 7 in early years settings in Cork City and County in the 2025/2026 programme year; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ76622/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1609. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding a review of the core funding scheme with a view to increasing the rate of participation by childcare centres, particularly in Dublin.

PQ76662/26 | BARRY WARD

1610. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for a breakdown of available aftercare spaces for children in the care of Tusla, by area, in tabular form.

PQ76544/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1611. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children and young people in Tusla care that are out of education or training; whether SCSIP placements can be arranged outside its own residential units to facilitate education; and the policy that governs Tusla's consent to ETB courses for children in its care.

PQ76690/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1612. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children and young people currently registered with and awaiting services from the Children's Disability Network Team 7 (CDNT7); the number of children and young people who have received services from CDNT7 to date in 2026; the number who received services during 2025; the current staffing levels within CDNT7 by discipline compared with approved posts; the key performance indicators and service targets applicable to CDNT7; and the extent to which those KPIs and targets are currently being met.

PQ76231/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1613. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has assessed the financial impact on families whose children cannot access two years of ECCE before starting primary school due to the age eligibility criteria and the single annual intake; and the measures she will consider to support these families.

PQ76710/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1614. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider the provision of direct services for children impacted by parental problem alcohol use, regardless of whether a parent is in treatment or not.

PQ76709/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

1615. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she will review the age eligibility criteria for the early childhood care and education programme to address circumstances where children born close to the eligibility cutoff can access only one year of the scheme before their intended primary school starting date.

PQ76702/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

1616. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the potential extension of paternity leave beyond two weeks currently legislated for; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76806/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

1617. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the policy of the Child and Family Agency where a child in its care is the alleged victim in a criminal prosecution that is discontinued; if the Agency requests a summary of reasons or a review from the Director of Public Prosecutions on behalf of the child in such cases; and the number of such requests made by the agency in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76953/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1618. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in the care of the Child and Family Agency who were the alleged victims of sexual offences reported to An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; the number of those cases in which charges were brought; the number in which a prosecution was later discontinued; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76954/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1619. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 66235/26, whether the visits required under Article24 of the Child Care (Placement of Children in Residential Care) Regulations 1995 to children in out of State residential placements are carried out in person by Tusla social workers travelling from the State, by remote or video means, or by persons or bodies in the host State engaged under Article 30 of those Regulations (details supplied); and where persons or bodies in the host State are engaged, the arrangements in place to confirm that they are competent and qualified as required by Article 30.

PQ76969/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1620. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 66235/26, whether that authorisation extends to the arrangement, monitoring and review of out of State placements by Tusla (details supplied); whether HIQA has at any time inspected or reviewed that service, including the case records, registers and records of statutory visits held in the State for children placed abroad; if not, whether the Minister will authorise such an inspection; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76968/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1621. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the psychology assessment and occupational therapy assessment for a child (details supplied).

PQ76971/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1622. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the issues of bed capacity at special-care units operated by Tusla; if she will clarify the number of beds that are operational; and the action being taken to increase capacity.

PQ76970/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

1623. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of cases in which the Child and Family Agency, acting in respect of a child in its care, expressed a view to An Garda Síochána or the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions that a prosecution should not proceed or should be discontinued, on welfare grounds or otherwise, in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the policy governing such representations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76958/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1624. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether purchase orders issued by her Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way her Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ76995/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1625. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether contracts recorded in her Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether her Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77015/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1626. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the provision of residential placement for adult (details supplied); and if the HSE will meet with me as the public representative to discuss this specific matter and the broader issue of residential places for adults with intellectual disabilities.

PQ76749/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1627. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the arrangements governing the €550 monthly childcare cap to ensure that families are treated fairly regardless of the childcare package offered by their provider, particularly where families pay for packages exceeding 50 hours per week but require fewer hours of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77178/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1628. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason eligibility for the €550 monthly childcare cap is based on the package offered by a provider rather than the actual hours of childcare required by parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77177/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1629. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has assessed if families in commuter belt counties are disproportionately excluded from the €550 monthly childcare cap; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77175/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1630. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated number of families paying for childcare packages covering more than 50 hours-per-week where their children attend for fewer than 50 hours-per-week, whether her Department has assessed the financial impact of this arrangement on families availing of the national childcare scheme and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77173/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1631. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 74237/26, the position regarding the review of the national childcare scheme; if consideration will be given to parents that do not have part time childcare options available locally and must go with a full time service, particularly in cases whereby they do not work a traditional 9-5 role and wish to withdraw their children from childcare when they are not in work.

PQ77260/26 | BARRY WARD

1632. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if families will be permitted to retain their approved NCS subsidy based on their childcare needs and working patterns, without being expected to make up unused hours to avoid a reduction in funding.

PQ77263/26 | BARRY WARD

1633. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the eight-week under-attendance rule be reviewed or an exemption introduced where parents can demonstrate that their childcare provider does not offer part-time places.

PQ77262/26 | BARRY WARD

1634. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions she is taking to increase the provision of part-time childcare options to avoid families being forced to opt for full-time options in cases where they have no choice other than to do so.

PQ77261/26 | BARRY WARD

1635. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether each out of State residential placement made by Tusla in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 was procured through a tender, a framework agreement or individual negotiation with the provider; the number of placements in each category; whether Tusla sought alternative quotations before agreeing any placement costing in excess of €1 million per annum; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76918/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1636. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 71219/26, the factors Tusla takes into account in setting the cost of an out of State residential placement, such as staffing ratios, secure or therapeutic provision and clinical supports; the grade or body within Tusla that must approve an out of State placement costing in excess of €500,000 per annum; whether such approvals are notified to the Tusla Board or to the Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76917/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1637. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 71219/26, in respect of all children placed in residential care outside the State in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, the number of placements made with private for profit providers, voluntary providers and statutory bodies respectively; the total amount paid by Tusla to each category of provider in each of those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76916/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1638. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 71089/26, which shows out of State placements in the United Kingdom rising from one in 2024 to four in 2025 and five completed or in progress in 2026, the reasons for this increase; the number of such placements in each year by type of care, namely foster care with relatives, other foster care, residential care, secure care or specialist disability or therapeutic care; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76923/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1639. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 71089/26, whether any child has been placed in care in the United Kingdom or another State since 2021 before the consent of the competent authority of that State was obtained; the average and longest time taken to obtain consent in each of the years 2023 to 2026; whether any child concerned in the three consultations currently in progress is already residing in the host State; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76922/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1640. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 66232/26 and 71089/26, in respect of the 18 children in placements outside the State at end July 2026, the number placed following consultation and consent under Article 33 of the 1996 Hague Convention, under Article 82 of Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1111, or under Article 56 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003; the number placed without any such prior consultation; the reason no consultation was required or sought in each such case; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76921/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1641. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the basis on which Tusla released the annual cost of each individual out of State residential placement in reply to Parliamentary Question No. 66232/26, but declined in reply to Parliamentary Question No. 71219/26 to state the category of each provider or the general reasons for the variation in cost, on the grounds that this could identify a child; whether Tusla's Data Protection Officer was consulted on either reply; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76920/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1642. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated number and percentage of children attending early learning and childcare services in Ireland who will benefit from the €550 monthly cap; the basis on which this estimate was calculated; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77168/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1643. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of early learning and childcare providers participating in the national childcare scheme that offer band F childcare packages covering more than 50 hours-per-week; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77169/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1644. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to review the exclusion of children who spent less than 180 days in institutions for the mother and baby institutional redress scheme.

PQ77163/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1645. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the State's commemorative programme includes a date for the commemoration of those who died in Industrial and Reformatory School Institutions, Magdalene Laundries, and Mother and Baby Homes and County Home Institutions.

PQ76428/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1646. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of special emergency accommodation that were closed by Tusla in each of the past five years, by year; and to provide the reasons for closure in each case.

PQ77410/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1647. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address issues with the operation of the national childcare scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77423/26 | JOHN BRADY

1648. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to implement the eight core demands of the "Before We Die" campaign; and if her Department will establish a definitive timeline for the delivery of these measures to support aging carers of adults with intellectual disabilities.

PQ77351/26 | MATT CARTHY

1649. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 1629 of 18 March 2026, if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if the submission made by the person will be urgently considered.

PQ77345/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

1650. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a full itemised breakdown of the target allocations for the 489 additional and enhanced residential places and supports funded in Budget 2027; the number of these 489 places explicitly designated as new, planned residential support packages for adults with intellectual disabilities, distinct from emergency placements, Tusla transitions, decongregation moves, under-65 nursing home transitions, or enhancements to existing packages; and the national target and status of the 277 remaining unallocated places relative to the 100 planned and 112 emergency places previously outlined.

PQ77038/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

1651. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the exclusion of a person who is or has been married from the definition of a child in section 2 of the Child Care Act 1991, as adopted by section 2 of the Children First Act 2015, remains operative; the circumstances in which that exclusion can currently apply to a person under 18; its implications for access to Tusla child protection services and mandated reporting obligations; and whether she will review the provision to ensure that all persons under 18 receive appropriate child protection safeguards regardless of marital status.

PQ77522/26 | PETER ROCHE

1652. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department and Tusla have reviewed Children First national guidance and safeguarding training materials following the abolition of exemptions permitting marriage under 18 from 1 January 2019; whether she is aware of safeguarding training continuing to advise that a person aged 16 or 17 may marry with parental permission and consequently cease to be considered a child; and the steps that will be taken to clarify the current position for training providers, mandated persons and voluntary organisations.

PQ77521/26 | PETER ROCHE

1653. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of school-age children have had NCS hours reduced for under-attendance in the past year; and if subsidy can follow the hours set out in the parent–provider agreement, which parents pay for, rather than hours physically attended.

PQ77619/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

1654. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown by profession, grade, and HSE region for the 150 additional Children's Disability Network Team posts funded under Budget 2027; and the proportion of these posts earmarked for family support workers and social care roles.

PQ77046/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

1655. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions she is taking to urgently increase special care capacity for vulnerable children with highly complex needs, in light of ongoing pressures on special care services.

PQ77676/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1656. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the building blocks extension grant scheme; and whether she intends to provide further funding under the scheme.

PQ77675/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1657. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children awaiting an initial assessment through children's disability network teams in Kildare north; and the average waiting time involved.

PQ77250/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

1658. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether statutory surrogacy leave will be introduced in order that parents can care for and bond with their children without having to rely on annual leave or unpaid leave.

PQ77238/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

1659. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address the concerns regarding a crèche (details supplied).

PQ77692/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1660. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current steps she is taking to ensure that the recommended 1,900 additional residential places as recommended by 2021 Disability Capacity Review are made available by 2032.

PQ77735/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1661. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the implementation progress of strand 2 of equal start stand D & E (details supplied).

PQ77773/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1662. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide details of the way in which the 212 new residential placements funded in Budget 2027 will be allocated by HSE region; the criteria for prioritisation; and the number of people under 65 living in nursing homes who will move to community settings in 2027.

PQ77845/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1663. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide details of the plan that will replace the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024–2026 when it expires at the end of 2026; when it will be published; and whether it will include multi-annual targets for residential, respite and day service capacity.

PQ77844/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1664. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will expand the definition of "qualifying person" in the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 to include grandchildren to ensure that they are not continued to be locked out of information about their grandparent and denied access to such significant information in cases where the direct generation is deceased or unwilling to apply for such information.

PQ77801/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1665. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the findings of the personal assistance review of the HSE funded personal assistant services; and when will the definition of a personal assistant be finalised.

PQ77763/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

1666. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the National Oversight and Governance Framework with equivalent statutory protections will be developed for all children in State funded residential care.

PQ77933/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

1667. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she will support the establishment of an independent public inquiry into historical child sexual abuse connected to St John Ambulance; including an examination of whether opportunities to investigate allegations and intervene to protect children or hold individuals to account were missed.

PQ77557/26 | MATT CARTHY

Chun an Sláinte: To the Health

1668. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to the introduction of a national publicly funded DEXA screening programme for women aged 50 years and over; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75332/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1669. To ask the Minister for Health to give consideration to introducing a screening programme for women over 50 to detect loss of bone density due to menopause; and the position regarding any work that is being done to improve detection.

PQ75367/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

1670. To ask the Minister for Health the stem-cell transplantation and related services that are currently available to patients in the South of Ireland.

PQ75482/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

1671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in each acute public hospital, by grade category in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ75481/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1672. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of emergency department presentations by age range and hospital in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ75479/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1673. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the delivery of the 441 'committed' acute inpatient beds and the 2,997 'total beds planned 2025–2031' from the Acute Hospital Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan 2024-2031 (details supplied), in tabular form.

PQ75476/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1674. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to introduce a DEXA screening programme for individuals over the age of 50.

PQ75392/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1675. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of introducing a DEXA screening programme for women over the age of 50.

PQ75394/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1676. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to introduce a DEXA screening programme for women over 50.

PQ75397/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of newly qualified nurses and midwives who have received job offers from the HSE or section 38 healthcare providers, but whose appointments have been delayed pending recruitment paybill approval from her Department.

PQ75400/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1678. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Cancer Strategy Development Steering Group has been established; if its work has commenced; and to provide details of the membership of the group.

PQ75501/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1679. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for people who have been referred for adult ADHD broken down by region, in tabular form.

PQ75433/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1680. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered introducing a fully funded national DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age to support the early detection of osteoporosis.

PQ75499/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1681. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of Adult ADHD referrals from 2021-2026 broken down by region and year, in tabular form.

PQ75431/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1682. To ask the Minister for Health to introduce a national programme to provide fully funded DEXA bone-density scans for all women aged 50 years-of-age and over, to facilitate the early detection and prevention of osteoporosis.

PQ75519/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

1683. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year of cost of rolling out a DEXA screening programme for women over 50, 60 and 70 respectively.

PQ75493/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1684. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is considering the roll out of a DEXA screening programme for women over 50; if so, the timeline for same; and the work carried out to date regarding this proposal.

PQ75488/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1685. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider providing a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 (details supplied).

PQ75527/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

1686. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate measures being taken to ensure that patients from the South receive timely assessment, treatment, travel assistance and appropriate support while no local dedicated stem-cell transplantation unit exists; and the Government department and HSE body that has responsibility for delivering this service; and the person or body accountable for progressing it.

PQ75486/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

1687. To ask the Minister for Health if funding has been approved, requested or allocated for a dedicated stem-cell transplantation unit in Cork or elsewhere in the south; if so, when funding will be confirmed; and the expected date for construction and opening.

PQ75484/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

1688. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no dedicated stem-cell transplantation unit in Cork or elsewhere in the south.

PQ75483/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

1689. To ask the Minister for Health the current total number of acute beds, by region and hospital; and the total number of acute beds per 1,000 population in each region and hospital, in tabular form.

PQ75470/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1690. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the merits of providing for a State funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50; and if she is concerned that the current system provides a barrier for those without the means to pay in accessing early intervention.

PQ75468/26 | BARRY WARD

1691. To ask the Minister for Health if she will meet with an organisation (details supplied) with respect to concerns regarding fertility treatment in Ireland.

PQ75460/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1692. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 390 of 17 September 2026, the way in which the National Ambulance Service satisfies itself that patient need during the hours of darkness is being met (details supplied).

PQ75466/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1693. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to claims by an organisation (details supplied) that estimates that only 19% of people with bone density loss are diagnosed; and the actions she is taking to address this concern.

PQ75465/26 | BARRY WARD

1694. To ask the Minister for Health If the funding already committed to an organisation (details supplied) will be released to the project as a matter of urgency.

PQ75458/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

1695. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1339 of 16 September 2026, if any written protocol governs the way in which the National Ambulance Service requests an Irish Coast Guard aircraft during the hours of darkness; the number of such requests made in each of the years 2024 and 2025; and the number met.

PQ75464/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1696. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any review of the DEXA screening programme for women over 50.

PQ75463/26 | BARRY WARD

1697. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 66543/26, in which the primary care reimbursement service stated that it does not hold figures for the hardship scheme as this is handled by local health offices, to provide by health region the number of nebulised bronchodilator items reimbursed under the discretionary hardship arrangements between January and June 2026; and if these figures are not collated centrally, the reason the HSE does not monitor use of this arrangement during medicine shortages.

PQ75457/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1698. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.66543/26, to set out the list of products classified as alternative nebulised bronchodilator medication in that reply; the list of products included in the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 66542/26; and the reason alternative products accounted for 85,553 of the 106,540 items reimbursed between January and June 2026.

PQ75456/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1699. To ask the Minister for Health If she will outline her plans to expand the services and family supports to St. Gabriels Ward, St. Canices Hospital Campus, Dublin Road, Kilkenny; if she is satisfied with the staffing levels at this unit; and the plans and funding for capital projects for the unit.

PQ75455/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

1700. To ask the Minister for Health to supply a copy of the terms of reference for the Mid-West Health Planning Board.

PQ75454/26 | ALAN KELLY

1701. To ask the Minister for Health if contracts for graduate nurses and midwives approved by the HSE require approval from her Department; when this was introduced; the reason for this change in policy; and if this will affect contracts already approved for graduates who are still waiting for academic transcripts.

PQ75453/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1702. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71190/26, the number of home support hours delivered against target in the HSE south-west region for each month from January to September 2026, by community healthcare area, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75441/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1703. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71190/26, the specific measures in place or planned to address rural travel in home support rostering and provision (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75447/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1704. To ask the Minister for Health if approval will be given to a medication for a person (details supplied) under the HSE-Medicines Management Programme.

PQ75440/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1705. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of home support hours delivered in the HSE south-west region in 2026 by HSE directly employed staff and by external approved providers respectively; the number of vacancies or unfilled hours reported by external providers in the region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75445/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1706. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support healthcare assistants who left HSE employment in the HSE south-west region in 2025 and to date in 2026; the net change in the number of home support healthcare assistants employed in the region over that period, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75444/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1707. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71190/26, of the 85 healthcare assistant vacancies in the HSE south-west region, the number which are home support posts; the number in each community healthcare area; and the length of time each has been vacant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75443/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1708. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the status of the full health technology assessment (HTA ID: 25069) being undertaken by the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics in respect of house dust mite allergen extract (Acarizax®) for patients aged 5 to 65 years; the current timeline for completion of the assessment and submission of recommendations to the HSE; the stage reached in reimbursement and pricing discussions relating to the medicine; the timeline within which the HSE Corporate Pharmaceutical Unit expects to conclude its consideration of the product for reimbursement under the drugs payment scheme.

PQ75439/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

1709. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of her current plans to ensure equitable access to ADHD support nationally.

PQ75436/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1710. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the regions that currently have access to an operations specialist adult ADHD team.

PQ75434/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1711. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 68524/26, if she will provide a comprehensive list of staff members at each location currently deemed operational.

PQ75423/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1712. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to introduce a DEXA screening programme for women over 50.

PQ75418/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1713. To ask the Minister for Health if the stem cell tissue establishment and advanced cellular therapies unit project for Cork University Hospital will be considered for inclusion in the next National Cancer Strategy.

PQ75538/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1714. To ask the Minister for Health if data is collected by the HSE or any national clinical programme on the stage or severity of osteoporosis at the time of first diagnosis; if so, to provide the available data for the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75540/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

1715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who, on their first DEXA scan, were found to have severe or advanced osteoporosis, including osteoporosis associated with fragility fractures, in each of the past five years; the percentage this represented of all first-time DEXA scans conducted on women in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75539/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

1716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing appointments at Mayo University Hospital currently awaiting recruitment paybill approval from her Department; the date on which approval was sought in each case; and the expected timeframe for a decision.

PQ75413/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1717. To ask the Minister for Health whether hospitals, including Mayo University Hospital, are currently awaiting Departmental recruitment paybill approvals in respect of nursing appointments.

PQ75412/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1718. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of publicly funded DEXA scanners currently in operation; the average waiting times for a DEXA scan in each HSE health region; the plans to expand capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75542/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

1719. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate measures being taken to ensure newly qualified nurses who have accepted employment offers can commence work without undue delay.

PQ75405/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1720. To ask the Minister for Health her assessment of the impact that delays in approving newly qualified nursing appointments are having on hospital staffing levels, nurse recruitment and retention, and graduate emigration.

PQ75403/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1721. To ask the Minister for Health the reason additional Departmental approval is currently required before newly qualified nurses and midwives can be onboarded and added to the payroll by HSE employers; and the expected timeline for clearing the backlog of approvals.

PQ75401/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1722. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional staff, by whole-time equivalent and grade, assigned to the National Contact Point in 2026; the dates they took up post; and the number of reimbursement applications processed in each month of 2026.

PQ75551/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1723. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 67788/26 whether the target of returning to 30-working-day processing by the end of 2026 includes applications held for clinical or service availability advice; and if not, the separate timeframe for those applications.

PQ75549/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1724. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding provided to each organisation (details supplied) in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and the funding that will be provided in 2027 to each; and the number of staff currently employed in each.

PQ75584/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1725. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a patient (details supplied) in County Donegal had a planned operation cancelled having commenced travel to Beaumont Hospital; and when a new date for surgery will be confirmed.

PQ75571/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

1726. To ask the Minister for Health the adult respite services available in An Cheathrú Rua.

PQ75429/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

1727. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the former health centre in Killenaule, County Tipperary; the length of time the building has been vacant or underutilised; the plans the Health Service Executive has for the property; whether it has been assessed for retention, reuse or disposal; and the timeframe for a decision on its future use.

PQ75646/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

1728. To ask the Minister for Health to consider putting the Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme on a multi-annual funding footing.

PQ75427/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1729. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for the Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme has been secured; and when it will be confirmed.

PQ75425/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1730. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider providing additional funding and implement a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age, in view of the fact that women face an increased risk of osteoporosis after menopause, yet loss of bone density often goes undetected until a fracture occurs, and taking into account that DEXA scans can identify low bone density early, helping guide treatment to reduce fracture risk and protect mobility and independence.

PQ75663/26 | COLM BURKE

1731. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if the recent budget accounted for funding towards a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age, in view of the fact that a fully funded screening programme would help women protect their bone health, and could reduce the hospital, rehabilitation and long-term care costs associated with preventable fractures.

PQ75662/26 | COLM BURKE

1732. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm her Departments progress to date regarding the Programme for Government commitment to increasing our network of menopause clinics, and the development of a model of care for menopause.

PQ75661/26 | COLM BURKE

1733. To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent posts that remain unfilled which could be filled with a locum consultant in the HSE West Division.

PQ75568/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting reimbursement for lipedema surgery undertaken abroad under the Cross Border Healthcare Directive; the total value of outstanding reimbursement claims; the reasons for delays in processing these claims; the measures being taken to address any backlog; and when affected patients can expect reimbursement to issue.

PQ75683/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

1735. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive reimbursement under the Cross Border Directive for a surgical procedure performed in the North; and the current processing times for such reimbursement claims.

PQ75657/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

1736. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the knee replacement operation for a person (details supplied).

PQ75680/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1737. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm that 16/17 meetings of the HSE Drugs Group will take place in 2026, consistent with Schedule 4 of The Framework Agreement on the Supply and Pricing of Medicines 2026; and if she will confirm that the HSE Drugs Group will consider 84 reimbursement applications in 2026.

PQ75675/26 | GARY GANNON

1738. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Cross-Border Directive reimbursement applications for lipoedema treatment reimbursed in each of 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number currently outstanding; the total value of outstanding lipoedema claims; and the date of receipt of the oldest outstanding lipoedema application.

PQ75548/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1739. To ask the Minister for Health whether any review, pause or change in approach has been introduced since January 2025 in respect of Cross-Border Directive reimbursement for lipoedema treatment; if so, the date of that decision, who made it and on what basis; whether it applies to patients who received treatment or submitted applications before it was made; and whether any internal guidance has been issued to National Contact Point staff on handling lipoedema applications.

PQ75547/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1740. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 67788/26, stating that applications may remain under assessment pending clinical or service availability advice, to provide the number of Cross-Border Directive reimbursement applications currently awaiting such advice; a breakdown by condition or procedure; the number relating to lipoedema; the date the oldest of these was referred; who provides such clinical or service availability advice; and the timeframe within which it is expected.

PQ75546/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1741. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the pricing and reimbursement application for a drug (details supplied); the current stage of this application; and when it is expected a decision will be made on this application.

PQ75575/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1742. To ask the Minister for Health if she will introduce a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women aged 50 and over.

PQ75572/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1743. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department and HSE will make efforts to progress and expedite ongoing pricing and reimbursement applications, including a drug (details supplied), to ensure affordable access to patients as soon as possible.

PQ75579/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1744. To ask the Minister for Health the average processing time for a complete pricing and reimbursement application with the HSE.

PQ75578/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1745. To ask the Minister for Health why a drug (details supplied) is not covered under the drugs payment scheme; and the support that is available to households facing the cost of this drug with no DPS support.

PQ75577/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1746. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cancer patients attending examinations and treatment have to travel different days for CT Scans , MRI scans and other medical assessments, given many are travelling long distances, the cost for many is prohibitive; and her plans to streamline these services,

PQ75589/26 | MARK WALL

1747. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of mental health and suicide related organisations supported either regionally or nationally by the HSE in 2025; and her plans to encourage amalgamation of organisations and services.

PQ75587/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1748. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to develop an independent advocacy service for people with mental health issues or if an existing organisation or service can be expanded to provide such a service; and, if a tender for the provision of such a service is intended in 2027, it will be an open tender with independent panellists involved in overseeing and reviewing the tender and awards process.

PQ75586/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clients supported by the Irish Advocacy Network T/A PAMH (Peer Advocacy in Mental Health) in each of the years 2020 to 2025; the main issues dealt with in each of these years; and the quality standards used to assess the work of the organisation.

PQ75585/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1750. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the phone reception issue at Portiuncula Hospital.

PQ75583/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1751. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant public health nurse posts in the Dublin 20 area; whether staffing shortages have resulted in the suspension of routine infant developmental check-ups in the area; the steps being taken to restore these services; and when families in Dublin 20 can expect to have access to the same level of developmental public health nursing services as those available in neighbouring areas.

PQ75718/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1752. To ask the Minister for Health the number of protected disclosures the HSE has referred to external legal firms for independent investigation in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; the firms engaged; the procurement process used in each case; and the total paid to each firm, in tabular form.

PQ75744/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1753. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71207/26, the breakdown of the expenditure of approximately €424,000 identified by the HSE Office of Legal Services in respect of protected disclosures from 2017 to date, by year and by category, namely legal advice on the examination of disclosures, independent investigations carried out by legal firms, advice on updating the HSE's internal procedures, and the defence of complaints and proceedings brought by staff; the reason figures for 2014 to 2016 were not provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75742/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1754. To ask the Minister for Health whether each of the 193 permanent posts offered through the Nursing and Midwifery Staff Bank in HSE south-west is assigned to a named hospital or service; if not, if post holders may be assigned to any site in the region; the duration of the structured long-term assignments referred to in the reply; whether the pay, increments and terms of these posts are the same as those of a staff nurse appointed to a substantive post; the number of 2026 graduates on the staff bank who have since been appointed to a substantive vacancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75738/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1755. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71207/26, confirming that HSE legal expenditure is not recorded in a manner that identifies protected disclosure cases, whether the HSE will introduce a specific cost code to identify such expenditure across all regions and national directorates, including spend incurred outside the Office of Legal Services; the timeline for doing so; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75752/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of decisions issued by CORU registration boards on applications from international applicants in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by profession and by outcome, including recognition granted outright, recognition subject to a compensation measure, refusal, and application withdrawn or closed, in tabular form, in view of the difference between the 1,788 decisions and 1,348 recognitions reported for 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75691/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1757. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that pharmacies have recommenced imposing a €20 monthly charge for the provision of blister-packed medications; the basis on which this fee is being permitted, given previous indications that the matter was under discussion with her Department; the steps she is taking to prevent the introduction of this charge, which disproportionately affects older, vulnerable and low-income patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75686/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

1758. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the South Kerry CAMHS compensation scheme is operating in a fair, transparent and compassionate manner for affected individuals; the oversight mechanisms in place to ensure settlement offers are assessed on their individual merits; whether educational, vocational, psychological treatment and long term care needs are being fully considered where supported by evidence; and the safeguards that exist to protect vulnerable claimants from feeling pressured to accept settlements.

PQ75685/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1759. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives that graduated this year and qualified; and the number that are now recruited by the HSE and working in the HSE.

PQ75727/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

1760. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a candidate (details supplied).

PQ75702/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1761. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied).

PQ75756/26 | SEAN FLEMING

1762. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the decision to remove an administrative post from physiotherapy services in Swinford health centre and assign the associated resource to ophthalmology services in Castlebar; the reasons underpinning this decision; whether local service requirements in Swinford were considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75714/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1763. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by the HSE to retain administrative support within the physiotherapy department at Swinford health centre, County Mayo; if she is aware of the planned reduction of a clerical officer grade III post from 35 hours per week to 20 hours per week with effect from 28 October 2026; the impact assessment carried out prior to this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75713/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of penalisation complaints under the Protected Disclosures Acts 2014 to 2022 brought against the HSE by current or former staff before the Workplace Relations Commission, the Labour Court or the courts in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number settled; and the total amount paid in such settlements in each year, in tabular form.

PQ75748/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1765. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to maintaining an ambulance base in Lifford, County Donegal, if she will commit to services not being reduced; and if she will provide evidence of the progress to date of securing a base on both a short and long-term basis, noting the considerable investment in the Lifford premises with the east Donegal CDNT providing services currently.

PQ75745/26 | CHARLES WARD

1766. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the introduction of a fully funded a DEXA screening programme for women over 50.

PQ75775/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1767. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the shingles vaccination programme announced in Budget 2027.

PQ75768/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1768. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of plans to refurbish and upgrade the puffin ward at Cork University Hospital; the funding allocated to date for these works; the additional funding required, if any, to complete the project; and the expected timeline for completion of the refurbishment and associated improvements to paediatric services.

PQ75762/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

1769. To ask the Minister for Health If the new HSE recruitment directive came into effect after 23 September 2026, and the candidate is not impacted, the reason the HSE sent the email, and when queried on whether it is applicable to this particular candidate, assured them that it does impact their appointment despite a signed contract being acknowledged by the contracting department.

PQ75707/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1770. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70756/26, the reply to which referred only to staff nurse posts, the number of 2026 midwifery graduates in HSE south-west who have been offered permanent posts, posts on the staff bank or no post, respectively; the number of such offers relating to Cork University Maternity Hospital and University Hospital Kerry, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75700/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1771. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70756/26, the total number of nursing and midwifery students who graduated in 2026 from higher education institutions in the HSE south-west region; the number of those graduates who applied through the Nursing and Midwifery Staff Bank; the number deemed ineligible and the eligibility requirements applied; the number who accepted, declined or did not respond to the 193 permanent posts offered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75698/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1772. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance can be given to a person (details supplied) who trained as a nurse in the UK and who has applied for their nursing registration in Ireland.

PQ75759/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1773. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CORU staff assigned to the recognition of international qualifications in each of the years 2021 to 2026, in view of the number of international applicants recognised rising from 531 in 2021 to 2,271 in 2025; the reasons average processing times for international applications for optometrists, radiation therapists and social care workers increased between 2025 and the end of September 2026; the point from which processing time is measured; and the number of international applications, by profession, awaiting a decision more than six months after a complete application was received

PQ75697/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1774. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of appeals against decisions of CORU Registration Boards on the recognition of international qualifications in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date, showing the number upheld, rejected, withdrawn and pending, by profession; the average time taken to determine an appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75696/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1775. To ask the Minister for Health whether a person or body other than the applicant, including an employer or the HSE, may notify CORU of a concern regarding the recognition of a qualification or the registration of a person on foot of such recognition; the procedure for doing so; whether that procedure is published; the number of such notifications received in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the outcome of each; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75695/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1776. To ask the Minister for Health the English language requirements applied by CORU to international applicants prior to the revised Language Policy introduced in May 2026; the minimum scores required in each of the OET, IELTS and CAE, by profession; the number of

international applicants since May 2026 who were exempted from testing on the basis of having qualified through the medium of English or practised in a country where English is the sole official language, and the number who passed an approved test; and the documentary evidence required to establish that a qualification was completed through the medium of English.

PQ75694/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1777. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications from international applicants to CORU in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date in which the authenticity of documentation was doubted and referred for further investigation, including to CORU's legal department; the number of such applications refused or withdrawn on grounds of fraudulent or unverifiable documentation; whether any person has been entered on a CORU register and later found to have relied on fraudulent documentation; and whether CORU notifies other regulators or An Garda Síochána in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75693/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1778. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74037/26, the name of the external auditor engaged to audit the CORU Recognition Department in 2025; the date the audit report was finalised; the number and nature of the breaches of process identified and the date each was addressed; whether a copy of the report was provided to the Professional Regulatory Unit of her Department; whether her Department has itself carried out any review of CORU's processes for assessing qualifications obtained outside the State; whether the audit report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75692/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1779. To ask the Minister for Health if information will be provided regarding a work contract (details supplied) under new HSE recruitment directive which issued on 23 September 2026.

PQ75709/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1780. To ask the Minister for Health if information will be provided regarding the new HSE recruitment directive which issued on 23 September 2026 (details supplied).

PQ75710/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1781. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns that the reduction in administrative support within the physiotherapy department at Swinford health centre has led to delays in processing referrals and an increase in missed appointments due to the absence of patient reminder calls; whether the HSE intends to recommission the post on a full time basis; whether consideration has been given to the regularisation or permanent appointment of the current employee who has served in the role for over one year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75715/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1782. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate steps being taken to stabilise the supply of lenzetto itransdermal spray HRT medication in pharmacies; and the protocols being introduced to ensure that when critical shortages occur, alternative options such imported stocks are fully available and accessible without compromising patient care.

PQ75796/26 | MÁIRE DEVINE

1783. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the curtailment of the DOMINO midwifery service at Cork University Maternity Hospital; whether a risk assessment and impact assessment on continuity of care, hospital capacity and postnatal supports were carried out; the number of midwifery vacancies currently affecting the service; and the measures being taken to restore full DOMINO services.

PQ75795/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

1784. To ask the Minister for Health the contractual provisions governing interpreter remuneration, travel time, mileage and other expenses, cancellation payments and waiting time under HSE framework HSE 24083 for multilingual translation and interpretation services; if her Department or the HSE monitors the terms offered to individual interpreters by contracted providers and subcontractors; and whether a review of these provisions is planned.

PQ75798/26 | IVANA BACIK

1785. To ask the Minister for Health whether national HR issued any instruction, circular or guidance to health region HR teams following the unsatisfactory rating in HSE Internal Audit report OPS012RGN0626 on the recruitment of non-EU doctors; if so, the date and content of same; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75921/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1786. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70586/26, which stated that national HR is responsible for setting national recruitment standards governing pre-employment screening; the title and date of the current document setting out those standards; whether national HR monitors or audits compliance by health regions with those standards; if so, the number of such reviews carried out since 2023 and the regions concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75920/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1787. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70586/26, which stated that national HR is responsible for setting national recruitment standards governing pre-employment screening; the title and date of the current document setting out those standards; whether national HR monitors or audits compliance by health regions with those standards; if so, the number of such reviews carried out since 2023; the regions concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75918/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1788. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70586/26, which did not address whether national HR has the power to direct a health region to take corrective action where pre-employment screening failures are identified; whether such a power exists; if so, the instrument or policy under which it is conferred; the number of occasions it has been exercised since 2023; if not, the person or office in the HSE with authority to compel a region to remedy such failures; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75917/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1789. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to contract in private dental services to clear the backlog of 51,000 children, overdue their 6th class check in the child oral health programme.

PQ75915/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1790. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved posts funded to clear the backlog of 51,000 children who have missed out on their sixth class checks in the child oral health programme.

PQ75913/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1791. To ask the Minister for Health whether HSE has conducted. or will conduct, a comprehensive national audit of sonographer qualifications across contracted ultrasound providers.

PQ75935/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

1792. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who have availed of the travel abroad scheme for vaginal mesh/tape procedures in each of the years 2019 to date in 2026.

PQ75933/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1793. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will be directed to recommence vaginal mesh procedures.

PQ75932/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1794. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of vaginal mesh surgery was completed and sent for consideration to her Department.

PQ75931/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1795. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for patients referred on an urgent basis to symptomatic breast services in Galway; whether urgent referrals are currently experiencing waiting times of up to ten-weeks; the number of patients currently awaiting an urgent appointment; the average and longest waiting times for such appointments; and the measures being taken to ensure that patients with suspected breast cancer are assessed within the recommended clinical timeframes.

PQ75930/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1796. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 66545/26, whether any guidance was issued by the HSE or her Department to prescribers, community pharmacists or patients on substitution of salbutamol and ipratropium nebules during the supply shortages in 2025 and 2026; whether the HSE engaged with the HPRA on securing supply for Irish patients; and the dates of any such guidance or engagement.

PQ75929/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1797. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 66545/26, the number of queries received by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service from community pharmacies seeking reimbursement of alternate salbutamol or ipratropium nebulised products during the supply shortages in 2025 and 2026; the number approved and refused; the average time taken to respond; and the dates on which reimbursement of exempt medicinal products for these nebules began and ended.

PQ75926/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1798. To ask the Minister for Health if all individuals conducting HSE-funded ultrasound examinations via contracted third-party providers meet the stipulated postgraduate qualification requirements or formally recognised equivalents.

PQ75936/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

1799. To ask the Minister for Health if she has made representations to the HPRA in respect of the need to make available 2mg and 1mg doses of a mediction (details supplied) for treating anaphylaxis, approved in August 2025 and March 2026, respectively.

PQ75829/26 | IVANA BACIK

1800. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting more than three, six and twelve months for a publicly provided food allergy test; and the average waiting time for a public paediatric allergy diagnosis appointment in each county, in tabular from.

PQ75827/26 | IVANA BACIK

1801. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to ensure that all women are informed if they have dense breast tissue following breast screening; if she will provide a timeline for the introduction of breast density reporting within the BreastCheck programme; and if she will ensure equitable access to any additional screening services recommended for women with dense breasts, in order to improve the early detection of breast cancer and reduce inequalities in cancer outcome.

PQ75826/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

1802. To ask the Minister for Health to outline her engagement with the HSE regarding employment for newly graduated nurses and midwives; and if she will be personally approving offers of employment in this regard.

PQ75967/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

1803. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding for the processing of biopsy samples from Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, by Bon Secours Hospital was withdrawn; the date on which this arrangement ceased; the number of patients whose biopsy samples are currently awaiting analysis and the average waiting time for biopsy results arising from this decision and the contingency arrangements that have been put in place to prevent delays in diagnosis, particularly for suspected cancer cases

PQ75824/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1804. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to reduce the waiting times for applicants to be reimbursed under the Cross-Border Directive.

PQ75822/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

1805. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to introduce a funded national programme for women over 50 for DEXA screening; the reason this is not currently in place given the importance of early detection and the osteoporosis risk faced by women over 50 due to postmenopausal estrogen decline which accelerates bone loss.

PQ75820/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1806. To ask the Minister for Health the number of items of clinical and medical equipment in public hospitals, community healthcare facilities and ambulance bases that are overdue for scheduled inspection, calibration, servicing or electrical safety testing, broken down by health region, facility and equipment category; the number overdue by more than three, six and 12-months; the number withdrawn from use as a result; and whether any clinical incidents have involved equipment whose scheduled maintenance had expired.

PQ75901/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1807. To ask the Minister for Health the average processing time for applications for reimbursement under the Cross-Border Directive; the number of applicants who are waiting for reimbursement to date; and the average time from receipt of a completed application to reimbursement.

PQ75818/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

1808. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration she has given to introducing a fully funded national DEXA screening programme for women over 50; her assessment of the potential health benefits of earlier diagnosis of osteoporosis and osteopenia through routine screening; the measures being taken to improve access to DEXA scanning; and if she will outline any plans to expand publicly funded screening and diagnostic services in this area.

PQ75816/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

1809. To ask the Minister for Health the number of daily presentations at the ED in UHL for the month of December of each year from 2021 to 2025 inclusive, by day and the expected daily presentations for December 2026, in tabular form.

PQ75890/26 | JOE COONEY

1810. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm that the funding package is in place for the surgical hub in Limerick to operate at full capacity from January 2027.

PQ75889/26 | JOE COONEY

1811. To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of fuel increases, her Department plans to raise the mileage rate for HSE workers, especially those working caring for patients in more rural areas and who have to travel longer distances.

PQ75678/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1812. To ask the Minister for Health the healthcare regions that her Department's recruitment sanction processes have introduced in the recent weeks.

PQ75847/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1813. To ask the Minister for Health when the paediatric eye clinic service will be reestablished and located back in County Laois; and if she will confirm the proposed location.

PQ75975/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

1814. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is aware of delays being encountered by lipoedema patients under the Cross Border Directive scheme.

PQ75855/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

1815. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts her Department and the HSE are making to ensure newly qualified nurses and midwives are offered contracts in a timely manner in a number of healthcare regions.

PQ75856/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1816. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by her Department and public bodies under the aegis of her Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75958/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1817. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 69393/26, which states that the Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Service is now available in all 19 maternity hospitals nationwide, if she will confirm that this service is available in Wexford General Hospital; if she will set out the nature of the service provided there; if she is aware that there is no combined obstetric and psychiatric inpatient unit in Wexford General Hospital; and if it is intended to provide such a unit.

PQ75837/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

1818. To ask the Minister for Health the number of graduate nurses and midwives in the Dublin and northeast HSE region in 2026, in tabular form; the number of offers issued to these graduates; and the number of posts accepted.

PQ75870/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1819. To ask the Minister for Health to carry out a review of the medical card eligibility of a person (details supplied).

PQ75998/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1820. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the number of graduate nurses & midwives in the west and northwest HSE region in 2026; the number of offers issued to these graduates; and the number of posts accepted, in tabular form.

PQ75871/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1821. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has conducted a comprehensive national audit of sonographer qualifications across services (details supplied) and other contracted ultrasound providers; to confirm that all practitioners conducting HSE-funded ultrasound examinations meet

the stipulated postgraduate qualification requirements or formally recognised equivalents; the investigations or corrective actions that have been undertaken since the publication of an article in July 2026; and if the HSE will undertake an independent national review and publish its findings, including any identified contractual non-compliance.

PQ76001/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1822. To ask the Minister for Health if she will implement a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age.

PQ75999/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

1823. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or public bodies under the aegis of her Department have tested their ability to transfer essential data and services from their principal cloud-service provider to an alternative provider or State-controlled infrastructure; the number possessing a fully costed and tested cloud exit plan; the number of critical public services that could not presently be migrated within six months; whether vendor-concentration risk is recorded centrally; and if she will publish an anonymised aggregate assessment of that risk.

PQ75982/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1824. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has conducted a comprehensive national audit of sonographer qualifications across organisations (details supplied) and other contracted ultrasound providers; if so, if the HSE confirm that all practitioners conducting HSE-funded ultrasound examinations meet the stipulated postgraduate qualification requirements or formally recognised equivalents; and if the HSE will undertake an independent national review and publish its findings, including any identified contractual non-compliance.

PQ76010/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1825. To ask the Minister for Health if Midlands regional hospital Tullamore held interviews with new graduate nurses for nursing posts this year; if a panel was formed; if so, the number on the panel when was it formed; and when will offers be made to panellists.

PQ76005/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1826. To ask the Minister for Health the number of graduate nurses and midwives in the Dublin and midlands HSE region in 2026, in tabular form; the number of offers issued to these graduates; and the number of posts accepted.

PQ76008/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1827. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Public Spending Code requires bodies such as the HSE to evaluate recurring expenditure on recruitment advertising; whether the Department has received any evaluation from the HSE of its expenditure on advertising consultant posts in medical journals; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75703/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1828. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to concerns raised by public health nurses, community nurses and other community healthcare staff regarding the adequacy of current mileage reimbursement rates for staff who are required to use their private vehicles in the course of their duties; when the rates were last reviewed; whether a review of these rates is planned in light of increased fuel, maintenance and vehicle operating costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76007/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1829. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has examined the impact of prolonged waiting times for orthodontic assessment and treatment on children's oral health and wellbeing; whether research or a review has been conducted in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76018/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an orthodontic assessment and orthodontic treatment under the HSE, by community healthcare organisation area; the average waiting time in each area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76019/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1831. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will commission a comprehensive review of HSE orthodontic services, including eligibility criteria, waiting lists, regional disparities in access, workforce capacity and treatment outcomes, with a view to ensuring that children requiring orthodontic treatment can access services in a timely and equitable manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76017/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1832. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant orthodontists, specialist orthodontists and orthodontic therapists employed by the HSE; the current vacancy levels; the measures being taken to increase capacity and reduce waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76020/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1833. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of children assessed annually by the HSE who are deemed ineligible for orthodontic treatment under the current eligibility criteria; the reasons for ineligibility most frequently cited; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76022/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1834. To ask the Minister for Health If she will consider introducing a national dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry bone density screening programme for women over the age of 50 to help prevent osteoporosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76023/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1835. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite the assessment and approval process for a medication (details supplied); if she will ensure timely and equitable access to this treatment for all eligible patients; if she will engage with clinicians, patient organisations, and other relevant stakeholders to address barriers to access.

PQ76042/26 | MARK WARD

1836. To ask the Minister for Health if there are grant schemes to support the operation of day care centres for older people.

PQ75435/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1837. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing posts awaiting approval in the HSE Dublin and midlands region.

PQ76028/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1838. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently provide home help services for a person (details supplied).

PQ76036/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1839. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to travel to Australia early in 2027 for a major recruitment campaign to encourage Irish trained nurses, doctors, physiotherapists and so on to return to Ireland and work within the public health services.

PQ76078/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1840. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE operates any programmes, grants, or discretionary supports to assist families caring for children with disabilities who require specialised or larger vehicles to attend healthcare, therapy and respite services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76077/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1841. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the implementation of the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) for Ballymun given last year’s securing of funding for the MDT under the Dormant Accounts Fund.

PQ76024/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1842. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a date for gynaecological surgery in Sligo University Hospital; and if they are on the routine or urgent waiting list.

PQ76065/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

1843. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nurse posts filled at Ennis General Hospital as of 20 October 2026; and if she will provide the same figures as of 31 October 2024 in tabular form.

PQ76079/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1844. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed at Monaghan Hospital, by grade, discipline and whole-time equivalent; and the number of inpatient beds, day-case beds and other treatment spaces currently available at the hospital.

PQ76052/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1845. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of rooms within Monaghan Hospital; the number currently in use and the purpose for which they are being used; the number that are currently vacant, unused or unavailable for clinical purposes; the total number of wards currently operational; and the purpose and capacity of each ward.

PQ76051/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1846. To ask the Minister for Health whether an audit of facilities, capacity, utilisation and service provision at Monaghan Hospital has been undertaken during the past five years; and if so, the dates on which such audits were completed and the findings thereof.

PQ76054/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1847. To ask the Minister for Health the diagnostic equipment currently available and operational at Monaghan Hospital; the procedures currently carried out in the hospital's theatre facilities; the frequency with which such procedures are undertaken; and the number of theatre sessions provided annually.

PQ76053/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1848. To ask the Minister for Health if she has taken any steps to introduce a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50.

PQ76097/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

1849. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential care places for adults in County Wexford; and whether there are any plans in place for new residential care places for the future.

PQ76096/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

1850. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on plans to make the shingles vaccine free for people aged over 65; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76092/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

1851. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to introducing a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age to facilitate the early detection and prevention of osteoporosis; and if funding will be allocated for such a programme.

PQ76157/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1852. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76144/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1853. To ask the Minister for Health to consider a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age to help protect women's bone health; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76156/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

1854. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people diagnosed with osteoporosis in each of the past five years; the number of hip fractures recorded in the same period; the estimated annual cost to the health service of osteoporosis-related fractures and associated care; and whether consideration is being given to expanding access to publicly funded DEXA scans for those at increased risk of osteoporosis.

PQ76120/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1855. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the Government's position on the introduction of a fully funded national bone density screening programme using DEXA scans for women aged over 50; the number of DEXA scanners currently in operation within the public health system; the average waiting time for a DEXA scan, by hospital and CHO area; and if her Department has assessed the potential benefits of the early detection of osteoporosis in reducing fracture rates, hospital admissions and long-term care costs.

PQ76119/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in West Cork for older adults with an intellectual disability for each of the years 2024 and 2025; the number of beds available currently for respite; and to outline the steps being taken to increase this number.

PQ76124/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1857. To ask the Minister for Health if she has plans for an Independent inquiry into endometriosis care in Ireland; if it will examine the experiences of women who have navigated endometriosis care in Ireland and the way in which our current situation developed; to examine access to diagnosis, appropriately trained specialists, multidisciplinary care, surgery, pain management and mental-health support, as well as the implementation and impact of the National Endometriosis Framework; and to examine the changes needed to ensure women across Ireland can access timely, appropriate and equitable endometriosis care.

PQ76118/26 | EAMON SCANLON

1858. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the web link to her Department’s Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76103/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1859. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to introduce a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age.

PQ76166/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

1860. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is being denied access to a CGM monitor for type 1 diabetes after countless applications to the HSE.

PQ76162/26 | MARTIN KENNY

1861. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE conducted a national audit of sonographer qualifications across services (details supplied) and other contracted ultrasound providers; whether all practitioners carrying out HSE-funded ultrasound examinations meet the contractual requirement for a recognised postgraduate ultrasound qualification at NFQ Level 9 or equivalent; and the investigations that have been undertaken since July 2026 regarding compliance with these requirements.

PQ76165/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

1862. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered introducing a framework to allow reasonable and proportionate flexibility in postgraduate medical training requirements, including geographical rotations, mandatory placements, progression timelines and other training obligations, where a trainee's circumstances have been materially affected by domestic abuse.

PQ76160/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1863. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is aware of the policies and procedures currently in place within postgraduate medical training bodies to support doctors in training who are affected by domestic abuse; if any training bodies have established dedicated domestic abuse informed pathways, designated contacts or advocates for affected trainees; and if she will provide details of the supports available.

PQ76159/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1864. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the development of national minimum standards or guidance for postgraduate medical training bodies in relation to trainees who are experiencing, or have experienced, domestic abuse; and the consultations undertaken on this matter.

PQ76158/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1865. To ask the Minister for Health the support provided to people who have undergone mental health treatment that would now be deemed unsuitable.

PQ76175/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1866. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of any hospital or mental health facility using regression therapy in Ireland.

PQ76173/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1867. To ask the Minister for Health the historical reviews undertaken by the HSE into psychiatric therapies and practices that are no longer used.

PQ76172/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1868. To ask the Minister for Health the regulations in place to ensure mental health treatments and practices are safe and evidence based.

PQ76178/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1869. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos 27227/26, 27228/26, and 27229/26, to provide an update on procurement of electronic health record systems across the HSE.

PQ76171/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

1870. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to requiring postgraduate medical training bodies to provide domestic-abuse-informed training to those involved in trainee welfare, placement allocation and progression decisions; to establish a named appropriately trained contact or advocate for trainees affected by domestic abuse; and to ensure access to confidential specialist support and advocacy for such trainees.

PQ76180/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1871. To ask the Minister for Health whether a targeted or general osteoporosis screening programme is under consideration; whether she has considered introducing such a public screening programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76167/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

1872. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that Ireland is the lowest placed EU country regarding delivery of transgender healthcare with reports pointing to severe systemic backlogs, a single centralised adult clinic which is currently not accepting referrals, and mandatory psychiatric assessments as primary reasons for this position; to outline her plans and the timeframe to address this; and if she will take steps to ensure that information resources are put in place to advise people of any changes in laws that affect transgender people, including providing pamphlets in CICs and similar outlets.

PQ76196/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

1873. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time being taken by the Freedom of Information Office at the Rotunda Hospital to issue decisions on Freedom of Information requests; the statutory timeframe within which such requests should be determined; the number of requests currently awaiting decision beyond the statutory deadline; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76194/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1874. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a review of the motor travel rates applicable to HSE home support staff who use their privately owned vehicles in the course of their duties; and if consideration is being given to the increased costs associated with fuel, vehicle maintenance, insurance and depreciation since the rates were last revised in September 2022.

PQ75858/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1875. To ask the Minister for Health if she and her Department have engaged with HSE West/North West in relation to the approval of contracts for newly graduated nurses and midwives.

PQ76193/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1876. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider expanding the list of qualifying conditions under the long-term illness scheme to include Crohn’s disease and hypothyroidism, given that both are lifelong conditions requiring ongoing medical management and, in many cases, daily medication; and if she will review the financial burden prescription costs place on patients with these conditions.

PQ76204/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

1877. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to bring in new safety measures to improve the way in which the risks of suicidal thoughts and behaviours and persistent sexual dysfunction are communicated to patients taking antidepressant medications, similar that introduced in Britain recently (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76358/26 | MARK WARD

1878. To ask the Minister for Health if the State Claims Agency is relying on previous settlement amounts as benchmarks when valuing individual South Kerry CAMHS claims; and the way in which it ensures that this does not unfairly disadvantage claimants with more serious or different injuries.

PQ76349/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1879. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government is satisfied that the scheme is fulfilling its intended purpose of providing fair and compassionate redress to those affected by the south Kerry CAMHS failures.

PQ76355/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1880. To ask the Minister for Health the safeguards that exist to ensure claimants for the south Kerry CAMHS compensation are not placed under pressure to accept inadequate settlements simply because they have waited years for resolution.

PQ76354/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1881. To ask the Minister for Health if the south Kerry CAMHS compensation scheme could provide a meaningful process for individual acknowledgement, explanations and genuine apologies, rather than concentrating almost exclusively on financial settlement.

PQ76353/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1882. To ask the Minister for Health if vocational losses, lost educational opportunities, future psychological treatment and long-term care requirements are being fully and individually assessed where supported by evidence when it comes to the south Kerry CAMHS claims.

PQ76352/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1883. To ask the Minister for Health if there is sufficient independent oversight of the fairness of settlement offers for south Kerry CAMHS, particularly where claimants are psychologically vulnerable or have experienced substantial educational and developmental harm.

PQ76351/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1884. To ask the Minister for Health the current operational status of the Assisted Human Reproduction Regulatory Authority; if a chief executive officer has been appointed; the number of staff in post; the number of board vacancies; the funding allocated to the authority in 2026 and 2027; the date on which the authority is expected to commence performing its statutory functions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76339/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1885. To ask the Minister for Health to set out each function assigned to the Assisted Human Reproduction Regulatory Authority under sections 202 to 225 of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 that the Authority is not currently in a position to perform; whether any of those functions could be performed in the interim under an agreement provided for by section 125 of the Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76337/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1886. To ask the Minister for Health if the advice of the Office of the Attorney General that the past and prospective international surrogacy provisions of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 be commenced concurrently also extends to Chapter 1 of Part 12 of the Act concerning past domestic surrogacy; if not, the specific legal or administrative reason Chapter 1 of Part 12 cannot be commenced now, having regard to section 1(4) of the Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76336/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1887. To ask the Minister for Health the current average wait times at the emergency department in Temple Street Children's Hospital, Dublin; the way in which the wait times to date in 2026 compared to 2023, 2024 and 2025; the steps being taken to reduce wait times at the hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76332/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

1888. To ask the Minister for Health if a formal review or appeal mechanism is available to general practitioners in Roscommon and Galway where a referral to an adult community mental health team is declined despite the referring GP considering specialist assessment clinically necessary; who is responsible for reviewing such decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76331/26 | MARTIN DALY

1889. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the commencement of chapter 1 and chapter 2 of Part 12 of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76343/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1890. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of children born through past domestic surrogacy and past international surrogacy arrangements who would be eligible for a parental order under Part 12 of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 on its commencement; whether her Department holds or has sought such data; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76341/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1891. To ask the Minister for Health which provisions of Part 12 of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) (Amendment) Bill proposes to amend; the expected date of publication of that Bill; whether the commencement of chapter 1 and chapter 2 of Part 12 is each contingent on the enactment of that Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76340/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1892. To ask the Minister for Health whether referrals to adult community mental health teams that are declined following initial triage are excluded from published waiting-list figures; whether the HSE separately records the number of patients seeking specialist psychiatric assessment whose referrals are not accepted; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76330/26 | MARTIN DALY

1893. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has assessed the extent to which staffing levels, consultant psychiatrist availability and overall service capacity influence referral acceptance decisions within the Roscommon, Boyle and Ballinasloe, Portumna adult community mental health teams; and whether clinical referral thresholds are reviewed where significant differences in acceptance rates arise between neighbouring teams.

PQ76329/26 | MARTIN DALY

1894. To ask the Minister for Health whether adult community mental health teams operate a policy of discharging patients following two missed appointments; whether this policy applies to patients with established and enduring mental illnesses; the clinical safeguards that are required before such a discharge; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76325/26 | MARTIN DALY

1895. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients discharged from the Roscommon, Boyle and Ballinasloe, Portumna adult community mental health teams due to missed appointments or non-attendance in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number subsequently re-referred; and the number of these re-referrals accepted.

PQ76328/26 | MARTIN DALY

1896. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place to enable general practitioners in Roscommon and East Galway to obtain a specialist psychiatric opinion where a patient has not been accepted by an adult community mental health team but the referring GP considers that specialist advice is clinically necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76324/26 | MARTIN DALY

1897. To ask the Minister for Health whether patients previously receiving long-term treatment from adult community mental health teams who are subsequently discharged due to non-attendance must undergo the full referral and assessment process before being readmitted; whether their previous treatment history is considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76327/26 | MARTIN DALY

1898. To ask the Minister for Health the specific clinical criteria used by adult community mental health teams in Roscommon and Galway to determine whether a patient requires specialist psychiatric assessment; whether these criteria are applied consistently across the Roscommon–Boyle, Ballinasloe–Portumna and Tuam–Loughrea teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76323/26 | MARTIN DALY

1899. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in place within adult community mental health services to accommodate patients whose psychiatric conditions, including agoraphobia, severe anxiety or other enduring mental illnesses, affect their ability to attend scheduled

appointments; whether telephone consultations, video consultations or alternative community-based arrangements are provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76326/26 | MARTIN DALY

1900. To ask the Minister for Health whether referrals from general practitioners to adult community mental health teams in Roscommon and Galway can be declined without the patient receiving a direct clinical assessment; the clinical protocols governing such decisions; whether a consultant psychiatrist is required to review these decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76322/26 | MARTIN DALY

1901. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE will review the arrangements governing access to community dental services for children with additional or special needs living near county boundaries, with a view to allowing children to receive treatment at the nearest appropriate facility regardless of county boundaries or school location; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76321/26 | MARTIN DALY

1902. To ask the Minister for Health whether children with additional or special needs who reside in County Roscommon but attend school in County Galway can access community dental services in Roscommon where these services are significantly closer to their home, rather than being required to travel to Galway city; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76320/26 | MARTIN DALY

1903. To ask the Minister for Health whether eligibility for HSE community dental services for children with additional or special needs is determined by a child's county of residence, the location of the school they attend or the relevant HSE service area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76319/26 | MARTIN DALY

1904. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the adoption of a national standards document for Meals on Wheels service which was submitted to the HSE for consideration in October 2024.

PQ76369/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1905. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the Strategic Review of General Practice announced in 2023; when the final report and recommendations will be published; the reasons for any delay in publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76318/26 | MARTIN DALY

1906. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that an independent mediator agreed with patient advocacy groups and family representatives is appointed to discuss the terms of reference of the statutory inquiry into spina bifida and complex scoliosis services will be as agreed at a meeting on 12 November 2025.

PQ76368/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1907. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to using any savings arising from lower-than-projected uptake of GP visit cards to increase the income eligibility thresholds for full medical cards; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76317/26 | MARTIN DALY

1908. To ask the Minister for Health to introduce a nationally consistent Meals on Wheels funding framework which is supported by a standardised service agreement.

PQ76367/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1909. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding originally allocated to the expansion of GP visit card eligibility in 2023; the actual expenditure arising from this measure in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and projected expenditure for 2026; whether any funding remained unspent; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76316/26 | MARTIN DALY

1910. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE has conducted an analysis of the reasons for lower-than-anticipated uptake of GP visit cards following the expansion of eligibility in 2023; the findings of any such analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76315/26 | MARTIN DALY

1911. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional GP visit cards originally projected to be issued following the expansion of eligibility in 2023; the actual number issued in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76314/26 | MARTIN DALY

1912. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the €10.25 million allocated to Meals on Wheels as part of Budget 2027; the amount that will go directly to Meals on Wheels; and the amount that will go to day care centres.

PQ76366/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1913. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of private health insurance, by age group (details supplied).

PQ76364/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1914. To ask the Minister for Health the number of 2025 service arrangements and grant aid agreements, Part 1 and Part 2/HPSR, which had not been countersigned by the HSE at 31 December 2025, by arrangement type and HSE region; the total funding released to agencies in the absence of a fully executed agreement; and the status at the date of reply of the agreements with the bodies, in tabular form.

PQ76370/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1915. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has established a target timeframe for the processing and payment of reimbursement claims under the endometriosis surgery abroad interim scheme; if so, the timeframe; the percentage of claims processed within that timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76192/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1916. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time currently being taken by the HSE to process and pay reimbursement claims under the endometriosis surgery abroad interim scheme; the longest period an applicant has waited for reimbursement to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76191/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1917. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has carried out an audit of the qualifications of sonographers performing HSE-funded ultrasound examinations for contracted providers, including companies (details supplied); if so, the date and findings of the audit; and if not, whether such an audit is planned.

PQ76295/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1918. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has requested evidence from contracted providers, including companies (details supplied) that all practitioners performing HSE-funded community ultrasound examinations hold the recognised postgraduate qualification in ultrasound at NFQ Level 9, or equivalent, required under HSE contracts, as providers are obliged to provide on request; and the number of practitioners, by provider, who do not hold this qualification.

PQ76294/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1919. To ask the Minister for Health the current operational status of the designated regional endometriosis hub in Galway; whether a clinical lead has been appointed; the number and grades of specialist staff currently assigned to the service; the specialist diagnostic and surgical services presently available; the reasons for a delay in making the hub fully operational; and the expected date on which a comprehensive regional service will be established.

PQ76225/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1920. To ask the Minister for Health the interim arrangements in place for patients in Galway, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Donegal and the wider western region who require specialist endometriosis assessment or surgery that is not currently available in Galway; whether patients can access designated centres elsewhere in the State irrespective of geographical catchment boundaries; and the measures being taken to ensure that patients are not refused access due to their place of residence.

PQ76226/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1921. To ask the Minister for Health the investigations or corrective actions taken by the HSE since a newspaper (details supplied) reported on 31 July 2026 that some staff performing HSE-funded ultrasound examinations for a contracted provider did not hold the postgraduate qualification specified in the HSE contract; and whether any contractual sanctions have been applied.

PQ76292/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1922. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant gynaecologists currently providing specialist endometriosis excision surgery nationally; the number of multidisciplinary teams with access to colorectal and urological surgical expertise; the current recruitment status of vacant specialist posts in Galway; and whether additional funding or staffing approvals are required to establish a fully operational service.

PQ76228/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1923. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting endometriosis-related outpatient assessment and surgery, respectively, nationally and by hospital; the number awaiting complex excision surgery; the average and longest waiting times; whether the HSE maintains a dedicated national dataset on endometriosis referrals and treatment; and whether plans exist to establish comprehensive reporting on patient demand and treatment capacity.

PQ76227/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1924. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE will commission an independent national review of compliance with qualification requirements by providers contracted to deliver HSE-funded ultrasound examinations; and whether its findings, including any instances of contractual non-compliance, will be published.

PQ76291/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1925. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications received, approved, refused and completed under the endometriosis scheme abroad since its establishment, broken down by region where available; the eligibility and consultant referral requirements; and the arrangements in place for patients who cannot access a suitably qualified consultant to support an application.

PQ76229/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1926. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify the company that was ultimately awarded a contract (details supplied).

PQ76376/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1927. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in implementing the national endometriosis framework at each designated regional and supra-regional centre; the funding allocated and expended to date; the implementation milestones achieved and outstanding; the clinical education and public awareness measures introduced; and whether the HSE intends to publish regular progress reports on implementation.

PQ76230/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1928. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current care pathways in hospitals for victims of spiking; the testing that is currently available; and if there are any plans to enhance testing/treatment plans.

PQ76281/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1929. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the number of people who have presented at accident and emergency departments since 2021 for suspected spiking, by RHA and Hospital name.

PQ76280/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1930. To ask the Minister for Health the capital grants paid by the HSE to the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board in each year from 2016 to 2025, as reported in the HSE's Annual Financial Statements; whether the building has been delivered as contracted, including approved variations; whether it has been delivered at the agreed price, with documented variations; the total paid to the main contractor to date; and the date by which handover is expected.

PQ76274/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1931. To ask the Minister for Health the total paid by the HSE to for-profit home support providers in each year from 2016 to 2025, in tabular form; the number of home support hours delivered directly by the HSE, by Section 39 providers and by for-profit providers in each of those years; the reporting the HSE requires from for-profit providers under their service arrangements to verify hours delivered against payments made; the number of such providers audited or subject to payment reconciliation in each of 2023, 2024 and 2025; and whether these services were delivered as contracted and at the agreed rate; and if not, the details.

PQ76273/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1932. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for insufficient resources being allocated for procedures (details supplied).

PQ76393/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1933. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an orthopaedic appointment for Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway; and if they are on the urgent or routine waiting list.

PQ76398/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

1934. To ask the Minister for Health her assessment of the extent of burnout among nursing staff arising from chronic understaffing, excessive working hours and overcrowding within hospitals; the actions being taken to address these issues, including the impact on emergency departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76397/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1935. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she intends to take to improve nurse pay and working conditions in order to retain existing nursing staff and attract newly qualified nurses into the public health service; her assessment of the impact that current remuneration levels are having on nurse recruitment and retention; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76396/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1936. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE maintains a national register of side letters, qualifications or reservations submitted by funded agencies in connection with service arrangements and grant aid agreements; if not, whether she will require the HSE to establish such a register; the formal response and corrective actions that have been taken in respect of the Comptroller and Auditor General's findings that such letters undermine the effectiveness of funding agreements and accountability for performance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76272/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1937. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE will publish, in CSV or Excel format, a complete annual breakdown of revenue and capital grant payments made to section 38, section 39, for-profit and out-of-State agencies for each of the years from 2016 to 2025, identifying the recipient, amount paid, year, grant category; whether the payment relates to revenue or capital expenditure; whether the HSE will commit to publishing this information quarterly from 2026 onwards; if not, the specific legal, technical or operational reasons preventing publication; and the date by which publication will commence.

PQ76271/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1938. To ask the Minister for Health the specific legal function under Part 12 which cannot currently be performed; which provisions of Part 12 require the AHRRA to have commenced exercising its wider regulatory functions before Part 12 can operate; if her Department considers that the administrative functions assigned to the AHRRA under Part 12 could be performed independently of its wider regulatory and licensing functions; and if her Department has obtained legal advice on whether Part 12 could be commenced separately from the remaining provisions of the Act, given that section 1(4) expressly permits same.

PQ76404/26 | THOMAS GOULD

1939. To ask the Minister for Health to consider providing direct financial support to patients who require access to CPAP equipment.

PQ76410/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1940. To ask the Minister for Health to open a stem-cell transplantation unit in Cork.

PQ76413/26 | THOMAS GOULD

1941. To ask the Minister for Health to consider undertaking a review of the long-term illness scheme to expand the number of conditions able to access the scheme, in particular conditions such as obstructive sleep apnoea and Crohn's disease.

PQ76402/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1942. To ask the Minister for Health when Southdoc Blackpool will reopen.

PQ76400/26 | THOMAS GOULD

1943. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76261/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1944. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced, in tabular form.

PQ76249/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1945. To ask the Minister for Health the staff employed in hospitals that are required to be Garda vetted.

PQ76454/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1946. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts that are being made to increase diabetes service staffing levels in Tipperary University Hospital and across the Dublin and South East region, following clear staffing deficits identified in the 'The Diabetes Policy and Services Review: A Strategy for Better Care', launched by her earlier in 2026.

PQ76452/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1947. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on the waiting list for pump therapy in the HSE Dublin and South East region, broken down by each hospital in the region, in tabular form.

PQ76455/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1948. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Tipperary University Hospital's numerous submissions to increase staffing levels in their diabetes service have been unsuccessful.

PQ76448/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1949. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list in community health network 4 Clonmel, for speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology and dietetics; and the number waiting over three months, six months and 12 months for each.

PQ76444/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

1950. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements being made to ensure that women in rural West Clare have reasonable access to breast screening.

PQ76464/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1951. To ask the Minister for Health the reason women using BreastCheck in Limerick or Nenagh have to re-register to use the service elsewhere; and if this will affect their future screenings.

PQ76463/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1952. To ask the Minister for Health the reason women using BreastCheck in West Clare are being offered appointments in Galway, Limerick or Nenagh instead of Ennis.

PQ76461/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1953. To ask the Minister for Health if the BreastCheck mobile unit in Ennis is still operational; and if there are long term plans to keep this service.

PQ76460/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1954. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda for nitrous oxide misuse for each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026 respectively.

PQ76459/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1955. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative routes that are available to patients awaiting pump therapy in the HSE Dublin and South East region that are facing delays in commencement due to staff constraints; and if referral pathways between hubs are available to ensure speedier access to therapy for patients.

PQ76458/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1956. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an overview of the types of e-scooter related injuries children have presented with and been treated for at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital for each of the years 2020 to 2026 respectively.

PQ76483/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1957. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young people have been admitted to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital with e-scooter related injuries for each of the years 2020 to 2026 respectively.

PQ76482/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1958. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who have presented to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital with e-scooter related injuries for each of the years 2020 to 2026 respectively.

PQ76480/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1959. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department monitoring the experiences of families who spend hours waiting in Temple Street's emergency department; the accountability that exists when these waits become excessive; and the specific actions will the Minister for Health and the HSE take to improve this situation.

PQ76477/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1960. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid by each hospital and healthcare facility, in water rates for each of 2025 and 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76424/26 | BARRY WARD

1961. To ask the Minister for Health her plans address waiting times in Temple Street's emergency department, particularly for children referred with concerns about potentially serious conditions; and the additional staffing and capacity measures being implemented to ensure that children can be assessed in a timely manner.

PQ76476/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1962. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to reform parking charges at HSE hospitals; and when measures will be put in place on this issue.

PQ76475/26 | ROBERT TROY

1963. To ask the Minister for Health to consider reviewing the the drug payment scheme to reduce the financial and administrative burdens that patients face who need to pay upfront for getting access to the scheme.

PQ76420/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1964. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient wait-time for the commencement of diabetes pump therapy in the HSE Dublin and Midlands region; and the efforts are being made to reduce these wait-times.

PQ76469/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1965. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider establishing a national osteoporosis programme.

PQ76436/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1966. To ask the Minister for Health whether there are minimum training or certification requirements for healthcare professionals reporting DXA scans in Ireland and if so, to outline those requirements.

PQ76435/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1967. To ask the Minister for Health the national quality assurance standards that apply to DXA scanning facilities operating in the State.

PQ76434/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1968. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgical cases that have been undertaken and completed at the new HSE south-west surgical hub located on the campus of Cork University Hospital between the dates of its operational opening on 29 September 2026 and 22 October 2026.

PQ76489/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

1969. To ask the Minister for Health the number of DXA scanners per 100,000 population in Ireland; and the way in which this compares with EU averages.

PQ76433/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1970. To ask the Minister for Health the number of DXA scanners currently operating in the State, broken down by HSE-operated scanners, voluntary hospitals, private hospitals, and private clinics; and the location of each scanner.

PQ76432/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1971. To ask the Minister for Health the average patient wait-time for the commencement of diabetes pump therapy in Tipperary University Hospital; and the number of commencements per month for the past year.

PQ76466/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1972. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether it is in the interest of Irish citizens to allow the large-scale acquisition of GP practices in Ireland; and her views on whether this could make the implementation of Sláinte Care including the provision of universal free access to GP care more difficult.

PQ75978/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

1973. To ask the Minister for Health her Department’s assessment of the burden of RSV in older adults (details supplied); the extent to which this takes account of under-diagnosis of RSV; and the projected impact of RSV on acute hospital demand as the population ages.

PQ76492/26 | BARRY WARD

1974. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure a rehab referral is expedited for a person (details supplied).

PQ76504/26 | ROBERT TROY

1975. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the recruitment of a consultant neurologist at Letterkenny University Hospital; the number of applications received following the recent re-advertisement of the post; the current stage of the Public Appointments Service recruitment process; the expected timeline for completion of the recruitment process and appointment of a successful candidate; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76501/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1976. To ask the Minister for Health the number of graduate nurses awaiting the issue of employment contracts at Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore despite having successfully completed the recruitment process, obtained Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland registration; the reasons for delay in the issuance of contracts; whether any restrictions, pauses or approval requirements relating to nurse recruitment are currently affecting appointments at the hospital; the number of nursing vacancies currently unfilled at the hospital; and the extent to which agency nursing staff are being utilised at the facility.

PQ76497/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1977. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeline for her Department’s decision on a RSV Immunisation Strategy for older adults.

PQ76490/26 | BARRY WARD

1978. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied) whose has been informed that their appointment has been paused pending additional approval; if she will clarify the reason for the pause; the nature of the additional approval required; the expected timeframe for a decision; if the appointment remains expected to proceed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76522/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1979. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE specialist registrar in ENT surgery based at University Hospital Limerick as of 31 October 2026; if she will provide the same figures as of 31 October 2022, in tabular form.

PQ76518/26 | JOE COONEY

1980. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffed 24/7 NAS ambulances based in Co Clare as of 19 October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76517/26 | JOE COONEY

1981. To ask the Minister for Health if she will respond to reports that the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is monitoring the first ever reported human infection with Shamonda virus (SHAV).

PQ76509/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1982. To ask the Minister for Health to consider introducing a mechanism in the long term illness scheme, where the scheme is reviewed regularly, with further scientific understanding of long term medical illness.

PQ76414/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1983. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in North Kildare currently on a waiting list for paediatric occupational therapy; and the length of time each child has been waiting for.

PQ76253/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1984. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding or staffing resources are being allocated to HSE North Kildare services to alleviate the backlog of patients on a waitlist for paediatric occupational therapy services.

PQ76251/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1985. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures that are being taken to address and reduce the paediatric occupational therapy waiting lists in North Kildare.

PQ76248/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1986. To ask the Minister for Health if dedicated funding can be allocated to re-establish a sustainable intensive multidisciplinary paediatric chronic pain rehabilitation programme through the children's chronic pain clinic; if consideration has been given to reinstating the intensive rehabilitation programme previously operated by the clinic; and the measures currently being taken to improve access to specialist rehabilitation services for children and young people living with chronic pain.

PQ76527/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

1987. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to address the gaps in service shortfalls in Celbridge CAMHS in occupational therapy and psychology services.

PQ76584/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1988. To ask the Minister for Health the interim measures being introduced to provide occupational therapy to children in Celbridge while recruitment remains stalled.

PQ76581/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1989. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline to secure funding for an approved psychology post for the Celbridge CAMHS team.

PQ76580/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1990. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if the appointment will be expedited.

PQ76577/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1991. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to improve access to specialist rehabilitation services for children and young people living with chronic pain in Ireland.

PQ76635/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1992. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to re-establish dedicated funding for a sustainable intensive multidisciplinary paediatric chronic pain rehabilitation programme through the Children's Chronic Pain Clinic; and the timeframe for same.

PQ76634/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1993. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the non-commencement of Part 12 of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024.

PQ76619/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

1994. To ask the Minister for Health the average time patients aged 75 years and over wait in emergency departments before admission to an inpatient bed, by hospital, in each of the past three years and to date in 2026; the number of patients aged 75 years and over who waited more than 6, 12 and 24 hours for admission during this period; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76637/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1995. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to reduce excessive waiting times for older persons attending emergency departments; whether consideration is being given to the introduction of dedicated assessment and treatment pathways for elderly patients presenting to emergency departments; the current staffing levels of emergency medicine consultants, non consultant hospital doctors and nursing staff in emergency departments nationally; the number of vacant posts in each category; and the steps being taken to improve patient flow and increase bed capacity in acute hospitals.

PQ76636/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1996. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will request a formal national response setting out, recommendation by recommendation, what is accepted, rejected or requires further assessment, with reasons and completion dates; whether she will seek a costed implementation plan identifying the responsible national and regional bodies, accountable senior officers, staffing and funding requirements, delivery milestones and arrangements for reporting progress publicly for Letterkenny hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76601/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

1997. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has been briefed on the report's findings for Letterkenny hospital concerning staffing, funding, infrastructure and the sustainability of clinical services; when any such briefing occurred; the decisions or actions followed; whether she will seek publication of the full report and recommendations by a specified date; if publication is not proposed, the reasons notified to her Department, the authority responsible for that decision; whether any necessary redactions could permit publication of the remainder; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76599/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

1998. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a substantive reply on her actions and those of her Department in respect of national policy, funding and oversight, identifying separately operational information sought from the HSE, in regards to Letterkenny Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76604/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

1999. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment her Department has made, or commissioned, of the consequences of delayed consideration and implementation for patient safety, equitable access to care and the sustainability of Letterkenny University Hospital as a Model 3 hospital; the interim assurances she has sought from the HSE; whether the report's findings have informed her Department's consideration of national workforce, funding and capital investment priorities for Letterkenny University Hospital; if not, when they will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76603/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

2000. To ask the Minister for Health the average time between referral and commencement of treatment for children accepted into CAMHS services in Celbridge.

PQ76656/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

2001. To ask the Minister for Health the average time between referral and commencement of treatment for children accepted into CAMHS services in Naas.

PQ76655/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

2002. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to recruit and retain CAMHS staff in Naas and wider County Kildare; and whether additional funding has been allocated for recruitment initiatives.

PQ76654/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

2003. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on waiting lists for CAMHS services in Celbridge; the average waiting time for an initial assessment; and the longest waiting time recorded.

PQ76653/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

2004. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on waiting lists for CAMHS services in Naas; the average waiting time for an initial assessment; and the longest waiting time recorded.

PQ76652/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

2005. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 60997/26, and the subsequent response from Letterkenny University Hospital dated 14 September 2026, which did not specify a timetable for national consideration, an implementation deadline or accountable delivery arrangements for the Letterkenny University Hospital Model 3 Clinical Care Plan 2026, if she will outline the actions taken to secure its publication and a formal national response; specifically, whether she and her Department have received the full report and recommendations; and if she can make a statement on the matter.

PQ76593/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

2006. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for psychotherapy within adult community mental health services in the South West; and the number of people that are currently on the waiting list for psychotherapy services in the South West.

PQ76589/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

2007. To ask the Minister for Health the plans prescribe an approved post for psychology for the CAMHS team within Celbridge Primary Care Centre.

PQ76588/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

2008. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address staff shortages within the multi-disciplinary team at the CAMHS Celbridge Primary Care Centre.

PQ76586/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

2009. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will address the concerns raised.

PQ76664/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

2010. To ask the Minister for Health the safe staffing levels across all roles at Mayo University Hospital, in tabular form.

PQ76585/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

2011. To ask the Minister for Health if a medication (details supplied) is being withdrawn from supply; and if so, the reason; and the contingencies are being put in place to support women who rely on this medication.

PQ76639/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2012. To ask the Minister for Health if she will initiate an enhanced influenza vaccine tender process to provide a high-dose vaccine and deliver a positive impact on hospitalisations for flu this winter.

PQ76572/26 | BARRY WARD

2013. To ask the Minister for Health if she will publish or provide details of the formal risk assessment completed in July 2026 regarding the loss of administrative support to physiotherapy services in Swinford; the specific risks identified for patient access, waiting times, appointment management and non attendance rates; the mitigation measures proposed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76671/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2014. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will provide the rationale for the decision to reject the August 2026 request to recommission the previously decommissioned 0.5 WTE clerical officer post supporting physiotherapy services at Swinford District Hospital; the person that made that decision; whether an appeal mechanism exists; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76670/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2015. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for final approval and sign off by senior HSE management for midwives that have been successful and placed on a panel for Portlaoise Hospital.

PQ76669/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

2016. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the call for a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age; if she supports such an initiative; and to outline the work being undertaken to help protect women's bone health.

PQ76667/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

2017. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide me with information about access to schemes and supports that allow people with disabilities to access full-time employment opportunities with the HSE.

PQ76540/26 | GED NASH

2018. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently on physiotherapy waiting lists in the Swinford catchment area; the average waiting time for assessment and treatment as of the latest available date; the projected impact on waiting times arising from the cessation of administrative support on 9 October 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76672/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2019. To ask the Minister for Health the pathway that is available for people with Prader-Wili syndrome to avail of appropriate disability supports; and if the Government considers that the general pathway is appropriate given the unique nature of the condition.

PQ76553/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

2020. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government intends to introduce comprehensive cross-sectoral adult safeguarding legislation in line with the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission's 2024 report, A Regulatory Framework for Adult Safeguarding.

PQ76209/26 | MARTIN DALY

2021. To ask the Minister for Health if a comprehensive national audit of sonographer qualifications has been done on all contracted ultrasound providers used by the HSE.

PQ76689/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2022. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government has agreed a timeline for implementing the cross-sectoral adult safeguarding recommendations contained in the Law Reform Commission's 2024 report.

PQ76211/26 | MARTIN DALY

2023. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will confirm that all practitioners conducting HSE-funded ultrasound examinations meet the stipulated postgraduate qualification requirements or formally recognised equivalents.

PQ76688/26 | GED NASH

2024. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government intends to establish an independent national adult safeguarding body with responsibility for coordinating the protection of at-risk adults across all relevant sectors, as recommended by the Law Reform Commission.

PQ76219/26 | MARTIN DALY

2025. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has conducted a comprehensive national audit of sonographer qualifications across companies (details supplied) and other contracted ultrasound providers.

PQ76687/26 | GED NASH

2026. To ask the Minister for Health whether the establishment of an independent national adult safeguarding body will be considered as a priority during the lifetime of the current Government.

PQ76220/26 | MARTIN DALY

2027. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm that all practitioners conducting HSE-funded ultrasound examinations meet the stipulated postgraduate qualification requirements or formally recognised equivalents.

PQ76686/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2028. To ask the Minister for Health whether a lead Government department has been designated to oversee the development of an independent national adult safeguarding body and coordinate its establishment across relevant sectors.

PQ76221/26 | MARTIN DALY

2029. To ask the Minister for Health the number of midwives that graduated and qualified in 2026 that applied to the HSE; the number that have been recruited by the HSE; and the number that are now working for the HSE.

PQ76683/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

2030. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses that graduated and qualified in 2026; the number that applied to the HSE; and the number that have been recruited and are now working for the HSE.

PQ76682/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

2031. To ask the Minister for Health if she will respond to reports that the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is monitoring the first ever reported human infection with Shamonda virus (SHAV).

PQ76508/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2032. To ask the Minister for Health the investigations or corrective actions that have been undertaken since the publication of an article in July 2026 (details supplied); and if the HSE will undertake an independent national review and publish its findings, including any identified contractual non-compliance.

PQ76691/26 | GED NASH

2033. To ask the Minister for Health to reconsider going forward with the commission of investigation into scoliosis and spina bifida care scandals at Children's Health Ireland and instead proceed with a tribunal of inquiry as has been requested by parents and advocacy groups.

PQ76718/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2034. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will be appointed to the Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise in respect of a role (details supplied).

PQ76717/26 | SEAN FLEMING

2035. To ask the Minister for Health the specific functions under Part 12 of the Assisted Human Reproduction Act 2024 currently cannot be performed; the specific Part 12 functions that require the commencement of the Assisted Human Reproduction Regulatory Authority (AHRRA) before coming into effect; whether her Department has obtained legal advice on if Part 12 could be commenced separately from the remaining provisions of the 2024 Act; if legal advice has been received indicating that the provision under Part 12 cannot be commenced before the AHRRA is fully operational; and if so, if the substance of the advice will be published.

PQ76716/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

2036. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent staff currently employed at Cork University Hospital, by staffing categories of medical, nursing/midwifery, health and social care professionals and management/administrative staff, in tabular form.

PQ76731/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

2037. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent staff currently employed at Beaumont Hospital, by staffing categories of medical, nursing/midwifery, health and social care professionals and management/administrative staff, in tabular form.

PQ76730/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

2038. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent staff currently employed at St. James Hospital, by staffing categories of medical, nursing/midwifery, health and social care professionals and management/administrative staff, in tabular form.

PQ76729/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

2039. To ask the Minister for Health if healthcare workers in HSE West/North West who previously had their contracts approved by the CEO of the HSE but have now been told that their contracts are on hold following the new memo which outlines a requirement for Department approval will be given clarity on their positions in the near future; and if any contracts previously approved will be withdrawn by the Department following this change in policy.

PQ76699/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2040. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an application (details supplied).

PQ76719/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

2041. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that has been secured for the Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme; the timeframe for this to be delivered; and the consideration, if any, that has been given to putting funding for the programme on a multi-annual footing.

PQ76740/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

2042. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the current ADHD referral, service capacity, access to operational specialist adult ADHD teams, and waiting time, by region, in tabular form; and to outline the way in which equitable access across the State will be ensured while specialist HSE services remain at different stages of rollout in different geographical areas.

PQ76741/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

2043. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the external expert panel review (details supplied) in relation pelvic osteotomy procedures for developmental dysplasia of the hi; and if the basis for significant delays in this process can be provided.

PQ76744/26 | BARRY WARD

2044. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the status of the external expert panel review into the appropriateness of the original clinical decision-making for pelvic osteotomy procedures performed in CHI Temple Street and Cappagh Kids; and when it is hoped the final report will be published.

PQ76743/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

2045. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to a case whereby a medical card was refused (details supplied); and the actions she will take to assist in this regard.

PQ76742/26 | BARRY WARD

2046. To ask the Minister for Health whether dedicated funding can be allocated to re-establish a sustainable intensive multidisciplinary paediatric chronic pain rehabilitation programme through the Children's Chronic Pain Clinic; and the steps being taken to improve access to specialist rehabilitation services for children and young people living with chronic pain in Ireland.

PQ76751/26 | JOE NEVILLE

2047. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals who are eligible for a GP visit card; and the numbers who have availed of the GP visit card.

PQ76747/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2048. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Inquiry into spina bifida and complex scoliosis's remit will not extend to consider surgeries that were conducted before the establishment of Children's Health Ireland (CHI) especially considering the possibility that these may have conducted by the same surgeons.

PQ76745/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

2049. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the provision of training for all professionals in contact with children, including mental health professionals, to raise awareness of the issues of parental problem alcohol use.

PQ76708/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

2050. To ask the Minister for Health if there are statistics available of number of people who have entered drug treatment reporting nitrous oxide as a problem substance from 2021 to 2025; if this is available by age group; and whether the HSE has assessed the capacity of adolescent addiction services to respond to demand of this material as an abused substance.

PQ76760/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

2051. To ask the Minister for Health the actions she is taking to address significant delays in the external expert panel review (details supplied) in relation pelvic osteotomy procedures for developmental dysplasia of the hip; and if the basis for significant delays in this process can be provided.

PQ76757/26 | BARRY WARD

2052. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to grade 4 and 5 vaccination posts in the Mid West in the mobile vaccination team, the reason they are not being converted from agency into HSE posts and instead being advertised when individuals working in those posts are in position three to four years, particularly when other conversions are taking place for other positions; and if she will rectify this considering these posts were created in urgent conditions and those people have done such important work.

PQ76768/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2053. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the basis for the review (detail supplied) in relation to pelvic osteotomy procedures for developmental dysplasia of the hip being established as a commission of investigation rather than a statutory public inquiry; and if the rationale for this can be outlined.

PQ76767/26 | BARRY WARD

2054. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the basis for the timeframe stipulated for a review (details supplied) in relation to pelvic osteotomy procedures for developmental dysplasia of the hip; and the reason children from pre 2019 are not being considered, in the context of those children being operated on by the same surgeons in the years before CHI was established under that name.

PQ76765/26 | BARRY WARD

2055. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE has assessed young people’s awareness of the risks associated with nitrous oxide use; and whether a targeted public information campaign is planned.

PQ76763/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

2056. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the HSE has carried out a recent assessment of recreational nitrous oxide use among young people; and whether there are any further studies planned regarding same.

PQ76762/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

2057. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied) regarding Huntington's Disease.

PQ76704/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

2058. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card holders who lost it due to the increase in the State pension in Budget 2026; whether her Department has undertaken projections in respect of the numbers that will do so as a result of Budget 2027; and the steps her Department has taken to ensure there is a no impact on those in receipt of the State pension with regard to their medical card.

PQ76783/26 | JOE COONEY

2059. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of GPs per all community health networks in the State.

PQ76786/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2060. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will provide an update on the issues raised.

PQ76787/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

2061. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the measures in place to ensure that hospital smoke-free campus policies are being adhered to, particularly at Galway University Hospital.

PQ76812/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

2062. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to address the staff shortages at Cork University Hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76810/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

2063. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapy post vacancies in the Mid-West Region.

PQ76819/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2064. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a further update on efforts to establish an SATU in the Mid-West Region.

PQ76818/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2065. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that tongue tie screening is a standard part of lactation support practise across all maternity units.

PQ76950/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2066. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols in place for the assessment of tongue tie across all maternity units.

PQ76949/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2067. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for the funding and implementation of a DEXA screening programme for women aged 50 and over given that most women with bone density loss are not diagnosed despite an increased risk of osteoporosis after menopause.

PQ76813/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

2068. To ask the Minister for Health with regards to the new shingles vaccine programme recently announced, if the criteria have yet been established; the expected timeline for rollout; and if a person over 65, with COPD and a heart condition would qualify.

PQ76798/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2069. To ask the Minister for Health given that the draft of the National Clinical Programme was written before an evidence base was established, will it be withdrawn.

PQ76833/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2070. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's timeline for implementing standard, safe care pathways for patients on home total parenteral nutrition countrywide.

PQ76928/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

2071. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the funding and establishment of the national adult intestinal failure eight bed unit at St. James's Hospital.

PQ76927/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

2072. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is aware of two peer-reviewed papers recently published in a journal (details supplied) undertaken by scientists at Imperial College London and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; and if she will outline the way in which the conclusion of this research with respect to Ireland relates to the EuroMOMO which indicated no excess deaths due to heat in the same period in Ireland.

PQ76935/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2073. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has consented under section 22(4) of the Health Act 2004 to the revised HSE recruitment sanction process, or to individual approvals under it; and if so, the date of that consent.

PQ76999/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2074. To ask the Minister for Health if the Critical Care Wing of the Rotunda Hospital can be considered for designation as critical infrastructure.

PQ76824/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

2075. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of physiotherapy post vacancies in Mid-West Region Primary Care Centres, by PCC, associated service (if relevant); the length of time the post has been vacant; the length of time recruitment has been ongoing; and an update on recruitment efforts, in tabular form.

PQ76822/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2076. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of physiotherapy post vacancies in Mid-West Region hospitals, by hospital, associated service; length of time the post has been vacant; the length of time recruitment has been ongoing; and an update on recruitment efforts, in tabular form.

PQ76821/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2077. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals awaiting physiotherapy assessment in the Mid-West Region by integrated healthcare area; age category; specialty/discipline; and time waiting, in tabular form.

PQ76820/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2078. To ask the Minister for Health whether purchase orders issued by her Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way her Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ76996/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2079. To ask the Minister for Health further to her statement on 22 October 2026 that the proposed Commission of Investigation would include a module for parents and families to describe their experiences, with a choice about giving those accounts publicly, how that choice will be implemented; the scope of the proposed family participation module, whether it will include families whose experiences predate 2019; and the timetable for consultation with families and advocacy groups on these provisions.

PQ77077/26 | EMER CURRIE

2080. To ask the Minister for Health further to her closing response during statements on Children's Health Ireland on 22 October 2026 (details supplied), the way this will be reflected in the proposed Commission of Investigation's terms of reference, whether the commission will be empowered to investigate relevant pre-2019 surgical practices, clinical governance and management responses, as distinct from receiving accounts of families' experiences; and whether the hip dysplasia module will cover the full January 2010 to March 2025 period.

PQ77076/26 | EMER CURRIE

2081. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in implementing the multidisciplinary clinical follow-up and longer-term model of care announced in May 2025 for children who underwent hip dysplasia at Temple Street and Cappagh; and the number invited, assessed and awaiting assessment.

PQ77075/26 | EMER CURRIE

2082. To ask the Minister for Health whether standardised criteria for hip dysplasia surgery, developed with international expert input following the 2025 hip dysplasia audit, have been finalised and implemented.

PQ77074/26 | EMER CURRIE

2083. To ask the Minister for Health further to her statements of 27 May and 26 June 2025 in Dail Éireann regarding cross-site pre-operative meetings and multidisciplinary assessment for children being considered for hip surgery, whether every proposed pelvic osteotomy at Temple Street and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh is subject to this process before listing for surgery; the composition of the multidisciplinary team and external expert involvement; whether its recommendations are binding; and how compliance is independently audited.

PQ77073/26 | EMER CURRIE

2084. To ask the Minister for Health whether families will receive findings concerning their child as soon as that child's External Expert Panel Review is completed, without awaiting completion of the full review; the arrangements and timeframe for communicating individual findings; and the clinical supports available to families.

PQ77072/26 | EMER CURRIE

2085. To ask the Minister for Health whether contracts recorded in her Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether her Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77016/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2086. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children included in the External Expert Panel Review of pelvic osteotomy surgery; the number of individual case reviews commenced and completed to date; and the resources available to the panel; and the measures being taken to expedite completion while maintaining the quality and independence of the review.

PQ77071/26 | EMER CURRIE

2087. To ask the Minister for Health the firm completion date for the External Expert Panel Review of hip dysplasia surgery at Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh; the reasons formal individual case reviews commenced in August 2026 rather than by January 2026 as previously communicated to families; whether the latest timetable provides for a further twelve months from October 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77070/26 | EMER CURRIE

2088. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70657/26, the date on which the advanced nurse practitioner post in the stroke rehabilitation unit at St. Finbarr's Hospital, Cork became vacant or was first sought; the date on which it received HSE south-west approval; the date on which it was submitted for national approval; the interim arrangements in place for patients in the unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77063/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2089. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 69640/26, the date on which the roadmap for the initiation and monitoring of omaveloxolone (skyclarys) developed by the national ataxia clinic at Tallaght University Hospital was circulated to neurologists via the National Clinical Programme for Neurology Clinical Advisory Group; whether this document was commissioned or approved by the HSE; whether a national HSE protocol for the initiation and monitoring of the treatment exists; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77085/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2090. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 66526/26 and 70657/26, whether national HSE approval has issued for the replacement clinical nurse specialist post supporting skin cancer follow up at Cork University Hospital; if so, the date on which it issued; if not, the reason the post was not included in the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 70657/26, which stated that no clinical nurse specialist posts in HSE south-west are awaiting national approval; the date by which the post will be advertised and filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77061/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2091. To ask the Minister for Health whether the cost of the monitoring required for patients on omaveloxolone (skyclarys), including monthly blood tests for the first three months of treatment, at least annual echocardiography, and neurology and cardiology review, was included in the budget impact assessment considered by the HSE when reimbursement was approved; if so, the amount included; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77084/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2092. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure by HSE south-west on agency staff and on overtime for public health nursing and health and social care professional grades in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77059/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2093. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants approved by the HSE as prescribers of omaveloxolone (skyclarys), by hospital; whether any consultant at Cork University Hospital or any other hospital in the HSE south-west region has been approved; the number of patients with Friedreich's ataxia attending neurology services at each hospital as identified by the National Clinical Programme for Neurology Clinical Advisory Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77082/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2094. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 69640/26, the amount of interim funding made available to the national ataxia clinic at Tallaght University Hospital to facilitate the commencement of patients on omaveloxolone (skyclarys); the date on which this funding was approved; the budget from which it was drawn; the number of additional clinics and weekend sessions it funds; the date on which the funding ends; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77081/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2095. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 69640/26, the date on which Tallaght University Hospital submitted its business case to increase capacity at the National Ataxia Clinic for patients with Friedreich's ataxia; the total cost of the business case, including the number and grade of posts sought; the stage the business case has reached; the date by which a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77080/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2096. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical nurse specialist and advanced nurse practitioner posts in HSE south west currently vacant, by hospital and specialty, distinguishing between posts awaiting HSE south west approval, posts awaiting national HSE approval, and posts approved but not yet filled, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77065/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2097. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place to coordinate the development of adult safeguarding legislation across Government departments, particularly in relation to protecting adults at risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation outside health and social care settings.

PQ76210/26 | MARTIN DALY

2098. To ask the Minister for Health regarding the National Clinical Programme, to ensure that there will be no further development until there is a new permanent clinical lead in place.

PQ76836/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2099. To ask the Minister for Health the amount accrued by the HSE in paying interest as a result of late payments to its suppliers, contractors and others in 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ77140/26 | MARK WARD

2100. To ask the Minister for Health when will the temporary pause to recruitment appointments be lifted in the CHW region.

PQ77096/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2101. To ask the Minister for Health the reason start dates have been postponed while positions remain vacant in Roscommon University Hospital.

PQ77095/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2102. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffing posts that have been filled with the start dates given been postponed in Roscommon University Hospital, Galway University Hospital and Sligo University Hospital.

PQ77094/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2103. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staffing posts that remain unfilled in Roscommon University Hospital in 2026.

PQ77093/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2104. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being taken to restore full CT scanning capacity at Cork University Hospital following the previously reported 50% reduction; the current number of patients awaiting CT scans, including those classified as urgent; and the expected timeline for restoring full capacity.

PQ76849/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

2105. To ask the Minister for Health further to her recent comments questioning the prioritisation of CT scanning staff at Cork University Hospital, the number of additional radiographer posts CUH has requested in 2026; how many have been approved, refused or remain awaiting approval; and whether hospital management has been authorised to recruit sufficient staff to restore full CT scanning capacity.

PQ76848/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

2106. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence from a person (details supplied) regarding work placements.

PQ76773/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

2107. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of her Department's policy regarding nursing homes bundling additional charges into fair deal scheme contracts, for services that fall outside of standard long-term residential care (details supplied).

PQ77092/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

2108. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown, by grade and department, of the 233 additional staff she recently stated were recruited to Cork University Hospital; the number that were assigned to the new surgical hub; and the number that were available to address staffing shortages in existing services.

PQ76847/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

2109. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public beds due to become available in nursing homes in Dublin, under the fair deal scheme for 2027; and if she will commit to a timeline for when those beds will become available.

PQ77091/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

2110. To ask the Minister for Health regarding the National Clinical Programme if she will comment on the fact that groups (details supplied) have left the working group for this programme.

PQ76832/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2111. To ask the Minister for Health If she will provide an appropriate level of funding to the not for profit section 39 supported care homes sector to assist those homes with the cost of remedial works, refurbishment work and implementing energy efficiency initiatives similar to the RSI and REE schemes which are available to private nursing homes; if she will examine the cost to these homes to achieve and maintain compliance with HIQA standards and bring forward a well funded policy led response; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76859/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

2112. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70583/26, which of these rules a health region is to apply when considering a request from a staff member in a work sharing arrangement to increase their hours (details supplied); whether updated guidance on this has issued to the health regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77055/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2113. To ask the Minister for Health the average period of delay for HIQA to inspect/approve new health facilities, such as extensions to hospitals, nursing homes and so on once the projects are completed and HIQA approval is sought to open and operate the facilities for less than two weeks, four weeks, six weeks and so on, in tabular form; the full details of all approvals sought in 2025; and the timelines involved for final approval.

PQ76857/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

2114. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 70576/26, 70580/26 and 70581/26, whether the standardised HSE recruitment checklist for hiring non-EEA doctors requires a named manager to certify that all mandatory pre-employment checks have been completed before a start date is confirmed; if a copy of the checklist will be laid in the Oireachtas Library; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77052/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2115. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 70576/26, 70580/26 and 70581/26, in which the HSE stated that recruitment records are subject to management oversight and periodic review to monitor compliance with pre-employment requirements, the date of the most recent such review in each health region; the number of doctor personnel files examined in each review; the number of files found not to be compliant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77050/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2116. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70920/26, the reason a performance group to oversee implementation of the Public Only Consultant Contract was not established until 27 May 2026, more than three years after the contract came into effect in March 2023; the body or office, if any, that held that responsibility before that date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77049/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2117. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to ensure the diabetic day centre at Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar is restored; the timeline for same; prior to the suspension of services, the number of staff employed in the centre and the number of vacant posts, by grade; and if recruitment is underway to fill vacant posts.

PQ77129/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2118. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to stem-cell transplantation and cellular therapy, if such services are currently available to patients in the south of Ireland; the reason there is no dedicated stem-cell transplantation unit in Cork or the south of country; if any short-term measures will be taken to ensure that patients from the south receive timely assessment, treatment, travel assistance and appropriate support until a unit is delivered for the south.

PQ77127/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2119. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of BreastCheck mobile units; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77151/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

2120. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women over the age of 50 who have yet to receive an appointment for their breastcheck exam on a county by county basis; the waiting time on a county by county basis for their first BreastCheck exam; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77150/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

2121. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposal to deliver a Stem Cell Tissue Establishment and Advanced Cellular Therapies Unit at Cork University Hospital; the next steps in the planning and approval process; the estimated cost of this project; if funding will be provided; and the expected timeline for delivering this project.

PQ77124/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2122. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent assessment's recommendations on scope of practice reflect physician associates' training, competencies and current duties in Irish hospitals; and whether concerns raised by the profession will be addressed before implementation.

PQ77176/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2123. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year costs of providing three additional 24-7 HSE critical care ambulances for the Waterford area.

PQ77182/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

2124. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE registrars in ENT surgery based at University Hospital Waterford as of 27 October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ77181/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

2125. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to recruit extra public health nurses to support the school vaccination programme; and whether a workforce assessment plan has been undertaken to determine the number of additional nurses required to ensure the timely delivery of school based immunisations nationwide.

PQ77180/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

2126. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which Budget 2027 will provide additional capacity and services in University Hospital Waterford.

PQ77179/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

2127. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional beds announced in Budget 2027 which will be allocated for Portiuncula Hospital.

PQ77220/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

2128. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in HSE Galway city area who have been approved for home support but are waiting for a carer to be assigned as of 27 October 2026.

PQ77219/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

2129. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to reports that the PCRS is limiting the dispensing of Lift glucose drinks to 12 per month for people with type one diabetes, even where a consultant has prescribed a higher quantity; the basis on which this limit has been introduced; whether a clinical assessment was undertaken before its introduction; and if she will outline the rationale for restricting access to a product used in the treatment of potentially life-threatening hypoglycaemic episodes.

PQ76879/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

2130. To ask the Minister for Health if she will seek a report from the HSE and Mayo University Hospital regarding a case (details supplied) involving an erroneously issued chemotherapy appointment, alleged missing referrals for respiratory follow-up, and disputed clinical records relating to a bronchoscopy procedure.

PQ77214/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2131. To ask the Minister for Health to outline in detail the length of time beds have remained closed in Dingle Community Hospital; when they will be opened; her plans to address the staffing/recruitment issues in the hospital or will it continue to be used as an excuse to allow these greatly needed beds remain closed; and will she not consider introducing incentives to attract staff to the hospital and allow these beds to open.

PQ76895/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2132. To ask the Minister for Health to outline in detail the length of time beds have remained closed in Kenmare Community Hospital; when exactly they will be opened; her plans to address the staffing/recruitment issues in the hospital or will it continue to be used as an excuse to allow these greatly needed beds remain closed; and will she not consider introducing incentives to attract staff to the hospital and allow these beds to open.

PQ76894/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2133. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will urgently review the clinical records of a patient (details supplied) who has received contradictory information regarding their cancer follow-up care, including references to procedures they state they never underwent and referrals which cannot now be located, in order to establish the follow-up treatment or investigations that are actually required.

PQ77212/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2134. To ask the Minister for Health If she will address the widening deficit between demographic growth and residential care capacity, noting that while the population aged 65 and over has increased by approximately 23 per cent from 701,400 in 2019 to 861,100 in 2025, the number of registered nursing homes has fallen from 585 to 545 this year, with total bed capacity growing by just 1 per cent (407 beds) over a seven-year period; and the structural funding and policy measures she is introducing in Budget 2027 to proactively support investment in community-based nursing homes to address this supply crisis.

PQ76878/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

2135. To ask the Minister for Health whether a serious incident management team review, patient safety incident review, or other formal investigation is initiated where concerns arise involving an incorrectly issued chemotherapy appointment, disputed clinical records, missing referrals and uncertainty regarding follow-up care for a cancer patient (details supplied).

PQ77211/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2136. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has investigated concerns raised by a person (details supplied) that medical records belonging to another patient may have been incorrectly placed on their file, or alternatively that their own records may have been attributed elsewhere; and the outcome of any such investigation.

PQ77210/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2137. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a patient (details supplied) who was informed of a lung abnormality requiring follow-up was allegedly left without an appointment despite referrals reportedly being sent on two occasions by the referring clinician to the respiratory service at Mayo University Hospital; and whether an investigation has been undertaken into the whereabouts of those referrals.

PQ77209/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2138. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a case in which a patient was informed that their medical file contained details of a bronchoscopy procedure which the patient states they never underwent; and whether this matter has been investigated as a potential medical records error.

PQ77208/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2139. To ask the Minister for Health If she will outline her Department's strategic policy to support and protect the independent, family-run nursing home sector 9details supplied); if she has evaluated the risk that escalating, State-mandated operational costs pose to the survival of these family-operated facilities compared to larger corporate chains; the specific steps she is taking to prevent further closures of small, independent operators to preserve community-integrated beds, including additional State supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76877/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

2140. To ask the Minister for Health In light of ESRI data projecting a requirement of 53,270 long-term residential care beds by 2040, the specific policy measures and targeted funding structures that are being introduced in Budget 2027 to halt the closure of small, independent, family-run nursing homes and incentivise localised capacity growth; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76876/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

2141. To ask the Minister for Health If she or the National Treatment Purchase Fund has carried out an impact assessment on the cost pressures facing independent nursing homes due to cohort-based wage implementation required under employment equality legislation; if the 2027 fair deal funding model will be adjusted to recognise these mandatory cohort-wide wage scales; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76875/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

2142. To ask the Minister for Health if she will investigate the circumstances in which a person (details supplied) who had completed cancer treatment and understood themselves to be cancer-free subsequently received an appointment from Mayo University Hospital for chemotherapy treatment which the hospital later acknowledged had been issued in error; the steps taken to establish how the error occurred; and whether any patient safety review has been conducted.

PQ77207/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2143. To ask the Minister for Health the ratio of GPs to population in County Kildare compared with the national average in the past five years.

PQ77249/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

2144. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if she will address the concerns raised; and if she will provide an update on these matters.

PQ77240/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

2145. To ask the Minister for Health If she will provide immediate clarity on the projected 7% increase to the Healthcare Assistant Minimum Allowable Rates of Remuneration scheduled for 1 January 2027; the steps her Department is taking to ensure this increase is fully funded within the baseline fair deal agreements ahead of its implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76874/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

2146. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the National Treatment Purchase Fund has adjusted the fair deal funding allocation mechanism for 2026 and 2027 to explicitly account for non-discretionary, State-mandated workforce cost drivers, specifically the implementation of the Minimum Allowable Rates of Remuneration, statutory sick pay, and pension auto-enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76873/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

2147. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the HSE verifies that patient communication standards, staff training and clinical pathway procedures are consistently applied in practice, beyond documentation and training; and to outline where audits, patient feedback or service reviews identify failures, the way corrective actions are tracked and by whom the intended improvements are verified.

PQ77257/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

2148. To ask the Minister for Health the national data currently collected on referral-to-assessment times; if data on diagnostic delays, surgical waiting times and patients accessing treatment abroad are collected and integrated; if this date is published; and arising from this data the safeguards in place to ensure that referrals, outstanding assessments, treatment decisions and follow-up actions are tracked to completion, particularly where patients require care across multiple specialties or hospital departments.

PQ77254/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

2149. To ask the Minister for Health when the remaining surrogacy provisions of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 will commence; the reasons for the delay in implementing same; and the timetable for families to apply for recognition of parentage.

PQ77232/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2150. To ask the Minister for Health if a comprehensive national audit of endometriosis services has been commissioned; and the mechanisms that are currently used to assess service capacity, consistency, accessibility and quality across the country between regions.

PQ77231/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

2151. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to support individuals who resigned from existing employment after signing contracts and receiving confirmed start dates with the HSE, but whose appointments have since been paused pending recruitment paybill approval.

PQ77228/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2152. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current implementation status of the national endometriosis framework, categorised by completed, ongoing and outstanding actions; and to clarify the timeframe for a publicly accessible implementation report to be made available.

PQ77227/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

2153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pigmented lesion clinic sessions held per month at the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, University Hospital Kerry and Mallow respectively in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of consultant dermatologists staffing those clinics; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76907/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2154. To ask the Minister for Health whether a business case or equipment request for total body photography or digital dermoscopic surveillance has been submitted by any hospital in the HSE South West region since 2023; the date and outcome of each; if the HSE has assessed the cost of providing such a service in the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76906/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2155. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals who had accepted and signed contracts of employment with the HSE or HSE-funded bodies, and whose commencement dates were subsequently delayed or paused pending recruitment paybill approval; and whether her Department has assessed the financial impact on affected individuals who may have resigned from previous employment in reliance on those contracts.

PQ77225/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2156. To ask the Minister for Health the average and longest time from receipt of a GP referral to placement on the pigmented lesion clinic waiting list at the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital; the number of referrals currently awaiting triage; the target timeframe for urgent referrals of suspected melanoma; the percentage of such referrals seen within that timeframe to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76905/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with a previous melanoma diagnosis currently under follow up by dermatology and by plastic surgery at the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital and Cork University Hospital respectively; the number currently overdue their scheduled review; the longest period by which a review is overdue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76904/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2158. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70291/26, which confirmed that Cork University Hospital no longer provides a mole mapping service and that patients are not being referred on at present, the person or body that made the decision not to refer patients onward; the date of that decision; whether any public or publicly funded referral pathway exists for patients in the Cork and Kerry region assessed as requiring mole mapping or total body photography; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76903/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2159. To ask the Minister for Health further to the Programme for Government commitment to expand free GP services to children up to at least 12 years-of-age, the age she expects to increase it to in this years budget.

PQ77268/26 | CATHY BENNETT

2160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP referrals for psychiatric assessment in counties Cavan and Monaghan, by county; and the number of referrals that were fulfilled.

PQ77267/26 | CATHY BENNETT

2161. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received by each specialist menopause clinic nationwide in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ77198/26 | SEÁN KYNE

2162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent (WTE) consultant psychiatrist posts approved and filled within each specialist perinatal mental health service attached to maternity units nationwide, in tabular form.

PQ77197/26 | SEÁN KYNE

2163. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74040/26 showing differing Committee of Inquiry referral rates for CORU registrants qualified inside and outside the State between 2021 and 2025, whether CORU or the Department has examined the reasons for this difference; whether inquiry findings are used to review CORU's assessment of qualifications obtained outside the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76915/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2164. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74040/26 stating that, between 2021 and 2025, 34 of 98 complaints concerning CORU registrants qualified outside the State were referred to a Committee of Inquiry, compared with 23 of 186 concerning State-qualified registrants, the outcome of each inquiry by year, profession and place of qualification, including numbers resulting in no finding, seizure, conditions, suspension or cancellation of registration, and the number of inquiries still open; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76914/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of fitness to practise complaints received by CORU annually from 2021 to 2025, per 1,000 registrants, by profession and registration route (Irish graduates, international qualification residents and existing practitioners qualified outside the

State; the number deemed relevant and relating to competence by the same breakdown; the number of records where qualification location was unidentifiable following legacy system migration; the steps taken to restore missing data; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76913/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2166. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has plans for the implementation of a DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age, with a view to helping guide treatment to reduce fracture risk and protect mobility and independence of a vulnerable demographic.

PQ77278/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2167. To ask the Minister for Health if she will instruct her Department to carry out a review into providing a fully funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age.

PQ77276/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2168. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide firm and definitive timelines for when the graduate staff nurse contracts at Mullingar, Tullamore and Portlaoise hospitals will be approved and issued, allowing newly qualified nurses to commence employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77271/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

2169. To ask the Minister for Health the approximate amount of income lost to the HSE specifically related to the withdrawal of private maternity care in public hospitals (details supplied).

PQ77281/26 | BARRY WARD

2170. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the person or body that is responsible for granting the outstanding approvals for graduate staff nurse contracts In Mullingar, Tullamore, and Portlaoise hospitals; whether funding has been secured for these positions; the factors that are preventing contracts from being issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77270/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

2171. To ask the Minister for Health the reason graduate staff nurse contracts at Mullingar, Tullamore and Portlaoise hospitals have not been approved, despite successful candidates already receiving ward allocations, rosters and start dates; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ77269/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

2172. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time beds will remain closed in Cahersiveen Community Hospital; when will these beds be opened; when will she address the staffing/recruitment issues in the hospital; and her plans to introduce incentives to attract people to this hospital or will the beds remain closed going forward.

PQ76919/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2173. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding her commitment to provide for consultant-led continuity of care for maternity patients on the public system in light of decisions to withdraw private maternity care options in public hospitals; and the way in which this will be provided for and financed.

PQ77286/26 | BARRY WARD

2174. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the provision of the primary care centre for Cahersiveen in County Kerry now that the preferred site has been identified and a capital submission seeking approval to acquire the site was prepared and submitted to the National Capital and Estates prior to the end of Q2 2026 (details supplied).

PQ77283/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2175. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the shortfall that will need to be made up by the HSE due to the lost of funding brought about by the removal of private maternity care options available in public hospitals (details supplied).

PQ77282/26 | BARRY WARD

2176. To ask the Minister for Health whether all past surrogacy arrangements will have a pathway to legal recognition; and the way in which gaps affecting children already born will be addressed.

PQ77233/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2177. To ask the Minister for Health whether a reduced salary scale for physician associates is being proposed; the rationale for a reduction compared with existing salaries; and the consultation that will take place with affected graduates, practising physician associates and a union (details supplied) on pay and career progression.

PQ77172/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2178. To ask the Minister for Health when the recruitment freeze on physician associates will be lifted; the outstanding requirements for recruitment to resume; and the employment pathway proposed for HSE-funded graduates who remain unemployed six months after completing their training.

PQ77171/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2179. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether two commercial negotiation meetings between the HSE and the applicant (details supplied), in the 45 months since the reimbursement application for pluvicto was received in January 2023 is consistent with the commitment to equitable and timely access to new medicines in the National Cancer Strategy; and if it is in line with the targets set by the Framework Agreement on the Supply and Pricing of Medicines.

PQ77167/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2180. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if she will address the concerns raised regarding delays in treatment, communication with the patient and the rescheduling of the procedure; and if she will provide an update on the matter.

PQ77166/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

2181. To ask the Minister for Health the action she will take to reduce ambulance response times in County Mayo, given reports from some patients of waiting in excess of six hours for an ambulance to arrive.

PQ77159/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

2182. To ask the Minister for Health further to her previous commitments earlier in 2026, for additional paramedic posts in Castlebar and Belmullet, to confirm if two new hospital ambulance liaison supervisor posts at Mayo University Hospital, and a new helicopter emergency medical service for the west and north west have all been delivered and are currently operational; if not, to provide a detailed account of the reasons; and to confirm the date when they will be operational.

PQ77157/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

2183. To ask the Minister for Health the number of BreastCheck screenings undertaken on a county by county basis and nationally; the annual target number of BreastChecks to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77154/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

2184. To ask the Minister for Health if she will write to the Chief Executive of the HSE requesting that the Senior Leadership Team seek an improved commercial offer from, and invite counterproposals from, the applicant (details supplied) for reimbursement of pluvicto (lutetium-177 vipivotide tetraxetan) before finalising its decision following the notice of proposal issued on 12 October 2026, having regard to the HSE's confirmation that it sought an improved commercial offer and invited multiple counterproposals in respect of skyclarys.

PQ77164/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2185. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE's 2026 service plan has been amended under section 32 of the Health Act 2004; whether any direction under section 32(1) or (1A) has issued; and if so, the dates on which the direction was issued and the amended plan laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas.

PQ76989/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2186. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum net non-capital expenditure determined for the HSE for 2026 under section 30A of the Health Act 2004; whether it has been amended under section 30A(3); whether the staffing provided for in the approved 2026 National Service Plan was costed within it; and whether she intends to seek a supplementary estimate.

PQ76988/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2187. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has formed an opinion under section 10(1)(c) of the Health Act 2004 that the HSE or its Board is not having sufficient regard to a policy or objective of the Government; and, if so, when and on what grounds.

PQ76987/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2188. To ask the Minister for Health whether each sanction under that process is an approval under section 22(4) of the Health Act 2004; whether each is given with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation and after consultation with the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and the number of applications received, approved, refused and pending, by region and grade.

PQ76986/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2189. To ask the Minister for Health the statutory provision under which the revised recruitment, replacement and promotion sanction process for HSE regions was put in place; whether it was issued as a direction under section 10(1) of the Health Act 2004 and, if so, under which paragraph; the date of issue; the date on which it was or will be laid before the Houses under section 10(6); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76985/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2190. To ask the Minister for Health the number of entry-level positions available nationally in the area of dietetics following concerns raised by current students as to employment opportunities.

PQ77311/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2191. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on any review of the motor travel rates applicable to HSE home support staff who use their privately owned vehicles in the course of their duties; and if consideration is being given to the increased costs associated with fuel, vehicle maintenance, insurance and depreciation since the rates were last revised in September 2022.

PQ76861/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2192. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that a school (details supplied) will be forced to close on the 31 October 2026; and the steps her Department has taken to ensure that the provision of education to students at a service is continued.

PQ77099/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

2193. To ask the Minister for Health when the shingles vaccination programme for adults aged 65 years and over will be implemented; and whether there are any plans to extend eligibility to persons under 65 years-of-age, particularly those who are immunocompromised or otherwise at increased risk of shingles.

PQ77334/26 | JOHN LAHART

2194. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on correspondence (details supplied).

PQ77112/26 | EMER CURRIE

2195. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to operationalise the Register for Advance Healthcare Directives; her views on section 84(12) of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 in respect of the powers it confers on her to make regulations regarding advance healthcare directives including requiring the director to establish and maintain a register of advance healthcare directives that are notified to him or her; the reason no such regulation has been made; and to report on progress with the establishment of an independent cross-sectoral national body with responsibility for adult safeguarding.

PQ77109/26 | IVANA BACIK

2196. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to bring forward a dedicated mental health emergency department for those experiencing a crisis.

PQ77343/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2197. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a medical card for a person (details supplied).

PQ77342/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2198. To ask the Minister for Health if free transport or travel subsidies are available for cancer patients traveling to and from appointments.

PQ77101/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2199. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70920/26, the number of times the HSE Performance Action Group on the Public Only Consultant Contract has met since its establishment on 27 May 2026; the date of each meeting; if minutes of its meetings are recorded; the number of assurance reports it has provided to the HSE Chief Executive Officer; whether its terms of reference and those reports will be published or laid in the Oireachtas Library; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77047/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2200. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the provision of the minor injuries unit for Killarney, east Kerry, mid and south Kerry (details supplied); when works will commence on this project; the length of time it will take to completed; and when the unit will open.

PQ77386/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2201. To ask the Minister for Health when work will commence on the new 96-bed block at University Hospital Kerry; the length of time it will take to complete this development which will address the pressure on the accident and emergency department; and when these beds will open.

PQ77385/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2202. To ask the Minister for Health if the new primary care centre for Cahersiveen is still a priority for the Cahersiveen, Iveragh and south Kerry region; if the funding is ring fenced as previously promised; when works will commence; and when the project will be completed.

PQ77384/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in emergency medicine and registrar in emergency medicine posts filled at Mercy University Hospital as of 23 October 2026; if she will provide the same figures as of 31 October 2023, in tabular form.

PQ77416/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2204. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE medical qualified dosimetrists posts filled at Cork University Hospital as of 23 October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ77414/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds currently in CHO4 for women seeking treatment for addiction.

PQ77426/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting a maxillofacial surgery appointment in Cork broken down by hospital and by length of time, in tabular form.

PQ77425/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2207. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for an additional Dual Diagnosis Day Programme in Cork.

PQ77424/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2208. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels across Adult Mental Health Services in Cork including psychiatry, social work, nursing and psychology; and the number of vacant posts by discipline.

PQ77418/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital appointments including surgeries and procedures carried out at South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital on a Saturday, from 2023 to date in 2026 broken down by appointment or procedure, in tabular form.

PQ77417/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2210. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an assessment of the adequacy, availability and condition of diagnostic imaging equipment in maternity hospitals, including the quality of ultrasound imaging equipment; whether any deficiencies have been identified; and the measures in place to ensure that equipment meets the required clinical standards.

PQ77432/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2211. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of issues with securing GP referred blood tests at Boyne primary care centre, Drogheda, via a system (details supplied); the reason there are no current times available online for this service; the steps being taken to make appointments available in a timely manner; and the alternative services available to persons needing GP referred blood tests.

PQ77452/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

2212. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of damages recorded at the National Children's Hospital, by year, since construction started in 2019 to date in 2026; the costs involved annually; to provide further information that may put context on the matter, such as if insurance covered this damage; and if so, the cost of insurance cover for this damage on an annual basis.

PQ77400/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2213. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the provision of the new oncology/haematology unit at University Hospital Kerry given the number of patients continues to increase year on year, with over 5000 patients attending UHK in 2025 (details supplied).

PQ77383/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on community podiatry waiting lists in Cork city and county waiting more than one year; more than two years; and more than four years, broken down by Community Healthcare Network, as at the latest date available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77032/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2215. To ask the Minister for Health further to the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 65421/26, which did not address the matter, the amount spent on outsourced or private provision of community podiatry in Cork city and county in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the number of patients referred to private providers in each of those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77031/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2216. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 65415/26, which provided only the longest waiting time for Community Healthcare Networks 4 to 14 in Cork, the average waiting time from referral to first appointment for community podiatry in each of those networks, broken down by priority category, as at the latest date available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77030/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2217. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider providing direct financial support for medically necessary CPAP equipment, consumables and associated treatment costs to those with obstructive sleep apnoea which is a lifelong chronic medical condition (details supplied).

PQ77462/26 | COLM BURKE

2218. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 65415/26, the geographic areas, towns and electoral areas covered by each of Community Healthcare Networks 4 to 14 in Cork; the reason no chronic disease management podiatry waiting list figures were provided for North Cork or East Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77029/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2219. To ask the Minister for Health the statutory basis for the requirements introduced in June and July 2026 that HSE invoices above €10,000, and non-clinical invoices above €5,000, be approved by the HSE CEO; and whether those requirements were laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas.

PQ77008/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2220. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to expand eligibility for the long-term illness scheme to reflect advances in medical knowledge, modern treatment practices and the changing healthcare needs of the population.

PQ77461/26 | COLM BURKE

2221. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to undertake a review of the long-term illness scheme, with particular attention to the inclusion of conditions such as obstructive sleep apnoea, Crohn's disease and other chronic illnesses currently excluded from the scheme.

PQ77460/26 | COLM BURKE

2222. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to fund and implement a DEXA screening programme for women over 50.

PQ77458/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2223. To ask the Minister for Health when the funding will be provided to Letterkenny University Hospital for the interim solution of a new 10 bedded intensive care unit in compliance with the recommendations of The National Programme for Critical Care, who had recommended 12 and then 15 critical care beds following their visits to the hospital over recent years.

PQ77477/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

2224. To ask the Minister for Health If she will intervene in a case (details supplied) concerning a person awaiting spinal fusion surgery at Beaumont Hospital; and if an early surgery date can be arranged as a matter of urgency, having regard to the serious impact the ongoing delay is having on the individual's physical and mental health.

PQ77476/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

2225. To ask the Minister for Health then number of persons who presented to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda, for nitrous oxide misuse for each of the years 2020 to 2026 respectively.

PQ77354/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

2226. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are on HSE funded home support five day care plans in each county, in tabular form.

PQ77486/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

2227. To ask the Minister for Health when the external expert panel review into hip dysplasia will be completed; and the steps she is taking expedite this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77485/26 | JOHN BRADY

2228. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if her Department has a mechanism in place for regularly reviewing and updating the list of qualifying conditions on the long-term illness scheme.

PQ77464/26 | COLM BURKE

2229. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans on undertaking a review of the drugs payment scheme (DPS) to reduce the financial and administrative burden on patients who must pay upfront for essential ongoing treatment with lengthy reimbursement timeframes.

PQ77463/26 | COLM BURKE

2230. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the decision has been taken to exclude pre 2019 operations from the Commission of Investigation into spina bifida and complex scoliosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77497/26 | JOHN BRADY

2231. To ask the Minister for Health is she aware that starting on 26 October 2026 any elderly person on a five day care plan on HSE funded home support, will have that care cancelled going forward on all bank and public holidays; the reason this policy was introduced; and can it be revered as a matter of urgency.

PQ77496/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

2232. To ask the Minister for Health her current plans to increase funding for emergency services in Dublin 15 that is linked to population increase in the area.

PQ77344/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of priority posts at Letterkenny University Hospital that are currently not being cleared for recruitment and filled; and to provide specific details about these posts, in tabular form.

PQ77514/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

2234. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a full breakdown of General Practitioner (GP) supply in Community Healthcare Network (CHN) 9, including: the number of GPs currently practising; the number of whole time equivalent (WTE) GPs(3) the GP per 1,000 population ratio; the population served by each GP practice; the number of GP vacancies or unfilled posts; and the projected GP workforce requirement for CHN 9 for 2027–2030 in light of significant population growth in Fingal, including Swords, Rush Lusk, Skerries Balbriggan and Donabate.

PQ77513/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

2235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of priority posts in Donegal's primary health care services are currently not being cleared for recruitment and filled; and to provide specific details about these posts, in tabular form.

PQ77516/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

2236. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70915/26, in respect of the 52 children removed from the speech and language therapy initial assessment waiting list in Cork North and East following validation, the reasons for each removal by category; whether each family was contacted before removal; whether a child removed in error can be reinstated with the original referral date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77039/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2237. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70915 of 2026, the number of persons waiting more than 18 months for initial speech and language therapy in Cork North and East at the latest date available, broken down by local health area and by adult and paediatric services; the date by which the HSE expects no person in the area to be waiting more than 18 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77037/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2238. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 65415/26, which stated that waiting times for chronic disease management podiatry in North Cork City were anticipated to reduce following a post filled since August 2026, the nature and grade of that post; the expected reduction in waiting times and the timeframe for it; the budget allocated to community podiatry in Cork for 2026 and 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77036/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2239. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024; the timeframe when it will be fully implemented; and whether the commencement of part 12 could be expedited to ensure the protection of families through surrogacy.

PQ77646/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2240. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overtime hours worked by speech and language therapists in Cork North and East during summer 2026 to target initial assessments; the cost; the number of initial assessments completed as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77044/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant speech and language therapy posts in Cork North and East by grade and local health area at the latest date available; the length of time each has been vacant; the number arising from unfilled maternity or career break leave; and the recruitment campaigns run for these posts since January 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77043/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2242. To ask the Minister for Health to specify the exact financial allocation and the target number of whole-time equivalent clinical posts assigned specifically to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services for Intellectual Disabilities teams under Budget 2027's mental health package; and the specific disciplines these posts will cover.

PQ77042/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

2243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapy assessments and therapy episodes outsourced to private providers under the waiting list initiative in Cork North and East in 2025 and 2026 to date; the total cost; the providers engaged; the number of those patients who had been waiting more than 18 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77040/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2244. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE records the number of persons on community podiatry waiting lists in Cork city and county who developed foot ulceration or required amputation while awaiting assessment or treatment; if so, the number in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77035/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons removed from community podiatry waiting lists in Cork city and county without having been seen in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the reasons recorded for their removal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77034/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2246. To ask the Minister for Health the current data collection process in relation to measuring the numbers of miscarriages in Ireland; the information that is collected and by whom; and whether the HSE has verifiable data in relation to the number of miscarriages in Ireland.

PQ77033/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

2247. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the long-term plan in University Maternity Hospital Limerick to establish a dedicated, purpose build "wrap around" EPAU facility to separate early pregnancy care from the main maternity services; and the timeline for this plan.

PQ77669/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2248. To ask the Minister for Health to implement a voluntary alcohol delivery app exclusion scheme that could be introduced for individuals seeking help with alcohol dependence.

PQ77666/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2249. To ask the Minister for Health the qualifications required under HSE contracts for outsourced ultrasound services; the way in which equivalent qualifications are assessed and approved, and by whom; and whether the HSE has independently verified compliance across all contracted providers.

PQ77660/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2250. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that a drug (details supplied) is available to patients in the State privately on payment of a substantial fee per session while remaining unavailable to public patients; her views on the equity implications of a licensed cancer therapy being accessible only to those who can pay for it; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77679/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

2251. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the relocation of the early pregnancy assessment unit in University Maternity Hospital Limerick to allow patients to be seen in a private environment, separate from women attending the emergency care unit.

PQ77664/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2252. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will request an independent national review of qualification compliance and clinical governance across HSE-funded outsourced ultrasound services; and whether its findings and resulting actions will be published.

PQ77663/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2253. To ask the Minister for Health whether any concerns identified have prompted a clinical review of previous ultrasound examinations; the arrangements that exist to notify patients and arrange repeat examinations where clinically necessary; and the way in which patients or referring GPs can raise concerns.

PQ77662/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2254. To ask the Minister for Health The reason for the reported reduction in services offered by the Epilepsy Nursing Team in Cork University Hospital.

PQ77532/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2255. To ask the Minister for Health the number of frontline staff who were due to commence employment at Mayo University Hospital during October and November 2026 whose recruitment, appointment, commencement date or contract has been paused, deferred, delayed or otherwise placed on hold; the breakdown by grade and profession the reasons for such delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77531/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2256. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the status of the new surgical hub in the CUH, following notification from constituents that it is temporarily unusable; if temporarily closed, the reasons for such; and the number of staff impacted by this.

PQ77528/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2257. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were due to commence employment with the Health Service Executive during October and November 2026 whose recruitment, appointment, commencement date or contract has been paused, deferred, delayed or otherwise placed on hold; the number affected in each county, including a specific figure for County Mayo; the breakdown by grade, profession, service area and employing location; the reasons for the pauses or delays; whether funding or workforce controls were a factor in such decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77526/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2258. To ask the Minister for Health the investigations and corrective action that have followed concerns reported in July 2026 regarding qualifications in outsourced ultrasound services; whether any contractual breaches have been established; and the measures taken where a provider fails to meet the required standards.

PQ77661/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2259. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has audited the qualifications of practitioners carrying out HSE-funded ultrasound examinations through contracted providers; the dates, scope and findings of any audits; and whether the findings will be published.

PQ77658/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2260. To ask the Minister for Health the screening pathways in the HSE for osteoporosis; the age at which women qualify for these; and the funding allocated to this screening in the budget.

PQ77693/26 | MARK WARD

2261. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the income thresholds for eligibility for the over 70s medical card; whether consideration is being given to increasing these thresholds, which have remained unchanged for a number of years; and if she is aware of concerns that annual increases in the State Pension may result in older persons losing entitlement to an over 70s medical card and facing higher healthcare and prescription costs, thereby leaving them financially worse off.

PQ77691/26 | JOHN LAHART

2262. To ask the Minister for Health the input her Department has provided, from a public health perspective, in to the drafting of the updated wind energy development guidelines.

PQ77607/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

2263. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has developed a specific waiting-list reduction plan for orthodontic patients resident in County Wexford; the targets established for reducing waiting times in 2026 and 2027; the additional resources required to achieve those targets; and the date by which children requiring orthodontic treatment can expect to receive care within clinically appropriate timeframes.

PQ77714/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

2264. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to reduce waiting lists for specialist endometriosis care.

PQ77710/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

2265. To ask the Minister for Health the total salary and associated employment costs incurred by the HSE in respect of the lead coordinator post in the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force for each of the years 2020 to 2026, the period the appointed post holder was absent from the post; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77728/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

2266. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the marketing rules around vape products, considering the colourful packaging and materials that are appealing to young adults and children.

PQ77755/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

2267. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a permanent or acting replacement lead coordinator has not been appointed to the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force during the prolonged absence of the current holder; the steps the HSE has taken to resolve the matter; when it expects the position to be filled on a substantive basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77727/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

2268. To ask the Minister for Health the interim arrangements have been put in place to perform the functions of the lead coordinator of the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force during the absence of the appointed person; who currently has responsibility for carrying out those functions; whether a person has been formally appointed in an acting or temporary capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77726/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

2269. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address a medical organisation (details supplied) advertising a charge to medical card patients for routine blood tests; and whether this is allowed under the current GP contract.

PQ77738/26 | MARK WALL

2270. To ask the Minister for Health whether the appointed lead coordinator of the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force remains an employee of the HSE; whether that person is currently on paid leave or another form of paid absence from the post; the length of time for which this arrangement has been in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77725/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

2271. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time the position of lead coordinator of the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force has been without the appointed person actively carrying out the duties of the role; the date on which the coordinator ceased carrying out those duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77724/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

2272. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to address orthodontic service shortages at Longford orthodontic clinic; if she is aware that patients, including category 5, face prolonged delays and cancelled treatment-plan appointments due to the resident orthodontist's extended leave; the reasons a dedicated locum has not been hired to manage the standard caseload rather than providing emergency-only cover; the measures the HSE is implementing to clear the regional backlog and ensure continuity of care for children in County Longford; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77776/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

2273. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made in implementing a new primary care psychology model; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77852/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2274. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's policy on the use of gene-editing therapies (such as CRISPR); and the way in which she will ensure equity of access to such therapies.

PQ77868/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2275. To ask the Minister for Health for an update in relation to proposed works at Freshford medical centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77887/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

2276. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated and expenditure incurred in 2026 for implementation of the National Endometriosis Framework; the funding proposed for 2027; and whether a multiannual funding arrangement is being developed to support the recruitment and retention of specialist multidisciplinary teams.

PQ77886/26 | MARTIN DALY

2277. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the referral pathway available to GPs in Roscommon and east Galway for patients with suspected or confirmed endometriosis, including access to specialist assessment, diagnostic imaging and treatment for complex cases; and whether updated national referral guidance has been issued to general practitioners following the publication of the National Endometriosis Framework in October 2025.

PQ77885/26 | MARTIN DALY

2278. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of women awaiting specialist endometriosis assessment and surgery in each regional and supra-regional centre; the average waiting time for an initial appointment and for surgery at each centre; and the measures being taken to reduce these waiting times.

PQ77884/26 | MARTIN DALY

2279. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 65 additional whole-time-equivalent posts allocated under the HSE National Service Plan 2026 for the implementation of the National Endometriosis Framework have been filled to date; the number remaining vacant; and when recruitment is expected to be completed, with a breakdown by hospital and staff grade.

PQ77883/26 | MARTIN DALY

2280. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting time for urgent, routine, and surveillance colonoscopies across Ireland; the national breakdown of patients currently on waiting lists for these procedures; and to outline the active measures and resources that are being put in place by the Department of Health and the HSE to reduce these delays and ensure clinical targets are met.

PQ77561/26 | MARK WARD

2281. To ask the Minister for Health if arrangements will be made for the HSE to place in the Oireachtas Library the clauses of the national framework agreements and service level agreement with staffing agencies dealing with patient safety incidents, termination of assignment, investigation of agency workers, indemnity and insurance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77834/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2282. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74328/26, the number of occasions since 1 January 2023 on which the HSE has exercised its right under the service level agreement with national supplier panel agencies to notify all contracted agencies that an agency worker is not to be offered placement at any contracting authority site while an investigation is ongoing; whether a central record of such notifications is kept; the number of agency workers removed from temporary assignment under HR Circular 06/2026 since the circular took effect; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77833/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2283. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74321/26, in which the HSE confirmed that the employment agency is deemed to be the employer of the agency worker and retains responsibility for the management of the worker, the reason HSE contracts do not require the agency to be informed of, or to report, patient safety incidents involving workers it employs; the date on which the current national framework agreements for agency staffing expire; whether such a requirement will be included on renewal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77832/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2284. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of the specialist endometriosis service at University Hospital Galway; the staffing currently in place; whether the service is accepting referrals; the treatments and procedures currently available; and when the service is expected to be fully operational.

PQ77882/26 | MARTIN DALY

2285. To ask the Minister for Health the position on making angiotension receptors (details supplied) available to community and primary care settings, considering its significant success rate in lowering hospitalization and mortality in heart failure; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77556/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

2286. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has developed a policy or framework on the use of predictive diagnostics in healthcare; and to provide details of the areas it is being trialled or used.

PQ77872/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2287. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74321/26, whether agency, panel and locum staff working in HSE funded services are indemnified by the State under the clinical indemnity scheme; whether HSE framework agreements require staffing agencies to hold professional indemnity or public liability insurance; if so, the minimum level of cover required; whether the HSE verifies that such cover is in place before a worker is placed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77831/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2288. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address severe geographic and sectoral bottlenecks in long-term residential care access, specifically the barriers faced by community-based applicants who face extensive waiting lists (12 to 18 months) and a lack of available options outside of acute hospital discharge pathways; and if additional resources will be deployed to expand public and voluntary bed capacity for families attempting to access care from the community.

PQ77587/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

2289. To ask the Minister for Health if a private nursing home participating in the fair deal scheme can legally bundle non-fair deal service charges into a contract as a mandatory condition of admission, effectively overriding the intended affordability protections of the scheme; and if the HSE has any statutory remit or oversight to review, cap, or regulate such additional fees when they are made compulsory for residency.

PQ77585/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

2290. To ask the Minister for Health the number of confirmed measles cases recorded in Ireland in each of the years 2020 to 2025; the number requiring hospital admission; the number of outbreaks recorded; the assessment that has been made of the factors contributing to changes in case numbers; and the measures in place to support early detection and prevent further transmission.

PQ77828/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2291. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the continued restriction of the long-term illness scheme to 16 specified conditions is justified when other serious chronic illnesses involve comparable medical costs and lifelong treatment needs; and the steps being taken to address this inequality.

PQ77890/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2292. To ask the Minister for Health the number of AIDS diagnoses and AIDS-related deaths recorded in each of the years 2020 to 2025; the number of people diagnosed with HIV at a late stage of infection; and whether these figures have been assessed to identify trends in late diagnosis and access to treatment.

PQ77827/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2293. To ask the Minister for Health whether Ireland has assessed recent European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control warnings concerning the resurgence of vaccine preventable diseases and the continued burden of HIV and tuberculosis; the measures that have been taken in response; whether Ireland's screening and infectious disease surveillance policies have been reviewed in light of these trends; and whether further measures are planned to protect public health.

PQ77822/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2294. To ask the Minister for Health the screening arrangements in place for tuberculosis and HIV among people accessing health services in Ireland, including international protection applicants and refugees; whether screening is routinely offered or required in each case; the applicable eligibility criteria; and the number of diagnoses identified through such screening in each of the years 2020 to 2025

PQ77826/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2295. To ask the Minister for Health the number of tuberculosis cases notified in each of the years 2020 to 2025, broken down by country or region of birth and, where available, length of residence in Ireland before diagnosis; and what assessment has been made of the factors contributing to recent trends in notifications.

PQ77825/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2296. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to private and voluntary nursing homes levying separate, mandatory weekly service charges (such as for activities and socialisation programmes) that fall outside the National Treatment Purchase Fund maximum agreed price under the nursing home support scheme (fair deal); and if she is aware that these mandatory additions are creating substantial unexpected financial shortfalls for families; and if she plans to introduce statutory regulations regarding the disclosure and standardisation of additional charges in nursing home contracts.

PQ77583/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

2297. To ask the Minister for Health the number of first-time HIV diagnoses recorded in each of the years 2020 to 2025, broken down by country or region of birth and, where available, probable place of infection, categorised as Ireland, outside Ireland or unknown; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77824/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2298. To ask the Minister for Health whether Ireland has assessed recent European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control reports concerning trends in infectious diseases, including tuberculosis, HIV and measles; the measures in place to ensure timely diagnosis, effective treatment and appropriate public health surveillance; whether current strategies are adequate to address these trends; and whether further measures are planned.

PQ77823/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2299. To ask the Minister for Health if she can confirm when a person (details supplied) will commence a position.

PQ77582/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2300. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure by the HSE on contracted and agency-provided home support and residential care services in each of the past three years, by provider where available; the proportion of frontline care delivered by external providers compared with directly employed HSE staff; and whether the Government has assessed the impact of outsourcing on recruitment and retention within the care sector.

PQ77815/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2301. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which she plans to address the issue of adenomyosis diagnostic delays for women.

PQ77899/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2302. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE has conducted an assessment of differences in pay, travel allowances, unsocial hours premiums, and other employment conditions between directly employed HSE home support and residential care workers and workers employed by contracted private or voluntary providers delivering HSE-funded services; and whether measures are being considered to address identified disparities.

PQ77814/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2303. To ask the Minister for Health the number of directly employed HSE home support and residential care workers currently employed, by grade, and community healthcare organisation area; and the number of agency or externally contracted care workers providing equivalent services.

PQ77813/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2304. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has costed extending the long-term illness scheme to additional chronic illnesses; if so, if she will publish any such analysis; and whether phased expansion is being considered.

PQ77896/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2305. To ask the Minister for Health the restrictions she is considering to ensure young people are not vaping.

PQ77756/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

2306. To ask the Minister for Health if conditions including endometriosis, Crohn’s disease, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus have been considered for inclusion in the long-term illness scheme; the criteria that determine eligibility; and when the list of qualifying conditions was last reviewed.

PQ77895/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2307. To ask the Minister for Health the details of circulars relating to recruitment processes and control which have been issued to date in 2026, including circular numbers and the details of said circulars, in tabular form.

PQ77904/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

2308. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to introduce legislation to modernise the long-term Illness scheme, including regular reviews of qualifying conditions; and if she will provide a timeline for reform.

PQ77894/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2309. To ask the Minister for Health the process for sanction and filling of staffing posts, both new posts and replacement posts whether for retirements or staff leave; the different levels of posts such as priority posts; the way in which these are identified, approved, funded, and filled; and the person or persons responsible for giving clearance to proceed with recruitment and filling of priority and non-priority posts.

PQ77903/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

2310. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives she is taking to improve children's dental services in County Wexford.

PQ77705/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

2311. To ask the Minister for Health the number and details of funded and vacant priority posts, both new posts and replacements for retirements or staff leave, identified across each health region (details supplied), by staff grade and by integrated health area and hospital, in tabular form; the number of posts where the incumbent retired and was not replaced, where the post exists but is unfilled, and where the post was not replaced; and for each vacancy, the length of time the post has been vacant.

PQ77902/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

2312. To ask the Minister for Health to advise when a successful applicant (details supplied) will commence employment.

PQ77901/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

2313. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update following a recommendation of the HSE Drugs Group in favour of reimbursement of tucatinib (Tukysa) in combination with trastuzumab and capecitabine for the treatment of adult patients with HER2-positive locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer who have received at least two prior anti-HER2 treatment regimens.

PQ77802/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

2314. To ask the Minister for Health if conditions including endometriosis, Crohn’s disease, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus have been considered for inclusion in the long-term illness scheme; the criteria that determines eligibility; and when the list of qualifying conditions was last reviewed.

PQ77893/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2315. To ask the Minister for Health if Wexford is included in the 12 new suicide crisis assessment nurse teams announced in Budget 2027; the way in which GP referral pathways will operate; and if County Wexford will have a fully staffed team operating by the end of 2027.

PQ77701/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

2316. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department reconciles the position that prioritising medical conditions for medical card eligibility is not ethically justifiable with the long-term illness scheme, which provides entitlements based on specific diagnoses; and if this inconsistency will be reviewed.

PQ77892/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2317. To ask the Minister for Health the current average processing time for reimbursement applications under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme; the number awaiting a decision for less than three months, three to six months and more than six months; and the date of receipt of the oldest outstanding application.

PQ77764/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

2318. To ask the Minister for Health If the HSE will review the reimbursement issued to a person who underwent laser surgery at Kingsbridge Hospital, Belfast, on 5 March 2026, paid £513 and received reimbursement of €194; whether this payment covered the consultation only; whether the surgical procedure was assessed separately; the basis for the amount reimbursed; and whether any further payment is due.

PQ77762/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

2319. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on funding for home help staff in areas of Kerry.

PQ77795/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

2320. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the shortage of home care staff and ensure the approved hours for home help are fulfilled in areas of Kerry.

PQ77794/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

2321. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to the proposed CHI inquiry, the consideration that was given to the role of whistleblowing in exposing concerns about surgical practices at CHI Temple Street; and the way in which a Commission of Investigation, which generally takes evidence privately, will ensure public scrutiny of institutional failures, management decisions and clinical governance.

PQ77926/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2322. To ask the Minister for Health if, with respect to the proposed CHI inquiry, a Cabinet memorandum proposing, in principle, a Tribunal of Inquiry was submitted following her commitment to families on 12 November 2025; if not, the reason; and the date and basis upon which the decision was made to pursue a Commission of Investigation instead.

PQ77925/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2323. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to the proposed CHI inquiry, if the Attorney General or her Department provided legal advice comparing a Tribunal of Inquiry with a Commission of Investigation, particularly regarding children's rights, cross-examination and public hearings; and if the date and conclusions of any such assessment can be provided, subject to legal privilege.

PQ77924/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2324. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 52124/25, for an update on the progress made by the HSE and the National Clinical Programme for Ophthalmology in considering the establishment of a National Ophthalmology Audit, as outlined in the HSE's response; the steps taken to evaluate the feasibility of such an audit and identify priority areas for implementation; whether a timeline has been established for progressing this work; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77916/26 | EMER CURRIE

2325. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) (Amendment) Bill; if drafting has concluded; and the timeline for publication of the general scheme.

PQ77930/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2326. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to reduce delays in reimbursements under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme; whether staffing levels are sufficient to meet demand; and the timeframe for clearing outstanding applications and restoring processing within the HSE's stated target of 30 working days following receipt of complete documentation.

PQ77765/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

2327. To ask the Minister for Health of the sections of the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 which have not been commenced, if in all cases commencement is contingent on the passing of further amendments through the Assisted Human Reproduction (Amendment) Bill; and if not, to identify the sections which have still not been commenced due to other factors.

PQ77934/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2328. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to the proposed CHI inquiry, if she considered section 2 of the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921, which permits private hearings; if the Lindsay Tribunal's arrangements for protecting witnesses were examined; and the reasons these safeguards were considered insufficient to protect children.

PQ77923/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2329. To ask the Minister for Health if she can identify any previous Tribunal of Inquiry in Ireland where a child under 18 was publicly cross-examined; and to identify the statutory provision which would require children participating in the proposed CHI inquiry to be publicly cross-examined.

PQ77922/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2330. To ask the Minister for Health the measures which will make retrospective parental order applications affordable and straightforward; and whether legal aid or financial assistance will be available to families.

PQ77234/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2331. To ask the Minister for Health whether the consent requirements for retrospective parental orders will be reviewed, including cases where a surrogate cannot be contacted or a biological father withholds consent; and the way in which the child's best interests will be protected.

PQ77235/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2332. To ask the Minister for Health the safety measures being taken in relation to the products on offer from vape shops and specifically HHC products; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ76040/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2333. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's policy on the development of cultured meat.

PQ77857/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2334. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical negligence claims managed by the State Claims Agency since 1 January 2020 arising from incidents involving agency, panel or locum staff working in HSE funded services, in each year; whether the State Claims Agency records the employment status of the clinician involved in a claim; the number of cases in which the State Claims Agency sought a contribution or recovery of costs from a staffing agency, and the amounts sought and recovered in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77830/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2335. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the loss of means tested supports for persons with lifelong disabilities who inherit assets from their parents or guardians and medical card eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78275/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for social housing support received by each local authority in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 from persons residing in HSE funded residential care settings, including disability residential services.

PQ78440/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2337. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which parentage and citizenship difficulties will be resolved for Irish families whose children were born through surrogacy while the parents were living abroad.

PQ77236/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

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

2338. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to urgently examine a SUSI appeal for a person (details supplied), which has been prolonged and the student urgently needs financial assistance.

PQ75503/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2339. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of post-doctoral researchers with a disability working for third level institutions.

PQ75557/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

2340. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of undergraduate and postgraduate students with disabilities currently enrolled in third level education.

PQ75556/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

2341. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the total sums collected under the National Training Fund in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; to provide a breakdown of the spending from sums generated from this fund for each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and to provide similar projections for 2027.

PQ75719/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2342. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if arising from Budget 2027, any further support can be provided to students undertaking post-graduate courses.

PQ75903/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

2343. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline the total number of teaching hours reduced nationally for ETB tutors and adult educators between January 2026 and September 2026 due to budgetary adjustments; and if he will provide a specific breakdown of these reductions for adult literacy, the back to education initiative (BTEI), community education, and ESOL courses individually, in tabular form.

PQ76035/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

2344. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Irish/EU and non- EU students enrolled in graduate speech and language T=therapy at Dublin City University in each academic year since 2020-2021, in tabular form.

PQ76064/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

2345. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of occasions in 2025 and to date in 2026 where he has visited a school (details supplied); and the purpose of each visit, in tabular form.

PQ76063/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

2346. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76143/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2347. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the web link to his Department's Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76104/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2348. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of children enrolled in CTC's who have transitioned into PLC courses; and the number who have completed these courses from 2020 to date, broken down per CTC centre.

PQ76313/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

2349. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the need for standardised curricula for phase 2 craft apprenticeship courses.

PQ76371/26 | IVANA BACIK

2350. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on reports of fourth year craft apprentice drop-outs; the number of persons who did not complete their apprenticeship in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, per training institution, in tabular form; the number of persons who did not complete their apprenticeship in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by phase of apprenticeship, in tabular form; if he will legislate for a minimum wage for all apprentices; and if he will make a statement specifically on drops in pay for apprentices in their fourth year.

PQ76375/26 | IVANA BACIK

2351. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of children enrolled in Youthreach who have transitioned into PLC courses; and the number who have completed these courses from 2020 to date, broken down per Youthreach centre.

PQ76312/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

2352. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76262/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2353. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced, in tabular form.

PQ76250/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2354. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department can provide an update on plans to provide additional parking accommodation at a location (details supplied).

PQ76633/26 | ROBERT TROY

2355. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of reports that the University of Galway has paid in excess of $334,000 to a person; and if he will investigate if any amount of this money was drawn from Government or his Departments funding.

PQ76789/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2356. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77017/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2357. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way the upcoming pay transparency Bill and equality Bill will protect grant-capped, community-sector education workers from systemic pay discrimination; and if the revised LTI guidelines will introduce formal incremental salary scales aligned with mainstream ETB roles.

PQ77087/26 | MARTIN KENNY

2358. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. PQ75135/26, given that the vast majority of English language education providers do not fall under his Department's Inspectorate, to outline the inspection, oversight and enforcement regime applying to such providers, including the number of inspections, compliance audits and complaints recorded since 2022.

PQ76620/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2359. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student (details supplied) can apply for a waiver of capping at a university.

PQ76855/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

2360. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the application for a waiver of capping under mitigating circumstances is available to students in technological universities.

PQ76854/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

2361. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students enrolled in artificial intelligence, machine learning and related courses in higher education institutions in the past five years; and the projected demand for such graduates to 2030.

PQ77255/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

2362. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the requirement for social work students to complete compulsory unpaid placements, particularly given ongoing cost of living pressures; his plans to introduce new supports, including placements, allowances, and reimbursement of placement related expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77111/26 | IVANA BACIK

2363. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; and if not, the way in which his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ76997/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2364. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that the United States War Department has designated certain Institutes as a threat to national security (details supplied); and if he has any such concerns about the Institute located here.

PQ76858/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2365. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plan to ensure each HEI has implemented the existing HEA national policy framework on generative AI.

PQ77697/26 | JEN CUMMINS

2366. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science If he will review the SUSI grant eligibility criteria in the case of a person (details supplied).

PQ77547/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

2367. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for the reform of the CAO admissions system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77851/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

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

2368. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he can outline the successful applicants of the dormant accounts fund (DAF) sustaining social enterprise scheme which is aimed to support established social enterprises to grow their traded income and become more financially self-sufficient over 23 months.

PQ75618/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

2369. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will support a proposal (details supplied); and the estimated timeframe from when applications in respect of this scheme will be examined and a decision made on this issue.

PQ75793/26 | SEAN FLEMING

2370. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will assist with funding for a project (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ75513/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2371. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of cars, vans and other non-specialist vehicles owned or leased by his Department and public bodies under the aegis of his Department; and the total costs involved with respect to purchase and leasing of same.

PQ75961/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2372. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will list all capital projects funded under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund and the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme in Clare in 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ76082/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

2373. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide the web link to their Department’s Q3 2026 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; to confirm the date on which this report was published; and, if it has not yet been published, to state the planned publication date.

PQ76105/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2374. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the way in which his Department is building cyber resilience; and the strategy in place to address cyber attacks.

PQ76148/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2375. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied).

PQ75653/26 | EMER CURRIE

2376. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when a decision will be made on application received under the Community Centre Investment Fund 2026.

PQ76123/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2377. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis maintain a supplier register or equivalent electronic record in which suppliers are assigned unique identifiers; the identifier types held by each body, including CRO registration numbers, VAT numbers and internally generated supplier IDs; whether these identifiers are recorded against individual purchase orders, contracts and payments; and, where no such identifier is maintained, the way in which suppliers are uniquely identified within the body's financial and procurement systems, in tabular form.

PQ76263/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2378. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department and each agency and public body under its aegis publishes quarterly reports of purchase orders or payments over €20,000 in a machine-readable format such as CSV or XLSX; the bodies publishing only in PDF or other non-structured formats; the reasons for this, having regard to Regulation 7 of S.I. No. 376 of 2021; whether the underlying data is already held in a structured electronic format; and when publication in a machine-readable format will be introduced, in tabular form.

PQ76252/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2379. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to outline a list of capital works projects under the remit of his Department that received EU funding in the years of 2025 and to date in 2026; and the amount of EU funding received per project per year, in tabular form.

PQ76516/26 | JOE COONEY

2380. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to extend the Pobal administered senior alert scheme to include grant funding for video doorbells (details supplied) to enhance the safety and security of older people, particularly those living alone.

PQ76720/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

2381. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether contracts recorded in his Department's internal contract register can be linked to their corresponding contract award notices published on eTenders, where applicable; whether his Department records the relevant eTenders notice reference, URL or other identifier; and if not, the reasons that prevent this information from being recorded.

PQ77018/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2382. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if areas (details supplied) in Droichead Nua can be assessed for inclusion in any future expansion of the SÍOL Programme, having regard to the levels of social and economic disadvantage experienced within these communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ77203/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2383. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his plans to expand the SÍOL Programme; and if he will outline the criteria and process by which additional areas may be designated under the programme.

PQ77200/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2384. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether purchase orders issued by his Department under procurement contracts can be linked to the corresponding contracts held in its internal contract register; whether a contract reference or other unique identifier is maintained to enable this linkage; if not, the way in which his Department monitors cumulative expenditure against the approved value of each contract.

PQ76998/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2385. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department has advertised with community radio stations around the country over the past five years; the amount spent on community radio adverting over those years; and if not, the reason his Department does not advertise with community radio to ensure his Department's communications are reaching local areas.

PQ77306/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2386. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether Pobal funding for community radio will continue; and if not, if there are concerns regarding the closure of community radio stations.

PQ77312/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2387. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the way in which Pobal assesses the effectiveness and benefits of community radio stations when appraising whether they are suitable for funding or not.

PQ77314/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2388. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to clarify the regulatory framework for the operation of crematoriums in Ireland.

PQ76933/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

2389. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the specific measures he will introduce to ensure that volunteer-led community centres in rural areas, including County Galway, can access funding for essential refurbishment, accessibility works and equipment without prohibitive financial or administrative barriers; whether these measures will include a review of match-funding requirements, provision for phased grant payments and practical assistance with applications and drawdown; and the timetable for implementing the commitment to a permanent, rolling Community Centre Investment Fund.

PQ77520/26 | PETER ROCHE

2390. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on core funding administered by an organisation (details supplied); the total funding drawn down and paid to individual organisations arising from the August–September 2025 application process; the amount remaining undrawn or unpaid and the reasons for any delays; the outcome of ministerial engagement with the organisation regarding this funding; and when a new application process will open and funding will be available to the organisation.

PQ77584/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

2391. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether the annual returns submitted to the Charities Regulator identify the individual Government departments, public bodies and grant schemes from which a charity receives public funding; whether the Regulator holds this information in its underlying records; and whether members of the public can obtain a breakdown of the public funding received by each registered charity, by funding body and year.

PQ77793/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2392. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether members of the public can obtain copies of financial statements or audited accounts held by the Charities Regulator where those documents are not available for download from the public Register of Charities; whether copies are provided electronically; whether a fee is charged; and the procedure a member of the public must follow to obtain them.

PQ77792/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2393. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide, for each reporting year from 2020 to 2024, the number of registered charities for which financial statements or audited accounts are available for public download through the Register of

Charities; the number for which the Regulator holds such documents but they are not downloadable from the register; and the number for which the Regulator does not hold the documents, in tabular form.

PQ77791/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2394. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of registered charities whose annual returns were accompanied by financial statements or audited accounts, the number for which the Regulator obtained financial statements through another source, including the Companies Registration Office, and the number for which no financial statements are held, for each of the years 2020 to 2024, in tabular form.

PQ77790/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2395. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of charities registered with the Charities Regulator that were required to submit an annual return, the number that submitted a return, and the number that had not submitted a return as of 28 October 2026, for each of the reporting years from 2020 to 2024, in tabular form.

PQ77789/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2396. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the financial reporting requirements applicable to charities registered with the Charities Regulator, including the requirements to submit annual returns, financial statements and audited accounts; to specify the way these requirements differ between incorporated and unincorporated charities; and to identify which financial documents the Regulator is required to receive and make available to the public.

PQ77788/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2397. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department has engaged with Galway County Council recently in relation to the regeneration of Athenry town centre.

PQ77940/26 | LOUIS O'HARA