DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 10 Samhain, 2026
Tuesday, 10th November, 2026

CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach

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

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PQ79318/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

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PQ79395/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

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PQ79223/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

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PQ79428/26 | IVANA BACIK

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next.
PQ78909/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

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PQ79025/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

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PQ79097/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

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PQ64307/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

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PQ67765/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

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PQ64306/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

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

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PQ77362/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

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PQ75672/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

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PQ79370/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

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PQ79385/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

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PQ79396/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

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PQ79419/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

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PQ79418/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

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PQ79415/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

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PQ79224/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet.
PQ79436/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet.
PQ78954/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ78977/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ79024/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

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PQ79002/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

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PQ79098/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

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PQ67767/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

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

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PQ77363/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

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PQ76681/26 | MARTIN KENNY

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PQ64526/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

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PQ64346/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

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PQ66874/26 | MARTIN DALY

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PQ79264/26 | PAUL MURPHY

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

PQ79367/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

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

PQ79417/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

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

PQ75838/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

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

PQ78955/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

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

PQ78972/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

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

PQ77512/26 | PETER ROCHE

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

PQ76678/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

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

PQ64348/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

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

PQ66875/26 | MARTIN DALY

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PQ79368/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

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

PQ75972/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

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

PQ79003/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

60. 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

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

PQ65173/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

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

PQ66876/26 | MARTIN DALY

63. 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

64. 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

65. 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

66. To ask the Taoiseach when the new Cabinet committee on AI will meet next.

PQ73615/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

67. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on his new Cabinet committee on AI.

PQ77508/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

68. To ask the Taoiseach when the new Cabinet committee on AI will meet next.

PQ73684/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

69. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the International Artificial Intelligence Summit on 14 October 2026.

PQ75576/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

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

PQ77310/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

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

PQ78952/26 | MARK WARD

72. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of plans for a Futures Study Initiative to debate future constitutional arrangements on the island of Ireland.

PQ79448/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

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PQ79449/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

74. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of plans for a Futures Study Initiative to debate future constitutional arrangements on the island of Ireland.

PQ79452/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

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PQ79451/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

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PQ79453/26 | CATHAL CROWE

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

77. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to report on the measurable improvements in collective bargaining coverage in Ireland in the year since the publication of the Government's Action Plan to Promote Collective Bargaining.

PQ79772/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

78. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for a progress report on land owned by the IDA outside of Portlaoise; when funding will be allocated for it; and the plans to develop the site.

PQ79467/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

79. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason for not waiting for the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to finish its pre-legislative scrutiny of the Short-Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2026 and to publish its PLS report, with its recommendations, before the final Bill was introduced.

PQ79774/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

80. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in light of his proposal to cap minor injury payouts, the action that will be taken to ensure the savings being made by insurance companies from reduced claims will be passed on to business owners to reduce their costs of doing business.

PQ79456/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

81. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an overview of the Startup Ireland Programme; and to provide a breakdown of the funding associated with it.

PQ79506/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

82. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific measures he intends to introduce to address persistently high commercial vacancy rates in rural towns, particularly Boyle, County Roscommon, where the commercial vacancy rate has reached 30.1%, and Ballinasloe, County Galway; whether targeted financial supports, enterprise incentives or retail activation schemes will be introduced to encourage businesses to occupy vacant commercial premises in these towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79458/26 | MARTIN DALY

83. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the role social enterprises play in sustaining employment and services in towns and villages where private sector investment may be limited, if he will introduce targeted grants or tax incentives for social enterprises operating in rural and disadvantaged areas.

PQ79464/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

84. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the timeline for the development and publication of the Enterprise 2035 Strategy; the plans for further consultation with businesses; and the way in which key enterprise sectors falling under the remit of other Government Departments will be incorporated into the strategy.

PQ79393/26 | EMER CURRIE

85. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which he is reducing administrative and regulatory burden for SMEs.

PQ79304/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

86. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an overview of the Start Up Ireland initiative.

PQ79289/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

87. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on his Department's progress in establishing a single application process for employment permits and visa applications.

PQ79274/26 | COLM BURKE

88. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when a new Western Regional Enterprise plan will be brought forward.

PQ79402/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

89. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details of the number of Irish SMEs which have been taking over in ownership by US-run private equity companies in the past three years.

PQ79317/26 | JOE NEVILLE

90. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the action he is taking to help businesses invest, innovate and reduce costs.

PQ79296/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

91. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific artificial intelligence technologies and research areas that Ireland intends to prioritise under the Important Project of Common European Interest (IPCEI) in Artificial Intelligence (AI); and the way in which these priorities will be determined.

PQ79389/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

92. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the additional measures being considered to support small and medium-sized enterprises facing rising operating costs, particularly energy, insurance and labour costs; and the way in which his Department intends to support the growth and competitiveness of indigenous businesses in regional towns and rural communities.

PQ79438/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

93. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his proposals to cultivate cross-border tourism.

PQ79477/26 | CATHY BENNETT

94. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has conducted an analysis at to whether its Enterprise Strategy in relation to data centres is compatible with available renewable energy and Ireland's decarbonisation targets.

PQ79479/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

95. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current status of the legislation of the Pregnancy Loss (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025; and the changes that are envisaged.

PQ79272/26 | COLM BURKE

96. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will outline Ireland's position at recent meetings of the EU REACH Committee regarding restrictions on use of lead ammunition.

PQ79486/26 | MATT CARTHY

97. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the criteria for the new support scheme for rural pubs.

PQ79429/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

98. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will commit to legislating for a right to collective bargaining for trade unions.

PQ78588/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

99. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which he is supporting Tourism Ireland marketing for new and high-growth markets.

PQ79298/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

100. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update on the expansion of IDA lands in Charleville, as the current lands are all being used or sold.

PQ79346/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

101. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to ensure that workers working for Irish construction companies at data centre construction sites domestically and abroad are operating within the framework of labour legislation.

PQ79427/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

102. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures that will be implemented to support the retail sector, which is of the utmost importance to our town and villages throughout the country.

PQ79472/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

103. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the definition of 'rural' that will apply to the €15 million rural pubs scheme announced in Budget 2027; the turnover threshold proposed for eligibility; the engagement held with an organisation (details supplied) on its design; and the timeline for the scheme opening.

PQ79356/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

104. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Whether he has engaged with local authorities, Enterprise Ireland and the LEOs on the potential for meanwhile use projects for startup businesses.

PQ79074/26 | THOMAS GOULD

105. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the engagement his Department has had regarding the €15 million rural pub support scheme announced in Budget 2027; the way in which the scheme will operate; and whether smaller rural pubs will be prioritised.

PQ79387/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

106. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to advise on plans for an IDA site in Ballinasloe, County Galway.

PQ78586/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

107. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the timeline for the delivery of the new Galway tourist information centre; the status of the tender process; and the steps being taken by his Department and Fáilte Ireland to ensure construction commences as soon as possible, given the project's importance for tourism in Galway.

PQ79425/26 | SEÁN KYNE

108. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has engaged with Irish data centre construction companies in relation to an investigation finding them in gross breach of workers' rights across Europe (details supplied); if he has concerns that similar abuses may occur or be occurring on data centre construction sites in this country; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79447/26 | PAUL MURPHY

109. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline his position about attracting investment in new hotel accommodation.

PQ79410/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

110. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the Government’s tourism strategy to attract more Canadian visitors to Ireland.

PQ78994/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

111. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures that will be implemented to support regenerative tourism.

PQ79487/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

112. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will review the operation of the employment permit system, particularly the requirement for employers to demonstrate that they have made reasonable efforts to recruit suitable candidates from within Ireland and the European Economic Area before seeking to employ workers from outside the EEA.

PQ79484/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

113. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will outline his proposals and considerations regarding Ireland's employment permit system.

PQ79488/26 | MATT CARTHY

114. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans in place to for a long-term strategy to support a sustainable, resilient and competitive tourist accommodation sector.

PQ79404/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

115. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures his Department is taking to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities, including accessible recruitment, apprenticeships, workplace accommodations and career progression; the additional

supports that will be provided to employers to recruit and retain workers with disabilities; and the targets and timelines for improving employment outcomes.

PQ79331/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

116. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the action he is taking to streamline the bureaucracy burden that is placed on businesses in Ireland.

PQ79241/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

117. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's engagement with IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Cork County Council regarding strategic enterprise and industrial development opportunities with the improved connectivity since the completion of the Macroom Bypass; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79482/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

118. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's efforts to promote tourism in east County Galway.

PQ78718/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

119. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures his Department is taking to support rural businesses facing rising operating costs, including increases in energy, raw material and other input costs; and whether any additional cost-mitigation supports are under consideration to help maintain viability, competitiveness and employment.

PQ79473/26 | PETER ROCHE

120. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the findings of the Tourist Accommodation Strategy consultation.

PQ79413/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

121. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the additional support Budget 2027 is providing for Fáilte Ireland.

PQ79297/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

122. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to discuss the urgent need for development of new hotels in rural Ireland and measures to support and advance hotel developments in towns and villages across rural Ireland.

PQ79455/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

123. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the findings of the Driving Cost Savings for Business Through Industrial Decarbonisation report.

PQ79421/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

124. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures being taken by IDA Ireland to attract further foreign direct investment into County Galway, particularly towns such as Athenry, Tuam, Gort and Loughrea; and if he will outline the plans to ensure that regional towns benefit from future investment and high-quality employment opportunities.

PQ79437/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

125. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which he is supporting Irish companies to scale up.

PQ79237/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

126. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which he is supporting entrepreneurs to access the funding, expertise and supports needed to build and scale globally competitive Irish businesses.

PQ79295/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

127. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of workplace inspections carried out by the Health and Safety Authority in Cork city and county in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by sector, and the number of enforcement notices issued, in tabular form.

PQ79357/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

128. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the new or enhanced measures planned for 2027 to support and incentivise SMEs to increase investment in digitalisation and productive AI adoption.

PQ79392/26 | EMER CURRIE

129. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will undertake a further review of the critical skills occupations list in light of the increasing difficulties being experienced by Irish graduates in securing employment; and if he is satisfied that the occupations currently included on the list reflect the actual skills shortages in the labour market.

PQ79483/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

130. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the additional support that IDA Ireland will receive in 2027.

PQ79299/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

131. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to review the grant schemes offered by Enterprise Ireland to make them more accessible to businesses with a lower ratio of international trade to national trade.

PQ79031/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

132. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports available to communities included in the Wild Atlantic Way initiative.

PQ78719/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

133. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will publish a specific action plan for rural social enterprises, recognising the unique challenges of depopulation, limited transport links, broadband deficits and access to finance that many rural communities continue to face.

PQ79469/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

134. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the funding being provided for local enterprise offices in 2027.

PQ79290/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

135. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress that has been made in delivering supports to help Irish businesses adopt digital technologies and strengthen their cybersecurity capabilities.

PQ79309/26 | GRACE BOLAND

136. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his proposals to increase the number of overnight, multi-night regional stays in areas currently predominantly served by day trips.

PQ79475/26 | CATHY BENNETT

137. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide funding streams to help social enterprises acquire vacant buildings and develop enterprise hubs and revitalise town centres given many rural communities are seeking to establish community-owned enterprises and local development projects.

PQ79466/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

138. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the rural pub support scheme announced in Budget 2027.

PQ79397/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

139. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the Government's strategy to improve Ireland's competitiveness; the measures being taken to reduce the cost of doing business for enterprises of all sizes; the steps being taken to accelerate the delivery of key infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78961/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

140. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans in place for the expansion of the growth and sustainability loan scheme.

PQ79302/26 | SEAN FLEMING

141. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which his Department is supporting the growth and sustainability of rural enterprises and ensuring that employment opportunities are being created in regional and rural areas, particularly in communities that may not benefit from the same levels of investment and economic activity as major urban centres.

PQ79474/26 | PETER ROCHE

142. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his assessment of the impact of infrastructure deficits in County Louth, including water supply, wastewater treatment capacity, electricity grid capacity and transport connections, on attracting large-scale manufacturing and pharmaceutical investment; whether investments have been delayed or lost due to these constraints; the engagement his Department and IDA Ireland are undertaking with infrastructure providers and Louth County Council to address them; and the timelines for resolving identified barriers.

PQ79332/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

143. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has seen an escalation in US-run private equity companies investing and taking ownership of Irish SMEs.

PQ79316/26 | JOE NEVILLE

144. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the key measures to support tourism in Budget 2027.

PQ79431/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

145. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for a report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum.

PQ79303/26 | SEAN FLEMING

146. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he will take to ensure that social enterprises can compete fairly for public procurement contracts, particularly in areas such as community services, tourism, transport and environmental projects in rural Ireland.

PQ79463/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

147. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment The actions he has taken to improve outcomes for disabled entrepreneurs.

PQ79077/26 | THOMAS GOULD

148. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider putting in place additional measures to ensure that financially viable multi-national companies that close or move their operations for strategic reasons provide an increased level of support and redundancy provision in line with their financial situation to alleviate the impact of a strategic decision on the devastated staff and communities left in their wake.

PQ79470/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

149. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in view of the successful AI summit on 14th October 2026, if Ireland will consider holding such a summit annually.

PQ78992/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

150. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is considering a review of policy on dual-use exports and to ban exports to countries in breach of international law.

PQ79424/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

151. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the funding allocated in Budget 2027 to develop Next Generation Strategic Sites.

PQ79300/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

152. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for a report on his work on the Red Tape Challenge initiative.

PQ79305/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

153. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the economic reliance on multinational corporations engaged in artificial intelligence, the way in which the market volatility of these companies affect the Government's National Digital and AI Strategy decisions.

PQ79426/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

154. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment his Department has made of the impact of high public liability and employer liability insurance premiums on SMEs, hospitality businesses and community organisations; to confirm the details of any such assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79478/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

155. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to amend employment legislation to improve employment rights and job security of film workers.

PQ79408/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

156. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the assessment his Department has undertaken of the potential advantages and disadvantages for Irish companies of operating under the proposed EU Inc. framework rather than existing Irish corporate structures.

PQ79390/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

157. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to report on the recent AI summit organised by his Department, including its final cost; and the rationale behind the selection of speakers.

PQ79442/26 | PAUL MURPHY

158. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any Department-led initiative in relation to future proof employment legislation in the ever-changing jobs market due to AI technology changes.

PQ78665/26 | BARRY WARD

159. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his attention has been drawn to a paper (details supplied); and the consideration his Department has given to the recommendations therein.

PQ78589/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

160. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will commit to engagement with both the Minister for Finance and outside groups in pursuing and promoting the concept of employee ownership trusts.

PQ79461/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

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Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach

161. To ask the Taoiseach the number of complaints of bullying, harassment or sexual harassment made against a Minister or Minister of State by a civil servant or other person working in a Government Department that have been received by or notified to his Department in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and the number of such complaints investigated and the number upheld in each year; noting that no information identifying any individual is sought; in tabular form.

PQ78540/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

162. To ask the Taoiseach whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ78989/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

163. To ask the Taoiseach the timeline for the formal establishment of the proposed public body to examine the models and challenges of Irish unification; the intended staffing and recruitment structure for research and policy roles within this body; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79308/26 | CATHAL CROWE

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

164. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to expedite passport application (details supplied) as the family urgently need same in order to travel.

PQ78745/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

165. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Ireland's position on Taiwan's meaningful participation in international environmental organisations and multilateral fora, in particular the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the admission of Taiwan's environment ministry as an observer at sessions of the Conference of the Parties; if Ireland will state that position, nationally or through the European Union, at COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026; and if Ireland has raised Taiwan's participation in these fora with EU partners since 2020.

PQ78802/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

166. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79010/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

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

PQ79049/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

168. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide a list of diaspora groups and organisations that benefitted from funding from the Emigrant Support Programme during 2025 and 2026.

PQ79239/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

169. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether any supporting documents submitted to the Embassy of Ireland in Tel Aviv in connection with long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza were omitted from, or delayed in, transmission to the Department of Justice during 2026 to date; if so, the number and percentage of applications affected, the reasons; and the corrective action taken.

PQ79234/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

170. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she plans to have an Ireland House Model in Bangkok.

PQ79372/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

171. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she intends to bring forward amendments to the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Act 2026 to include services in its provisions.

PQ79329/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

172. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department signed off on the Connecting for Life Strategy.

PQ79325/26 | SORCA CLARKE

173. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the legal basis under the Treaty on European Union for the Council decision establishing the EU mission to support the Lebanese Armed Forces; the position taken by Ireland at Council when the mission was approved; and whether the Council decision refers to a UN Security Council resolution.

PQ79159/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

174. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which long-stay study visa applications and supporting documents submitted by Palestinian nationals in Gaza were transmitted from the Embassy of Ireland in Tel Aviv to the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in Dublin; including whether transmission was by email, post, courier or another means; and what procedures were used to ensure that all documents submitted by each applicant were transmitted and their receipt confirmed

PQ79232/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

175. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether, during 2024, 2025 or to date in 2026, any member of staff at the Embassy of Ireland in Tel Aviv informed an applicant, or a third party acting on an applicant’s behalf, that the Embassy could waive one or more documentary requirements for a long-stay study visa application by a Palestinian national in Gaza; if so, which requirements were concerned; and the authority, policy or instructions on which such representations were based.

PQ79227/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

176. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to any transfer of responsibility for processing or deciding long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza from Tel Aviv to Dublin the date on which the Embassy was notified of the change and the date on which it implemented it; the reasons communicated to the Embassy; (c) the Departments, units and official grades involved in agreeing and implementing the change; whether and when the arrangements subsequently changed; and whether the change applied to all applicants or only to applicants who were not Government-funded scholars.

PQ79231/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

177. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in respect of long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, the number and percentage of applications in which officials of her Department, Embassy staff or persons acting on their behalf sought further information or documentation before a first-instance decision; the nature of the information or documentation sought; and whether such requests were made on the Department’s own initiative or at the request of the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

PQ79228/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

178. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the mechanisms through which the Revenue Commissioners will enforce the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Act 2026.

PQ79648/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

179. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade following on from her leadership on commencing a strategic dialogue with the life science industry under the Irish EU Presidency, her plans post this meeting to have her Department advance the strategic dialogue concept with the life sciences sector and formulate an EU Pharma Taskforce.

PQ79643/26 | COLM BURKE

180. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has raised or will raise the ongoing imprisonment of the pro-democracy activist (details supplied) with the Chinese authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79714/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

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

181. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 75253/26, whether the Department or the Commission for Regulation of Utilities has estimated the cost to domestic electricity customers, through network tariffs or other charges, of meeting growth in electricity demand from data centres since 2020; if so, the estimate; and the date on which the Energy Affordability Action Plan will be published.

PQ78852/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

182. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79008/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

183. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason Lanesborough Amphitheatre was not included in the recent funding allocation through the START EU Just Transition Fund.

PQ79118/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

184. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of domestic electricity customers in arrears; the average value of the arrears; the number of commercial electricity customers in arrears, domestic gas customers in arrears and the average value of the arrears; the commercial gas customers in arrears; the domestic electricity customers in arrears for more than 90-days; the domestic gas customers in arrears for more than 90-days; the domestic electricity disconnections; the number of domestic gas disconnections for the months available from July 2026 to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79114/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

185. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which data from surveys and existing subsea infrastructure is being used to inform site selection; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79294/26 | CATHAL CROWE

186. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which port development on the Shannon Estuary, Foynes, Moneypoint and the wider estuary is being planned alongside the DMAP so the region is ready to build and maintain these projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79293/26 | CATHAL CROWE

187. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if areas off Clare and the Shannon Estuary are being considered for floating offshore wind, including any demonstration sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79292/26 | CATHAL CROWE

188. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current timeline for the draft and final National DMAP; when the west coast areas will go to public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79291/26 | CATHAL CROWE

189. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of schools, sports clubs, charities and community organisations currently using the deposit return scheme to raise funds; and the total amount raised for charitable and community purposes to date.

PQ79336/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

190. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of bottles and cans returned through the deposit return scheme since its launch in February 2024; the current return rate; and the progress being made towards the 90% separate-collection target for 2029.

PQ79335/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

191. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the commitment in the Programme for Government to prioritise a review and reform of the legislation underpinning the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU); to outline which legislation is being reviewed and the basis; and to provide a timeframe for completion of this reform and review.

PQ79564/26 | PA DALY

192. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions he is taking to support small businesses with increasing costs of energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79064/26 | BARRY WARD

193. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment given the recent report published by the Climate Change Advisory Council that estimates that estimated that Ireland faces an annual biodiversity investment shortfall of approximately €700 million, the measures his Department will take to invest on biodiversity protection.

PQ79604/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

194. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the transposition of Article 12 of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive, which establishes mandatory energy and sustainability performance reporting obligations for data centres.

PQ79677/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

195. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the transposition of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive into Irish law.

PQ79676/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

196. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the timelines on the consultation event on, and publication of, Ireland's Social Climate Plan; and the drawdown of EU funding.

PQ79753/26 | EMER CURRIE

197. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has further considered long-term energy storage projects (details supplied) to complement the floating storage regassification unit.

PQ79803/26 | CATHAL CROWE

198. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has considered expanding Action 15 of the National Hydrogen Programme Implementation Plan working group on the legal and regulatory structure needed to encompass enabling long duration energy storage for natural gas and bio-methane gas as well as hydrogen under the groups work and green energy transition.

PQ79802/26 | CATHAL CROWE

199. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the operation of data centres in Ireland increase the cost of electricity incurred by residents.

PQ79061/26 | JOHN LAHART

Chun an Cosanta: To the Defence

200. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Defence Forces have a plan to migrate their communications and information systems to post quantum cryptography; and the date by which that migration is to be completed; whether the Department participates in the EuroQCI quantum communications infrastructure or related European Defence Agency or European Defence Fund quantum projects.

PQ78826/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

201. To ask the Minister for Defence the engagement her Department and the Defence Forces, including the Joint Cyber Defence Command, have had since 2023 with quantum computing and quantum technology organisations, whether Irish, European or international, in relation to cyber security; and the number of meetings held, any contracts or research funding involved.

PQ78825/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

202. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Department has a policy excluding from Defence Forces communications, information technology, cyber, radar, sonar and unmanned systems any equipment, components or software supplied by vendors subject to the direction or control of the People's Republic of China or other authoritarian states; the number and value of contracts awarded to such vendors or their subsidiaries from 2022 to 2026; and whether any such equipment is currently in use in Defence Forces systems.

PQ78823/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

203. To ask the Minister for Defence the total expenditure by her Department on cyber defence and on the protection of subsea and maritime infrastructure, separately, in each of the years 2022 to 2026; and the amounts allocated for 2027, broken down by capital and current expenditure.

PQ78822/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

204. To ask the Minister for Defence the current strength of the Joint Cyber Defence Command, broken down by military and civilian personnel, against its planned establishment; the number of posts vacant; the 2027 allocation for the Joint Cyber Operations Unit; and the expected completion date of the new cyber defence facility.

PQ78821/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

205. To ask the Minister for Defence the subsea surveillance and sonar systems ordered for the Defence Forces since 2022; the cost of each; their delivery dates; the date each will be fully operational; and the number of Naval Service patrol days spent on the protection of subsea infrastructure in 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ78819/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

206. To ask the Minister for Defence the current status of the national maritime security centre provided for in the National Maritime Security Strategy 2026 to 2030; the lead Department, proposed location, staffing and budget allocated for 2026 and 2027; and the date by which it will be operational.

PQ78818/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

207. To ask the Minister for Defence the Department's current assessment of the threat posed by state and hybrid actors to subsea cables, gas pipelines and electricity interconnectors in Ireland's Exclusive Economic Zone; and the number of occasions in 2025 and to date in 2026 on which the Naval Service or Air Corps monitored foreign state vessels or vessels associated with the Russian shadow fleet operating in the vicinity of such infrastructure.

PQ78817/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

208. To ask the Minister for Defence the total legal costs paid to date on an ongoing basis in respect of legal representation for his Department and for the Defence Forces at the Tribunal of Inquiry into the Defence Forces, broken down by year for 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date, and by party represented; and the total paid to date to the legal representatives of another party or witness before the Tribunal.

PQ78770/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

209. To ask the Minister for Defence the date on which the decision was taken to pay the legal costs of his Department and the Defence Forces at the Tribunal of Inquiry into the Defence Forces on an ongoing basis while the costs of other participants are deferred until the Tribunal concludes; the statutory basis for that decision; the office holders or officials who took it; and whether consideration was given to assigning funding decisions to a Department that is not under investigation by the tribunal.

PQ78771/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

210. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Defence Forces gave an assurance to the association of retired commissioned officers that its members would receive legal support if required to appear before the Tribunal of Inquiry into the Defence Forces; the number of serving and retired personnel whose legal costs at the Tribunal are being met, or have been committed to be met, from public funds; the cost of same to date; and whether equivalent support is available to those who made complaints of abuse.

PQ78773/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

211. To ask the Minister for Defence the supports, including one-to-one psychological support, available to witnesses giving evidence to the Tribunal of Inquiry into the Defence Forces in relation to alleged rape, sexual assault or abuse; the body that funds and provides those supports; and the number of witnesses who have availed of them to date.

PQ78774/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

212. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79007/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

213. To ask the Minister for Defence to list each overseas mission since 1958 in which the Defence Forces have participated under a mandate permitting peace enforcement, including the missions in Congo and Chad; and to confirm, in each case, the UN Security Council resolution under which the mission was authorised.

PQ79158/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

214. To ask the Minister for Defence if in all new Government-to-Government contracts (details supplied) that her Department is initiating, the local participation clause where a percentage of indigenous SMEs across Ireland is utilised.

PQ79229/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

Chun an Iompair: To the Transport

215. To ask the Minister for Transport the legal firms and debt collection agencies engaged by Transport Infrastructure Ireland, eFlow or any toll operator in connection with toll enforcement and debt recovery; the value of payments made to each provider in each of the past five years; the procurement procedures used; and whether the contracts were awarded following an open competition.

PQ78762/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

216. To ask the Minister for Transport the name of each solicitor, legal practice or legal services provider engaged in relation to tolling operations, toll enforcement, toll concessions or associated legal proceedings during the past five years; the value of each contract awarded; the procurement process used in each instance; whether the contract was subject to a public tender competition and the duration of each contract, in tabular form.

PQ78761/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

217. To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the appointment of a person (details supplied) the date on which the engagement commenced; the basis upon which the firm was selected; if a procurement or tender process was undertaken; the number of bidders that participated; the total amount paid to date, the amount committed under the contract, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78759/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

218. To ask the Minister for Transport the gross revenue collected from tolls on each tolled road, bridge and tunnel in the State in each of the past five years; the amount retained by the toll operator in each case; the amount remitted to the Exchequer, Transport Infrastructure Ireland or any other public body; the purpose for which such revenue was allocated or expended, in tabular form.

PQ78757/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

219. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any inspections have been carried out of toilet, rest and welfare facilities provided to taxi permit holders operating at Dublin Airport in the past three years; the dates and findings of such inspections; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78887/26 | PA DALY

220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of concerns raised by Dublin Airport taxi permit holders regarding the condition and availability of rest, welfare and food facilities at Dublin Airport; whether he has engaged with the Dublin Airport Authority on these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78885/26 | PA DALY

221. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of all the meetings his Department have held with representatives of taxi drivers since taking office the dates on which these consultations took place in tabular form; to provide a list of all attendees at each meeting; whether minutes were recorded at this meeting; to highlight which meetings the minister himself attended; to provide a breakdown of what issues were discussed at each meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ78884/26 | PA DALY

222. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which each of the eight PPP toll road concessions is due to expire; the total toll revenue collected on each of these roads in 2025; and the estimated cost to the State of ending each concession early so that tolls could be removed.

PQ78844/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

223. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to the Exchequer of compensating the eight PPP toll road concessionaires if the toll increases due from 1 January 2027 were not applied on those roads in 2027.

PQ78843/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

224. To ask the Minister for Transport whether GDPR provisions can lawfully be relied upon by the DAA to refuse engagement with an authorised representative acting on behalf of a taxi permit holder who has provided consent for such representation; whether his Department has provided guidance on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78891/26 | PA DALY

225. To ask the Minister for Transport whether taxi permit holders operating at Dublin Airport have the right to appoint an authorised representative to engage with the DAA on matters relating to their permit or working arrangements; and if he will clarify the legal position in this regard.

PQ78890/26 | PA DALY

226. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place to ensure that all licensed taxi operators serving Dublin Airport are treated fairly and equally by the DAA; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78889/26 | PA DALY

227. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of taxi permits issued for operation at Dublin Airport; the criteria used to determine permit numbers; whether any review of the permit allocation system is planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78888/26 | PA DALY

228. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Department or Transport Infrastructure Ireland carried out any assessment of the impact on motorists before the 2027 toll increases were approved; whether consideration was given to not applying the full CPI adjustment on the M50 and the Dublin Port Tunnel, where TII sets the tolls directly; and if any such assessment will be published.

PQ78842/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

229. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional toll revenue expected to be generated in 2027 as a result of the toll increases approved by Transport Infrastructure Ireland from 1 January 2027, broken down by each of the ten toll roads on the national road network, including the M8 Fermoy toll; and if he will request this information from TII where it is not held by the Department.

PQ78841/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

230. To ask the Minister for Transport whether a value-for-money appraisal was carried out by the National Transport Authority on the decision to place 500 publicly funded e-bikes into storage while purchasing a new fleet; if so, if he will publish it; whether he is satisfied that the arrangement represents value for money; and whether he will ask the authority to review the arrangement before the replacement contract is awarded.

PQ78837/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

231. To ask the Minister for Transport whether a person who owns a vehicle but is medically unable to drive is required to provide a driver number in order to obtain motor insurance for that vehicle; if exemptions exist for disabled vehicle owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78896/26 | PA DALY

232. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has examined whether insurance-related requirements arising from recent road traffic legislation may have a disproportionate impact on disabled persons who rely on personal assistants, family members or carers to drive their vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78894/26 | PA DALY

233. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of concerns (details supplied) that disabled people who own vehicles but cannot drive due to their disability are reportedly being denied motor insurance because they do not hold a driving licence or driver number; whether an assessment has been carried out of the impact of the Road Traffic Act 2024 and related insurance requirements on disabled vehicle owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78892/26 | PA DALY

234. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost to date of the docking stations installed under the TFI bikes scheme in Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford, including any stations installed or upgraded since 2022; the estimated cost of removing those stations and replacing them with dedicated parking bays under the replacement contract; and what will happen to the removed equipment.

PQ78836/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

235. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department holds estimates on the number of disabled people who own vehicles but do not hold driving licences and rely on others to drive on their behalf; whether the impact of recent legislative or insurance changes on this cohort has been assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78898/26 | PA DALY

236. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans for the 500 publicly funded e-bikes at the end of the proposed 18-month storage period; whether they will be returned to service, sold, donated or disposed of; the expected effect of storage on battery condition and warranty cover; and the estimated residual value of the bikes at that point.

PQ78834/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

237. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of the 1,375 new e-bikes and 595 standard bicycles to be provided under the replacement regional bike share contract; the estimated total value of the contract over its full term; whether the new fleet will be purchased by the National Transport Authority or by the operator; and who will own the fleet at the end of the contract.

PQ78833/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

238. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority assessed the option of requiring the incoming bike share operator to take the existing 500 publicly funded e-bikes into its operating fleet and reduce the planned purchase of 1,375 new e-bikes accordingly; if so, the estimated saving and the reasons the option was not pursued; if not, the reason it was not assessed.

PQ78832/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

239. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the tender documents for the replacement regional bike share contract provide for up to 500 publicly funded e-bikes to be placed in storage in Cork city for up to 18-months; who will own the bikes while in storage; the estimated cost of storage, insurance and maintenance over that period, to be funded by the National Transport Authority; and whether his Department was consulted on or approved this arrangement

PQ78831/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

240. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost of the 500 e-bikes procured for the TFI bikes scheme in Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford by the current operator with funding from the National Transport Authority; the amount of public funding provided; the unit cost; the date the funding was approved; the expected operational life of the bikes; and whether that operational life was taken into account when the replacement bike share contract was designed.

PQ78830/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

241. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the necessary funding to Kerry local link for bus service enhancements for route 276 Dingle to Killarney, additional evening return journey 7 days a week, contract ready to be signed, route 277 Dingle to Ballyferriter, additional evening services on Fridays and Saturdays, route 268 Dingle to Ballydavid side, additional evening services on Fridays and Saturdays, and route 287 Valentia Island to Portmagee to Cahersiveen, expanded up to seven days a week and multiple times a day where strong demand exists.

PQ78940/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

242. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the necessary funding for the new Route 515 Killarney to Kilcummin to Gneeveguilla to Rathmore to Mallow that was announced and tendered for in 2025 and where there is very strong demand.

PQ78939/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

243. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the necessary funding for Kerry local link to introduce a bus service from Glenbeigh to Dooks to Cromane and onto Killorglin where there is strong demand.

PQ78938/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

244. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the necessary funding for Kerry local link to introduce a bus service from the Gap of Dunlop to Beaufort and onto Killarney town, where there is strong demand.

PQ78937/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

245. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the necessary funding for Kerry local link to introduce a bus service from Beaufort to Whitfield to Killorglin, where there is strong demand.

PQ78936/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

246. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of roundabouts on national and regional roads that have been converted, or are approved for conversion, to signalised junctions with National Transport Authority funding since 2020, by local authority.

PQ78801/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

247. To ask the Minister for Transport whether an economic or business impact assessment was carried out for the R132 Connectivity Project in Swords, including the impact of construction phase delays on local businesses.

PQ78800/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

248. To ask the Minister for Transport whether protected or Dutch style roundabouts were assessed by the National Transport Authority or Fingal County Council as an alternative to signalised junctions on the R132 in Swords; the reasons that option was not progressed; and the National Transport Authority's current position on protected roundabouts on regional roads.

PQ78799/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

249. To ask the Minister for Transport whether stage 1, stage 2 and stage 3 road safety audits have been completed for the R132 Connectivity Project in Swords; the dates on which each was completed; whether a stage 4 audit, and before and after monitoring of traffic and collision data will be carried out on completion; and whether these audits will be published.

PQ78798/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

250. To ask the Minister for Transport whether Dublin Fire Brigade, the National Ambulance Service and An Garda Síochána were consulted on the design of the R132 Connectivity Project in Swords and on the traffic management arrangements during construction; the dates of any such consultation; and whether any concerns raised regarding emergency vehicle access were addressed.

PQ78797/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

251. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority has received data, reports or representations regarding peak hour delays on the R132 in Swords since construction of the R132 Connectivity Project commenced; whether journey times on the route are being monitored during the works; the mitigation measures in place; and the scheduled completion date for the project.

PQ78796/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

252. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of SPSV driver entry test sittings in each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026 in which cheating, impersonation or other irregularities were detected; the number of candidates whose results were annulled or who were barred from resitting as a result; and the number of such cases referred to An Garda Síochána.

PQ78775/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

253. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of National Transport Authority funding allocated to and drawn down by Fingal County Council for the R132 Connectivity Project in Swords, County Dublin, in each year since 2020 to date in 2026; the total approved budget for the project; and the current estimated final cost.

PQ78795/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

254. To ask the Minister for Transport the identity verification procedures in place at SPSV driver entry test centres, including the forms of photographic identification accepted; whether a photograph of the candidate is taken at the test station; whether test sessions are supervised by invigilators and monitored by CCTV; and whether the identity of the person who sat the test is matched against the photograph on the subsequent SPSV driver licence application.

PQ78776/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

255. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of National Transport Authority funding allocated to and drawn down by Fingal County Council for the R132 Connectivity Project in Swords, County Dublin, in each year since 2020 to date in 2026; the total approved budget for the project; and the current estimated final cost.

PQ78794/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

256. To ask the Minister for Transport in view of reports in July 2026 that the National Transport Authority holds no records of impersonation at the SPSV driver entry test or of referrals to An Garda Síochána, whether he is satisfied that adequate systems exist to detect impersonation; and whether an audit of SPSV driver entry test results, such as analysis of unusually fast completion times or pass rate patterns by test centre or test session, has been carried out since 2016.

PQ78777/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

257. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of SPSV driver licences revoked, suspended or refused in each year from 2016 to date on the grounds of a fraudulent application, false documentation or an invalid driver entry test certificate, including ones arising from the Garda investigation known as Operation Vantage.

PQ78778/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

258. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver CPC cards issued by the Road Safety Authority to holders of category D entitlements in each of the years from 2016 to date in 2026, on the basis of a certificate of professional competence obtained outside the State; and the checks carried out to verify such qualifications.

PQ78792/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

259. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cases in each of the years from 2016 to date in 2026, in which a foreign driving licence presented for exchange was referred to An Garda Síochána on suspicion of forgery; and the number of Irish driving licences subsequently cancelled after it was established that the foreign licence on which the exchange was based was invalid.

PQ78790/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

260. To ask the Minister for Transport the verification checks carried out by the National Driver Licence Service on a foreign driving licence presented for exchange; the circumstances in which the issuing authority is contacted to confirm the validity and category entitlements of the licence; the number of such verification requests made in each of the years from 2016 to date in 2026; and the number of foreign licences identified as forged, counterfeit or otherwise invalid at the point of exchange in each of those years, broken down by issuing state.

PQ78789/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

261. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of foreign driving licences exchanged by the National Driver Licence Service for an Irish driving licence carrying category D, D1, DE or D1E entitlements in each of the years from 2016 to date in 2026, broken down by the state that issued the foreign licence.

PQ78788/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

262. To ask the Minister for Transport the arrangements under which driving licences issued by Ukraine have been exchanged for Irish driving licences since 2022; whether category C and D entitlements are included in those exchanges; the verification checks applied to such licences; and the number of exchanges that included bus categories to date.

PQ78782/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

263. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cases in each year since 2016 in which a foreign driving licence presented for exchange was referred to An Garda Síochána on suspicion of forgery; and the number of Irish driving licences subsequently cancelled after it was established that the foreign licence on which the exchange was based was invalid.

PQ78781/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

264. To ask the Minister for Transport the verification checks carried out by the National Driver Licence Service on a foreign driving licence presented for exchange; the circumstances in which the issuing authority is contacted to confirm the validity and category entitlements of the licence; the number of such verification requests made in each year since 2016; and the number of foreign licences identified as forged, counterfeit or otherwise invalid at the point of exchange in each of those years, broken down by issuing state

PQ78780/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

265. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of foreign driving licences exchanged by the National Driver Licence Service for an Irish driving licence carrying category D, D1, DE or D1E entitlements in each year from 2016 to date in 2026, broken down by the state that issued the foreign licence.

PQ78779/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

266. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the National Transport Authority to clarify where and when the tender documentation relating to the retendering of Galway city bus routes 410, 411 and 412 will be published; the procurement platform or website on which the tender documents and service specifications will be made available; whether elected representatives and members of the public will have access to the tender specification; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78902/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

267. To ask the Minister for Transport if an application for a person (details supplied) will be expedited.

PQ78967/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

268. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79009/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

269. To ask the Minister for Transport for the breakdown of funding that has been invested in new bus routes versus existing services from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026 in Dublin North, by year, in tabular form.

PQ79043/26 | TOM BRABAZON

270. To ask the Minister for Transport if Irish Rail will arrange a deep clean power wash for the removal of chewing up on the pedestrian footbridge of Howth Junction/Donaghmede Dart Station before the end of 2026.

PQ79042/26 | TOM BRABAZON

271. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people using public transport in Dublin to date in 2026.

PQ79056/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

272. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the provision of additional carriages to the Cobh and Midleton train services, in view of overcrowding at peak times in the mornings of the working week, which is a health and safety concern for commuters.

PQ79143/26 | COLM BURKE

273. To ask the Minister for Transport the impact that the designation of the Galway city ring road as critical infrastructure, following the withdrawal of the final Judicial Review proceedings relating to the project, will have on the delivery of the scheme; the extent to which the streamlined and parallel consenting and delivery framework provided for under the relevant legislation will reduce administrative timelines and procedural delays; how this designation will assist the project teams in maintaining delivery momentum; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79306/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

274. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of houses that have been demolished or CPOed to make way for the development of greenways in each of the years from 2024 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79345/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

275. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. PQ 71306/26, if a response will issue from the RSA to the question.

PQ79326/26 | EMER CURRIE

276. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority considered making the 500 publicly funded e-bikes due to be placed in storage in Cork available on loan or transfer to other public bodies, including An Garda Síochána, An Post and local authorities, for the duration of the proposed 18 month storage period; if so, the outcome of that consideration; and if not, the reason it was not considered.

PQ79161/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

277. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration will be given to making e-bikes from the 500 due to be placed in storage available to students in rural areas who must be driven a distance to reach their nearest school transport pick up point, through schools or community organisations; and whether his Department will engage with the Department of Education on such an initiative.

PQ79163/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

278. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority considered using the 500 publicly funded e-bikes due to be placed in storage to expand the e-bike library scheme announced by Cork City Council with National Transport Authority funding, or to establish similar community lending schemes in rural areas of County Cork; the number of e-bikes provided under the Cork scheme to date; and the estimated annual cost per bike of that scheme.

PQ79162/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

279. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in light of it being a barrier to families with children soon to start learning to drive moving to electric vehicles, he will change the rules where a person who passes their driving test in an automatic car currently will not be licensed to drive a manual car, to allow the automatic licence to include a manual licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79422/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

280. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in view of the barrier created to families with children, soon to start learning to drive, moving to electric vehicles, he will provide a simpler route to a licence for manual vehicles for current holders of licences to drive automatic vehicles, such as a specified number of approved lessons, without the need to pass a driving test in a manual vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79433/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

281. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the severe delay being experienced by a person in County Kerry (details supplied) who is awaiting a driving test to secure a license to operate a vehicle with a trailer; if he will indicate what are current average waiting times for people in Kerry awaiting this specific type of test; and if measures will be taken to address the waiting times.

PQ79230/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

282. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review correspondence (details supplied); and if the matter could be expedited in the circumstances outlined.

PQ79443/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

283. To ask the Minister for Transport if the development of the Galway metropolitan area will allow for public consultation prior to the development of the draft strategy.

PQ79253/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

284. To ask the Minister for Transport the capital works that were carried out at Farrenfore Train Station, Kerry in each of the years of 2025 and to date in 2026 in tabular form.

PQ79501/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

285. To ask the Minister for Transport whether RSA or statutory licensing requirement provides that a person must have held a category B licence for two years before obtaining or holding a full category D licence; whether previous category B entitlement obtained in another EU member state is recognised following an exchange for an Irish licence; and if he will clarify the requirements.

PQ79556/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

286. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has met with the National Transport Authority in relation to their plans for new and enhanced public transport services to be delivered in 2027 through the PSO; whether there is a date/timeline for when the NTA will publish their 2027 PSO service programme.

PQ79559/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

287. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 71729/26, to identify which public authority has statutory responsibility for independently assessing whether the voluntary dwelling purchase scheme required under condition 9 of the Dublin Airport North Runway planning permission remains effective and appropriate as a residential noise-mitigation measure under the biennial review requirements of Condition 10; if that assessment extends beyond noise contours and eligibility to the scheme's practical effectiveness for affected households; and which authority is responsible for same.

PQ79569/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

288. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of NDP funded capital projects which will be progressed in 2027, with each project's budgeted funding allocation for 2027, in tabular form.

PQ79568/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

289. To ask the Minister for Transport if he recognises the severe financial penalty the rigid deadline places on critical local family businesses providing essential public infrastructure in areas like West Cavan; and if unspent funds from the initial €120 million allocation or the subsequent €73 million scheme extension will be utilized to facilitate late, good-faith applications from operators that can fully demonstrate valid transport licensing and vehicle eligibility.

PQ79567/26 | MATT CARTHY

290. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a mechanism for manual review or an alternative support pathway under the road transporters support scheme for small, rural transport operators who missed the June 2026 deadline due to profound confusion and a lack of clear initial guidance regarding the compatibility of the scheme with existing Bus Éireann school transport and local link contracts.

PQ79566/26 | MATT CARTHY

291. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will directly intervene with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to defer or suspend the scheduled road toll increases across the national road network; if his attention has been drawn to the severe, cumulative financial burden this places on long-distance work commuters (details supplied); and if he will introduce policy measures to protect working families from these hikes during high-expenditure winter months.

PQ79598/26 | MATT CARTHY

292. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has assessed whether the inability of disabled persons to obtain motor insurance for vehicles used by personal assistants or carers may constitute a barrier to independent living, employment and participation in society; and the actions he intends to take to address the matter.

PQ78897/26 | PA DALY

293. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any review of public transport operating policy that would allow for priority seating for a breastfeeding mother, similar to the measures in place for elderly people or those with reduced mobility.

PQ79601/26 | BARRY WARD

294. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed eastern bypass Luas plans.

PQ79611/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

295. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department was notified regarding a matter (details supplied); the date on which his Department first became aware of the decision; and if his Department holds any correspondence with the organisation on the matter.

PQ79620/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

296. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department holds estimates on the number of disabled people who own vehicles but do not hold driving licences and rely on others to drive on their behalf; whether the impact of recent legislative or insurance changes on this cohort has been assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78899/26 | PA DALY

297. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagements he or his Department has had with motor insurers regarding access to insurance for disabled vehicle owners who do not hold driving licences but require insurance to permit authorised drivers to operate their vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78895/26 | PA DALY

298. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has engaged with Insurance Ireland and motor insurance providers on reports that disabled vehicle owners are being refused insurance renewals because they do not possess a driver number; and the steps he is taking to ensure that disabled persons are not unfairly excluded from insurance cover.

PQ78901/26 | PA DALY

299. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the proposed park and ride facility on the N84 corridor in Galway is being assessed for inclusion in the forthcoming National Transport Authority Integrated Implementation Plan; whether the project has progressed sufficiently to secure a place within the Authority's six-year capital investment programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79666/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

300. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the proposed park and ride facility on the N83 corridor in Galway will form part of the projects and investments identified in the forthcoming National Transport Authority Integrated Implementation Plan; whether a delivery timeframe is envisaged within the period covered by the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79665/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

301. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the proposed park and ride facility on the N59 corridor in Galway is intended to be included in the forthcoming National Transport Authority Integrated Implementation Plan; the current status of the project's consideration for inclusion in the authority's six-year investment programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79664/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

302. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the proposed park and ride facility on the N6 corridor (Junction 19 of the N6) in Galway is intended to be included in the forthcoming National Transport Authority Integrated Implementation Plan; whether capital funding is proposed to be allocated to the project within the six-year investment programme covered by that plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79663/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

303. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Park and Ride Strategy Galway Programme is intended to be included in the forthcoming National Transport Authority Integrated Implementation Plan; the level of capital funding proposed to be allocated to the programme during the six-year period covered by the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79668/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

304. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons for the increased waiting time to take a category B driving test at Gorey Driving Test Centre, County Wexford; the reason for these increases; if he is aware drivers from the local fire service are awaiting testing for many months; and the measures being taken to reduce the waiting time.

PQ79660/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

305. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cattle grids located on national, regional and local public roads, insofar as this information is available; if his Department, Transport Infrastructure Ireland or local authorities have undertaken any assessment of compliance with the requirement in TII Standard Construction Detail CC-SCD-02755 that ramps to aid the escape of small animals be provided within cattle-grid pits; and whether consideration has been given to surveying and retrofitting older cattle grids which do not contain such wildlife escape measures.

PQ79764/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

306. To ask the Minister for Transport if persons that are unaware that they are eligible to apply for payment under the fuel income support scheme, if he will advise if there is a mechanism in order to allow them submit an application at this stage, that is persons who provide transport for school children.

PQ79783/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

307. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a multiannual funding commitment for the progression and delivery of strategic road infrastructure projects in County Laois, including the Portlaoise northern orbital route and the Mountmellick bypass.

PQ79823/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

308. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the criteria used to prioritise national road infrastructure projects to ensure that growing regional towns and counties, including County Laois, receive appropriate consideration in the allocation of funding.

PQ79827/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

309. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Iarnród Éireann to commission a review of peak-time overcrowding on the Dublin–Portlaoise rail corridor, with a view to providing additional carriages and increasing capacity to meet growing commuter demand.

PQ79835/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

310. To ask the Minister for Transport when the 140 proposed new and enhanced public transport services will be allocated and implemented; and the number of these services that are expected to benefit County Laois.

PQ79834/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

311. To ask the Minister for Transport when the new vehicle adaptation scheme will open for applications; the eligibility criteria, grant levels and application procedures that will apply; and the provision that has been made to ensure timely processing of applications.

PQ79843/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

312. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the National Aviation Policy; and if updates to the policy are planned.

PQ79607/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

313. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposal for a transport support scheme to replace the mobility allowance and motorised transport grant, which was raised in the 2022 National Disability Inclusion Strategy Action 104 Transport Working Group Final Report; the steps being taken to advance the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79701/26 | MARK WALL

Chun an Airgeadais: To the Finance

314. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether a minimum liquidity requirement has been established for the investment account of Ireland's Social Insurance Fund; the methodology and stress-testing scenarios used to determine this requirement; and the proportion of the fund's reserves currently required to be maintained in cash or highly liquid assets.

PQ78700/26 | GARY GANNON

315. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the breakdown of the assets held in the investment account of Irelands Social Insurance Fund as of the most recent available date available; and the total value and percentage allocated to cash, deposits, cash equivalents, Government bonds, other fixed-income securities, equities and any other asset classes, in tabular form.

PQ78699/26 | GARY GANNON

316. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current investment mandate and strategy governing the investment account of Irelands Social Insurance Fund; the statutory, regulatory or policy restrictions applying to the investment of its reserves; and when this mandate was last reviewed.

PQ78697/26 | GARY GANNON

317. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current status of negotiations between the Irish and UK Governments regarding the taxation of cross-border hybrid working arrangements; and whether the Government remains on track to reach an agreement in principle by the end of 2026.

PQ78741/26 | EMER CURRIE

318. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures used by the Revenue Commissioners to verify that fees received by self-employed medical practitioners into personal bank accounts, electronic money accounts and payment apps are fully declared; whether the Revenue Commissioners receive third party data on such receipts from payment service providers; and the number of Revenue compliance interventions with self-employed medical practitioners in each of the years 2021 to 2025; and the yield from those interventions, in tabular form.

PQ78871/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

319. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 75249/26, the change in median net wealth of households by housing status, that is owners outright, owners with a mortgage and tenants, between 2015 and 2025, with reference to the Distributional Wealth Accounts; and the share of total household net wealth held by tenant households in 2015 and in 2025.

PQ78853/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

320. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any compensation paid to a person arising from the compulsory acquisition of that person's principal private residence by way of a compulsory purchase order is subject to taxation; if so, to specify which elements of such compensation are taxable, including compensation for the property itself, disturbance, severance, injurious affection, accommodation loss or other associated payments; the tax heads under which such compensation is taxed, including capital gains tax, income tax or any other tax; and the applicable rates of taxation.

PQ78960/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

321. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance regarding Revenue's Cork HEO tax specialist posts, the total appointments across all interview groups over the lifetime of the 2024 external open competition panel for qualified accountants and tax professionals; the offers and appointments to date across all interview groups under the corresponding 2026 competition (RE0031); the current vacancies and approved but unfilled posts; the further appointments anticipated before the panel expires on 29 April 2027, including vacancies arising from retirements, resignations or promotions; and the figures current to the reply date where available.

PQ78962/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

322. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79016/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

323. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance If he will include SNAs in the list of jobs able to claim the flat rate expense allowance; or, if he and his Department will make provisions for their inclusion going forward.

PQ79063/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

324. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance in respect of an apartment development which is excluded from the Government's interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes on the grounds that it is not a new build (details supplied), but whose owners paid VAT at the new build rate at the time of purchase; and whether Revenue should refund the VAT to resolve the discrepancy.

PQ79109/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

325. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his response to a report by an organisation (details supplied); and if he has considered introducing its proposals.

PQ79307/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

326. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance given the insurance compensation fund levy will reduce to 0% at the beginning of 2027, if he has considered replacing it with a levy to fund protection for household unable to access home flood insurance.

PQ79311/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

327. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if there are active plans to extend the "right to be forgotten" legislation beyond mortgage protection to include standard, standalone life insurance policies for cancer survivors; the timeline for any such expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79337/26 | CATHAL CROWE

328. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm that the Irish Strategic Investment Fund has divested from all companies listed on the UN Human Rights Office's settlements database.

PQ79328/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

329. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is considering reforming and increasing the widowed parent tax credit which currently has not changed since 2011.

PQ79578/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

330. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for restricting the help to buy scheme to newly built homes; whether consideration has been given to extending the scheme to second-hand or previously owned homes; and if he recognises that many first-time buyers, particularly in rural areas, are purchasing existing properties due to the limited availability and affordability of new builds.

PQ78727/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

331. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he can provide an update on Ireland's position in the ongoing negotiations on the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation; Ireland's key negotiating priorities in relation to each of the three workstreams; the officials leading Ireland's participation in the negotiations; and the specific interdepartmental cooperation taking place in preparing Ireland's negotiating positions.

PQ79600/26 | GED NASH

332. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the controls on building insurance premiums, to prevent profiteering by insurance companies.

PQ79048/26 | BARRY WARD

333. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps he will take to ensure that there is adequate competition in the insurance market for each specific area of insurance.

PQ79053/26 | BARRY WARD

334. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason the carbon tax rate on liquid petroleum gas was not reduced in Budget 2027 (details supplied) in line with kerosene and natural gas; whether he accepts that this will impact those businesses who rely on that energy source; and whether he has plans to address this in the Finance Bill.

PQ79651/26 | SEÁN KYNE

335. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to introduce as a matter of priority a fully refundable €500 tax free credit for persons with a disability that are working and for persons that do not qualify for the cost of disability payment.

PQ79693/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

336. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm if the Government has approved the drafting of the general scheme of legislation to support tokenisation in the funds industry as set out in the new Ireland for Finance Strategy; if his Department has commenced the drafting; and to outline the expected timeline for publication of the general scheme.

PQ79755/26 | EMER CURRIE

337. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of pensioners in receipt of both the State Pension (Contributory) and an occupational pension who are liable for income tax and USC; and whether he has examined the impact of State Pension increases on the tax position of such pensioners.

PQ79787/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

338. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the controls on building insurance premiums to prevent profiteering by insurance companies.

PQ79050/26 | BARRY WARD

339. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 55111/26, if he will clarify the apparent discrepancy between the information provided by the Revenue Commissioners, which stated that the HSE was examining the issue of who the relevant accountable person is in a case (details supplied), and subsequent correspondence from the HSE indicating that the matter is solely one for the Revenue Commissioners.

PQ78695/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

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

340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider making changes to the occupational supplementary pension (OSP) to allow a retiree to take up some employment without the OSP being impacted, to allow the retiree to still contribute to society and earn some extra income; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78694/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works that the OPW carried out at Coolock Garda Station in each of the years of 2025 and to-date in 2026; and if any fresh capital works projects are currently under consideration by OPW in respect of this station.

PQ79045/26 | TOM BRABAZON

342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works that the OPW carried out at Raheny Garda Station 2025 and to date in 2026; and if any fresh capital works projects are currently under consideration by OPW in respect of this station.

PQ79044/26 | TOM BRABAZON

343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79021/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the names of travel agents currently on the Office of Government Procurement framework to provide travel services to public bodies; and when this contract is next scheduled for renewal.

PQ79377/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the impact of the judicial review proceedings brought in respect of the confirmation of the River Bride (Blackpool) drainage scheme in July 2026 on the timeline for the scheme; the stage the scheme had reached at the time the proceedings were initiated, including procurement and the appointment of a contractor; and the date by which construction had been expected to commence before the proceedings were brought.

PQ79164/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of properties in Blackpool, Cork, recorded as having flooded in each flood event since 2012; and the number of residential and commercial properties that will be protected by the River Bride (Blackpool) drainage scheme as confirmed in July 2026, compared with the number to be protected under the scheme as originally confirmed in March 2021.

PQ79170/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the interim flood protection measures in place for homes and businesses in Blackpool, Cork, pending the delivery of the River Bride (Blackpool) drainage scheme; whether any additional interim measures will be put in place given the further delay to the scheme; and whether the Office of Public Works has engaged with the insurance industry regarding flood cover for properties in Blackpool that will be protected by the scheme.

PQ79169/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total legal costs incurred by the State in respect of the judicial review proceedings concerning the confirmation of the Blackpool flood relief scheme in March 2021, which were conceded in January 2022, including any costs paid to the applicant; and the total cost of the further environmental assessment and public consultation carried out following that concession.

PQ79168/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total amount spent by the Office of Public Works on the River Bride (Blackpool) drainage scheme to date, broken down by design, environmental assessment, public consultation, legal costs and other costs; the current estimated total cost of the scheme; and the estimated additional cost arising from delays to the scheme since it was first confirmed in March 2021, in tabular form.

PQ79166/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when he expects the Phoenix Park Parking Strategy to be finalised.

PQ79480/26 | EMER CURRIE

351. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider revisions to the circular 51/1979 which outlines special leave allowable to civil servants for attendance at training with the Reserve Defence Force (RDF), in order to increase recruitment and retention in the RDF.

PQ78951/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

352. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his plans to extend the Freedom of Information Act 2014 an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79621/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

353. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he has further considered designating large scale geological energy storage projects under the critical infrastructure act process.

PQ79799/26 | CATHAL CROWE

354. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the plans to donate equipment (details supplied) used during Ireland's EU Presidency to Irish charities and NGOs as after previous presidencies.

PQ79226/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

355. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the procedure that applies where a civil servant or other person working in a Government department wishes to make a complaint of bullying, harassment or sexual harassment against a Minister or Minister of State; the person or body responsible for receiving and investigating such a complaint; whether such conduct falls within the scope of the Code of Conduct for Office Holders; and whether he is informed when such a complaint is made.

PQ78539/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

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

356. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the average grant rates approved by IDA Ireland for research, development and innovation projects have decreased following the decision in 2025 to increase the research and development tax credit to 35%; and if so, whether this reflects an explicit policy, guidance or established practice of his Department or IDA Ireland to reduce research and development grant rates when the research and development tax credit increases; and the average grant rate for 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ78691/26 | GARY GANNON

357. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the appeals process for general employment permit application by his Department; and the way in which an applicant can supply additional information of their employment duties.

PQ78717/26 | MARK WARD

358. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in light of evidence that over 120 songs by an Irish band were scraped by AI developers without notice or compensation, the compliance checks or audit frameworks the national competent authorities will enforce on generative AI firms headquartered in Ireland to ensure they compile and publish comprehensive summaries of their training datasets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78667/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

359. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he is taking to ensure that representatives from the Irish music industry, including IMRO, RAAP and the Screen Composers Guild of Ireland are legally mandated to hold board seats or advisory positions within the upcoming AI Office of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78666/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

360. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department plans to remove or amend the 50/50 non-EEA staffing rule (details supplied).

PQ78677/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

361. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific negotiating position Ireland coordinated on behalf of the EU at the World Intellectual Property Organisation Standing Committee meeting regarding AI and copyright; if the position included calls for global transparency standards regarding music data scraping; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78670/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

362. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the diplomatic steps Ireland is taking at the Council of the European Union to establish a harmonised, legally binding collective licensing framework across the EU Single Market; the way in which this framework will guarantee that Irish songwriters, composers, and performers receive fair, recurring royalties whenever their catalogues are utilised to train general-purpose or music-specific AI models; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78669/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

363. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment following the recent European Presidency Associated Conference on 'Copyright and Human Creativity in the AI Era', the specific proposals Ireland is bringing to the Council Working Party on Copyright to overhaul the 2019 Digital Single Market Directive; if Ireland will advocate for replacing the highly burdensome 'TDM opt-out' mechanism with a mandatory 'opt-in' model requiring prior notification and licensing before any Irish creative work can be fed into an AI training set; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78668/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

364. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the proposed January 2027 MAR threshold increase will be deferred until a comprehensive impact assessment has been completed, meaningful consultation with NHI and the nursing home sector has taken place, and appropriate funding arrangements have been confirmed (details supplied).

PQ78872/26 | GED NASH

365. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of notifications received by the Health and Safety Authority of injuries to workers involving the discharge of a firearm in each of the years 2018 to 2025; and the number of inspections or investigations carried out by the Authority at workplaces of An Garda Síochána in each of those years.

PQ78858/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

366. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 75251/26, the date on which the implementation update on the Large Energy User Action Plan will be published; the status of each of the 17 enabling actions against the timelines set out in the plan, in tabular form; and whether the National Planning Statement for Green Energy Parks will be published before 31 December 2026.

PQ78851/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

367. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the timeline for the proposed increase in minimum annual remuneration thresholds due in January 2027; if an impact assessment has been carried out; and the consultation that has taken place with the nursing home sector.

PQ78827/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

368. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a detailed breakdown of the funding provided by Fáilte Ireland and Kerry County Council towards a facility (details supplied), including the total project cost, the amount of Fáilte Ireland funding approved and drawn down, and the contribution made by Kerry County Council; the original anticipated opening date and the revised expected opening date; the reason for the delay in bringing the facility into public use; and whether he will ensure that a definitive opening date is provided to the public.

PQ78935/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

369. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current status of the new €1.3 million water sports and outdoor activities facility at Fenit, County Kerry; the reasons the facility has not yet opened to the public despite being substantially complete; whether his Department has been informed of any outstanding commissioning, technical or operational issues; the expected date for the facility to open to the public; whether he will engage with Fáilte Ireland and Kerry County Council to ensure that the facility is opened without further delay.

PQ78934/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

370. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether workplace injuries have occurred on Irish data centre campuses, including during construction, in each of the past ten years; and the nature of these injuries, in tabular form.

PQ78966/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

371. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79015/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

372. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of delays in his Department relating to the appeals process for work permits; the number of applicants awaiting a decision on an appeal in each month of the years 2023, 2023, 2025, and to date in 2026; the reason for these delays; and his plans to address them.

PQ79028/26 | IVANA BACIK

373. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the proposed increases to the MARS threshold for fair deal scheme in private nursing homes; and the timeframe for it to be implemented.

PQ79052/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

374. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment as part of the review of remote work legislation, will commuting time, congestion, commuting costs and the environmental impact of travelling to work be recognised as legitimate factors when an employer considers a flexible or remote working request, particularly where the role can be carried out effectively on a hybrid or remote basis.

PQ79071/26 | BARRY WARD

375. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment will the review of remote working specifically consider the impact of stricter office attendance policies on people with disabilities, long-term health conditions and neurodivergent people, including autistic people, where remote or hybrid working may help them to enter, remain in or return to employment.

PQ79070/26 | BARRY WARD

376. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the actions he is taking to support small businesses that are struggling with increased costs related to staffing.

PQ79065/26 | BARRY WARD

377. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on the use of AI overview by dominant search engines such as a search engine (details supplied) that takes work from news organisations without payment, consent or attribution and use it for their own products; the impact this is having on the viability of news media organisations who are deprived of clicks through to the website and advertising and subscriber revenue; and if he has satisfied himself that the search engines in question are not abusing a monopoly position in the market.

PQ79115/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

378. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any sector specific impact assessment, including the nursing home sector, carried out in relation to increases in minimum annual remuneration thresholds.

PQ79281/26 | BARRY WARD

379. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any details of the proposed increase to minimum annual remuneration thresholds and implementation timeline of same.

PQ79277/26 | BARRY WARD

380. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any proposed increase to the minimum annual remuneration thresholds; and if an increase is proposed for 2027.

PQ79276/26 | BARRY WARD

381. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any proposed engagement with the nursing homes sector in relation to the impact that increases in the minimum annual remuneration thresholds will have on this sector.

PQ79285/26 | BARRY WARD

382. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the development of the Ballyhoura Country Destination and Experience Development Plan, and North Cork Destination and Experience Development Plan in Cork.

PQ79348/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

383. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason a nursing home (details supplied) is yet to receive any progress update on work permit appeals.

PQ79167/26 | IVANA BACIK

384. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to the Motion re Protecting the Copyright of Irish Artists in the era of Artificial Intelligence, adopted by Dáil Éireann on 14 July 2026, the specific actions taken by his Department since that date to give effect to the motion; the further actions planned; and the timeline for each.

PQ79196/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

385. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the means by which an Irish songwriter, composer or performer can establish whether their work has been used to train a general purpose artificial intelligence model; whether his Department considers the existing transparency obligations on providers of such models adequate for that purpose; and the role of the AI office of Ireland in assisting Irish rights holders in this regard.

PQ79199/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

386. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the Government intends to bring forward legislation establishing a framework for the licensing of copyrighted works for use by generative artificial intelligence, covering transparency, fair remuneration and personality rights; the stage reached in the preparation of any such legislation; and the expected timeline for its publication.

PQ79200/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

387. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has assessed implications (details supplied).

PQ79444/26 | GED NASH

388. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps being taken during Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union to advance the protection of creators' rights in relation to the use of copyrighted works to train artificial intelligence systems; whether the matter has been placed on the agenda of a council meeting or working party chaired by Ireland during the presidency; whether a conference on copyright and artificial intelligence has been held or is scheduled before the presidency concludes; and if so, the date.

PQ79197/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

389. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to amend or revoke the European Union (Adequate Minimum Wages) Regulations 2024 (S.I. No. 633 of 2024), or to bring forward primary legislation, so as to provide for the criteria to which the Low Pay Commission is to have regard under section 10C(3) of the National Minimum Wage Act 2000, following the partial annulment of Directive (EU) 2022/2041 by the Court of Justice of the European Union in Case C-19/23.

PQ79446/26 | GED NASH

390. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on his engagement with the relevant stakeholders in the Childcare sector regarding the “50:50 rule” in the Employment Permits Act 2024; and if a review of the policy is being carried out by his Department which will consider risks of viability in the sector due to staffing shortages.

PQ79220/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

391. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number and dates of meetings held by him, Ministers of State or officials of his Department with organisations (details supplied) on artificial intelligence and copyright since 14 July 2026; and whether any representative of the creative sector has been appointed to the AI Advisory Council.

PQ79201/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

392. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position Ireland has taken or will take in the European Commission's review of Directive (EU) 2019/790 on copyright and related rights in the digital single market, with specific reference to the text and data mining exception in Article 4 as it applies to the training of generative artificial intelligence; if Ireland supports a requirement for the prior consent of rights holders before copyrighted works are used for commercial AI training; if his Department made a submission to the Commission's call for evidence on the review; and if so, whether that submission will be published.

PQ79198/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

393. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to publish end-user information on dual-use export licences approved for the Israeli military and Ministry of Defence since 2023; and if he will commit to a standing policy of refusing licences where there is a clear risk of use in serious violations of international humanitarian law.

PQ79460/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

394. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of employment permits, including critical skills employment permits, issued for nursing and midwifery occupations in each month from November 2025 to October 2026, by type of employer that is, HSE or section 38 hospital, private hospital, private nursing home, recruitment agency, in tabular form.

PQ79528/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

395. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is considering legislation that will ensure that a platform (details supplied) will be required to provide a meaningful opt-out to publishers from having their work used in AI summaries.

PQ79420/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

396. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on the use of AI overview by dominant search engines such as a search engine (details supplied) that takes work from news organisations without payment, consent or attribution and use it for their own products; the impact this is having on the viability of news media organisations who are deprived of clicks through to the website and advertising and subscriber revenue; and if he will take steps to address the matter.

PQ79121/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

397. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will outline the specific risk-assessment criteria applied by his Department when evaluating dual-use export licence applications to countries currently engaged in active armed conflict; the steps his Department takes to ensure that Irish-exported technology containing encryption features is not utilised in breach of international humanitarian law; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79647/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

398. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the publication timeline of the new Life Sciences Strategy.

PQ79645/26 | COLM BURKE

399. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the Government has considered intervening in EU legal proceedings concerning the allocation of liability between parent companies and their subsidiaries, particularly where such proceedings raise broader questions of legal certainty, jurisdiction and Ireland's attractiveness as a location for international business; and the criteria governing any such decision to intervene.

PQ79754/26 | EMER CURRIE

400. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the steps his Department has taken specifically to provide relief to entities currently reporting under Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) 'wave 1' reporters, based on the 'quick fix' delegated act signed on 11 July 2025 by the European Commission, that extended certain phase-in provisions that were previously only available to companies with less than 750 employees to all "wave 1" companies for FY2025 and FY2026; and if there are any further measures under consideration for companies in Wave 1; and the timeframe for future steps, if any.

PQ79790/26 | CATHAL CROWE

401. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will direct the National Standards Authority of Ireland to provide in tabular form broken down per annum, the number of companies that have applied for modern methods of construction agreement certifications; the country of origin of those companies who have applied; the status of each application; the average time it takes from the point of application to approval; the number of certifications that have been granted; and the identity of companies who have applied and have been approved; and the companies country of origin.

PQ79786/26 | CATHAL CROWE

402. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of the NSAI root cause analysis under the Housing Implementation Fund to identify constraints on the Agrément certification process in 2026; and when it will be completed and published.

PQ79785/26 | CATHAL CROWE

403. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the dual-use products exported licences granted for ICT hardware, software, cybersecurity and data-storage products destined for Israel since October 2023, at a cost of €97 million worth of Irish technology exported during an active conflict; and the assurance he will give that Irish-made technology has not contributed in any way to military operations.

PQ79656/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

404. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures being taken to assist homeowners who are providing short-term tourist accommodation and who, due to caring responsibilities or other exceptional personal circumstances, may be unable to secure the necessary planning permissions in advance of the forthcoming Fáilte Ireland registration requirements; and whether consideration is being given to extending the relevant deadlines.

PQ79371/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

405. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is considering the introduction of statutory bereavement leave as various bereavement entitlements currently exist in different area of the public and private sector.

PQ79580/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

Chun an Oideachais agus Óige: To the Education and Youth

406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can assist a school (details supplied).

PQ78707/26 | NIALL COLLINS

407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a school project (details supplied); when it will be sanctioned to move to the next stage; and whether it will be included on the list for the next tranche of schools scheduled to be approved to go to tender and construction.

PQ78743/26 | SEÁN KYNE

408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied), while not on the pilot scheme, will maintain in-school therapists.

PQ78735/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has undertaken any assessment of the cumulative educational impact of COVID-19 related learning loss, teacher shortages and current industrial action on students due to sit the Leaving Certificate examinations in 2027; the findings of any such assessment; and whether she will consider the introduction of compensatory measures, including enhanced candidate supports, examination adjustments, or grading accommodations, for this cohort.

PQ78734/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures she is taking to support students sitting the Leaving Certificate examinations in the 2026/27 academic year, having regard to the educational disruption experienced by this cohort during their primary and post-primary education, including the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, teacher shortages, and periods of industrial action; and whether any adjustments, allowances or special considerations are being considered in the grading, assessment or calculation of national examination results for these students (details supplied).

PQ78733/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children identified by the NCSE as requiring autism special class places for September 2027 in Donabate, Portrane, Rush, Lusk, Skerries, Swords and surrounding North Fingal towns; the number of places available in

existing classes and the projected shortfall in each area; the number and locations of additional classes being considered for 2027/28, including the status of a proposed second class at a school (details supplied) and new classes; whether these classes will offer places to incoming junior infants; and when approval decisions will be announced.

PQ78732/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) will be contacted about works.

PQ78879/26 | EMER CURRIE

413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on correspondence for a school (details supplied).

PQ78883/26 | EMER CURRIE

414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on works for a school (details supplied).

PQ78881/26 | EMER CURRIE

415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if provision can be made to facilitate the establishment of a service (details supplied).

PQ78906/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) that applied for the climate action summer works scheme in 2025 will be included in Tranche 2 funding given they are struggling with single pane leaking windows and receiving very high energy bills, and are depending on this funding.

PQ78911/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a special transport grant application for a child (details supplied); and the timeframe for a decision to issue.

PQ78968/26 | COLM BURKE

418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the approved two-class SEN base building project at a school (details supplied) following submission of its Stage 1 report in October 2025, including the timeframe for the project to progress to the next stage.

PQ78987/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79014/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she is aware that there is some confusion for special schools who had received therapists but were not included on the pilot programme and whether she will confirm that these schools will retain their therapist posts.

PQ79046/26 | THOMAS GOULD

421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of the funding allocated to schools under the climate action summer works scheme on a school and county-by-county basis, for 2027 onwards, in tabular form.

PQ79080/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the National Parents Council has any remit to investigate or assist with disputes involving parent associations, including the suspension or removal of committee members, disputes concerning elections or governance, and concerns regarding the operation of parent associations; and if not, whether the Department considers it appropriate that no independent mechanism exists for parents in such circumstances.

PQ79086/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the National Parents Council currently ensures that parents of children attending post-primary schools are represented in its governance and decision-making structures; and the mechanisms through which these parents can influence its policies and priorities.

PQ79091/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of directors currently serving on a council (details supplied) who were co-opted rather than elected by member associations; the criteria applied to such appointments; and whether her Department considers this arrangement consistent with the organisation's role as the national representative body for parents.

PQ79096/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of parent associations currently affiliated with the National Parents Council; the total number of primary and post-primary schools represented through those associations; the criteria used to determine whether the organisation is sufficiently representative to receive State funding as the national representative body for parents; and when these criteria were last reviewed.

PQ79090/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the performance indicators or measurable outcomes her Department uses to assess the effectiveness of the National Parents Council in delivering representation, advice and support to parents of children in post-primary education; whether these outcomes are independently evaluated; and whether her Department has sought feedback directly from post-primary parents and parents' associations regarding the effectiveness and accessibility of the services provided.

PQ79089/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when an organisation (details supplied) is required, as a condition of receiving public funding, to maintain a register of directors' interests and conflicts of interest; whether the Department has sight of this register; and whether any conflicts of interest have been declared or reported to the Department since 2021.

PQ79094/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has conducted a formal review of the effectiveness of the National Parents Council's expanded remit to represent parents of children in both primary and post-primary education, following the withdrawal of recognition and funding from the National Parents Council Post Primary in 2023; the findings of any such review; and whether her Department is satisfied that the current arrangements are adequately meeting the needs of post-primary parents.

PQ79088/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the mechanisms in place within her Department to monitor the expenditure of public funding by an organisation (details supplied); whether the Department examines its annual accounts, board composition, conflicts of interest and governance arrangements; and whether any concerns have been raised with the organisation in this regard since 2021.

PQ79093/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the interim arrangement introduced in 2023, whereby the National Parents Council Primary extended its remit to include post-primary parents following the withdrawal of recognition from the National Parents Council Post Primary, was subsequently formally reviewed and approved as a permanent arrangement; the date of any such decision; and the assessment undertaken to establish that the organisation had the capacity, resources and governance structures to effectively represent both sectors.

PQ79087/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the governance and financial due diligence undertaken by her Department before extending the remit of an organisation (details supplied) to include representation of parents in post-primary education following the withdrawal of recognition and funding from the organisation; and whether a formal assessment of the capacity of the organisation to undertake these additional responsibilities was completed.

PQ79092/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the publication of Circular Number 0076/2026, whether increased funding for the UBU your place your space scheme to provide youth services for young people attending schools participating in the DEIS plus scheme will come from DEIS plus funding or youth affairs funding; the increases being made the funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79107/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions that have been taken by her Department to pursue religious orders for financial compensation for the mistreatment of survivors of institutions when they were interred.

PQ79126/26 | EOIN HAYES

434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the projected demand for and supply of first-year post-primary places in the school planning areas covering Dublin Rathdown from 2027-2028 to 2030-2031; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79267/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total capital expenditure incurred by her Department on the purchase, site preparation, and installation of modular school accommodation units nationwide for each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the average cost of installing a standard modular classroom unit, inclusive of all works.

PQ79280/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the case of a school (details supplied); and if she will request her Officials to investigate the matter.

PQ79279/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of large-scale and additional school accommodation projects nationwide currently sitting in the design pipeline, broken down by those sitting at stage 1 preliminary design, stage 2a developed design, and stage 2b detailed design; the maximum length of time projects have remained within each of these respective stages; and the number of these projects whose technical and cost reviews have been delayed for longer than six months, broken down by the specific length of time they have been delayed, in tabular form.

PQ79275/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

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

PQ79287/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of modular units delivered through the Devolved Special Educational Needs (SEN) Reconfiguration and Modular Accommodation Programme for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if a value for money audit has been conducted regarding the cost of delivering modular units versus traditional build infrastructure.

PQ79282/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the guidance issued to boards of management of post-primary schools on the use of named feeder primary schools as an oversubscription criterion where other primary schools in the same catchment area are excluded; whether her Department has assessed the impact of such criteria on local families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79261/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the nature of funding her Department provided to a school (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79376/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the nature of funding her Department provided to a school (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79375/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she plans to visit United Arab Emirates before the end of the year to encourage Irish trained school teachers based there to return home and work within the Irish educational system.

PQ79374/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether an assessment has been carried out by her Department or by the State examinations commission regarding the impact of scheduling Leaving Certificate mathematics examinations on the same day as other examinations (details supplied); whether proposals to schedule mathematics paper 1 and mathematics paper 2 as standalone examinations have been considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79144/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has reviewed the implementation and timing of Additional Assessment Components (AACs) within the Leaving Certificate (details supplied); whether an evaluation has been undertaken of the workload and wellbeing impacts on sixth-year students arising from AAC completion alongside oral examinations, practical assessments, coursework and CAO preparations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79145/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question 76360/26, to confirm if the membership of the National forum on inclusive education for students with special educational needs has been confirmed.

PQ79146/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the State Examinations Commission has received representations regarding the timing of Leaving Certificate examinations (details supplied) and additional assessment components from students, parents or representative organisations; the number of such representations received in each of the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79147/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to rectify an issue in relation to outstanding payments (details supplied).

PQ79323/26 | EMER CURRIE

449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the planned permanent, multi-school shared educational campus project on Swords Road, Whitehall, Dublin 9 (details supplied); and the updated estimated timeframe for the completion of this project.

PQ79321/26 | RORY HEARNE

450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the allocation of special needs assistants at a school (details supplied) in County Donegal, who currently have insufficient special needs assistants to meet the additional needs of the children who require additional SNA support.

PQ79319/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of post-primary schools whose admission policies include a parent or grandparent criterion under section 62(10)(b) of the Education Act 1998, as inserted by the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018; the number of first-year places allocated under that criterion in the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 admission years; the findings of her Department's review of the provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79259/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the existing arrangements to process outstanding claims where ISL tuition was provided but payment forms were returned for administrative reasons.

PQ79171/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has changed the rules around the distribution of the annual ISL tuition allocation; and, if so, when and the way in which families and tutors were notified.

PQ79165/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether retrospective sanctioning can be considered where a family submitted an application but received no decision.

PQ79176/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the announcement of €80 million in funding under the 2027 summer works scheme on 3 November 2026, the total number of applications received under the scheme; the number approved to date; the number of applications that remain outstanding or have been unsuccessful, broken down by county and category of works, in tabular form; the number of schools in Cork that have received approval, including the funding allocated to each school; when further rounds of approvals are expected to be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ79174/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools currently awaiting funding under the summer works scheme, including applications carried forward from previous years; the average and longest waiting time for approval; the criteria used to prioritise applications; the number of projects approved under the scheme in each of the years 2023 to 2026 that have yet to be completed; the measures being taken to ensure that projects approved for summer 2027 are delivered within that timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ79177/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if two additional autism classes will be sanctioned for a school (details supplied); the status of the school's additional school accommodation application which was made in February 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79423/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department is aware of wider difficulties with unpaid ISL tutors; and the steps being taken to resolve them.

PQ79184/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

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

PQ79189/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the review or appeal mechanisms available to tutors and families where payments have been refused or placed on hold.

PQ79181/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage with the National Council for Special Education regarding the forthcoming SNA review at a school in view of concerns that the school's current allocation is insufficient to meet the primary care needs of all pupils requiring support.

PQ79441/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she will take to address concerns regarding the adequacy of the current special needs assistant allocation at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79440/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

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

PQ79225/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the tender for a school (details supplied); and the expected timeline for same.

PQ79221/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

465. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cén staid reatha a bhaineann le foirgneamh buan a thógáil do scoil (sonraí curtha ar fáil) i gContae Bhaile Átha Cliath; cén chúis atá leis an moill; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ79116/26 | JEN CUMMINS

466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of all summer works scheme and climate action summer works scheme applications by primary, post primary and special schools in Longford and Westmeath for rounds from 2020 to date in 2026; including school name and roll number; application date; works sought; decision (approved, refused or pending) and date; funding awarded; reasons for refusals; whether refused applications remain eligible; and the status of approved works (not started, ongoing or completed), with actual or expected start and completion dates, in tabular form.

PQ79476/26 | SORCA CLARKE

467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which AON reform and proposed changes to special education placement eligibility are being coordinated; the proposed changes that arise from legislation and from administrative or education policy; and the way in which she will ensure that changes to school admission or placement requirements do not reduce access to clinically indicated diagnostic assessment or disability services.

PQ79542/26 | PETER ROCHE

468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current average and longest processing times for assistive technology applications at primary and post-primary level; the number awaiting a decision, broken down by month of receipt; and the processing timeframe the Department aims to meet.

PQ79491/26 | PETER ROCHE

469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the governance and information-sharing arrangements that are proposed between the HSE, NCSE and schools under the proposed reforms; the way in which existing assessments will be used to avoid duplication; the role children and parents will have in the process; and which body will be responsible for resolving disputes between agencies.

PQ79546/26 | PETER ROCHE

470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has received an application (details supplied); and if so, the current status of the application.

PQ79485/26 | EMER CURRIE

471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date an assistive technology application in respect of a child (details supplied) was received by the Department; whether the application is complete; its current processing status; the reason a decision remains outstanding; and when a decision is expected.

PQ79497/26 | PETER ROCHE

472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a system will be introduced allowing schools to track the progress of assistive technology applications; and whether applicants will receive confirmation that documentation is complete, an estimated decision date and notification of any delays.

PQ79496/26 | PETER ROCHE

473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the Department operates a prioritisation process for assistive technology applications where delays are affecting a child’s communication, participation or access to learning; the criteria applied; and the way in which a school or parent can request such consideration.

PQ79495/26 | PETER ROCHE

474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the interim arrangements available to schools where a pupil is awaiting a decision on an assistive technology application; and the way in which her Department ensures that pupils can access the curriculum while their applications remain outstanding.

PQ79494/26 | PETER ROCHE

475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the arrangements in place for parents and schools seeking updates on assistive technology applications; the response standards that apply to such enquiries; whether applications are assigned to a named officer or team; and the escalation procedures available where updates cannot be obtained (details supplied).

PQ79518/26 | PETER ROCHE

476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the backlog in processing assistive technology applications; whether staffing levels or administrative processes are contributing to delays; the additional resources and measures being introduced to address the backlog; and the target date for clearing it.

PQ79493/26 | PETER ROCHE

477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of nominated drivers employed by independent school transport contractors who have been refused or prevented from obtaining approval under the school transport scheme in each of the past three years, on the grounds that they had not held a category B driving licence for two years; whether records are maintained of such cases; and if not, the reason.

PQ79558/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether Bus Éireann recognises driving experience and category B entitlements held in another EU member state before an Irish licence exchange when assessing nominated school transport drivers; whether an NDLS or foreign licensing authority statement is accepted as evidence; and the review or appeal process that is available where such experience is not recognised.

PQ79555/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether Bus Éireann requires drivers nominated by independent school transport contractors to have held a category B licence for two years; whether this is a statutory requirement or a condition of the school transport scheme contract or driver-approval process; and if his Department has been advised of the basis for this requirement.

PQ79554/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has given full and meaningful consideration to the proposed changes to the criteria for enrolment in special classes, particularly the proposal to remove the requirement for a formal diagnosis; the persons that will sit on the proposed independent panels; the way in which decisions will be standardised across the country; if children and their families will have a meaningful opportunity to contribute and appeal decisions made; and the way in which she will ensure that the system does not simply replace one barrier with another.

PQ79552/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 75044/26, the specific activities, outputs and staff costs funded by the €600,000 core funding allocated to an organisation (details supplied) in 2026; and whether any performance indicator or target is attached to that core funding under the service level agreement.

PQ78857/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on correspondence (details supplied).

PQ78907/26 | NIALL COLLINS

483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on plans for a new school building for a school (details supplied) and its progression through Stage 2B of his Department's ADAPT programme.

PQ79624/26 | MARTIN KENNY

484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the guidance her Department has issued to schools regarding the arrangements to be made for children withdrawn from instruction under Section 30(2)(e) of the Education Act 1998; whether this guidance provides for a child to remain physically present in the classroom during the instruction concerned; and if so, to provide a copy of that guidance.

PQ79629/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the projected demand for primary school places in County Meath over the next five years; the way her Department has calculated/estimated this; and the plans in place to ensure sufficient places are ready and resourced.

PQ79636/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason her Department has not issued national guidance to schools on implementing Section 30(2)(e) of the Education Act 1998; whether she accepts that leaving arrangements entirely to individual schools risks inconsistent application of a statutory right; and whether she will now issue national guidance setting out the minimum requirements schools must meet.

PQ79635/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she accepts that Section 30(2)(e) of the Education Act 1998 expressly places an obligation on her not to require a student to attend instruction contrary to parental conscience; and the way in which this statutory obligation is discharged in practice; and why responsibility for ensuring the right is upheld has been referred entirely to individual school management authorities.

PQ79634/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a school can lawfully refuse to facilitate a parent's request under Section 30(2)(e) of the Education Act 1998 on the grounds of insufficient space, staffing, supervision capacity or classroom organisation; if so, to identify the specific statutory provision permitting such a refusal; and if not, the reason these considerations were presented as relevant in her previous response.

PQ79633/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 75893/26, whether she considers that the wording in her response that the right to opt out under Section 30 of the Education Act 1998 is "expected to be upheld" accurately reflects the statutory provision; whether she accepts that the legislation establishes a legal protection rather than a discretionary expectation; and if she will clarify the legal status of this right.

PQ79631/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of the money intended to be spent as part of the 2027 climate action summer works scheme on a school (details supplied); and the specific areas of the school will undergo work.

PQ79653/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of the money intended to be spent as part of the 2027 climate action summer works scheme on a school (details supplied); and the specific areas of the school will undergo work.

PQ79654/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the projected demand for secondary school places in County Meath over the next five years; the way in which her Department has calculated and estimated this; and the plans in place to ensure sufficient places are ready and resourced.

PQ79637/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review a matter (details supplied) regarding a NEPS assessment for a child.

PQ79659/26 | NIALL COLLINS

494. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to address the lack of secondary Gaelcholáiste in Swords, County Dublin.

PQ79678/26 | JEN CUMMINS

495. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the application submitted by a school in County Clare (details supplied) under the summer works scheme; when the next tranche of project approvals under the scheme will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79712/26 | CATHAL CROWE

496. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of NEPS psychologists and the resources available through the scheme for the commissioning of psychological assessments to schools in Lucan, Clondalkin, Palmerstown, Citywest, Saggart, Newcastle and Rathcoole.

PQ79702/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

497. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to ensure that students deemed eligible for a special class placement who do not secure one at the transition to post-primary, can access an available place after enrolling in a mainstream secondary school; the way in which the admissions policies address existing pupils relative to incoming pupils; and the body that is responsible for securing an appropriate placement where a student remains in mainstream provision or on a reduced timetable as a result.

PQ79699/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

498. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which local specialist music retailers can become approved suppliers to schools; whether a central supplier application process exists; the guidance that is provided to businesses registered on eTenders; and whether she will review procurement arrangements to ensure fair access for small specialist suppliers and value for money where approved intermediaries charge more for identical products.

PQ79698/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

499. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding, schemes or supports available to ensure dyslexic students can access the technology they need to support their additional educational needs (details supplied).

PQ79765/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

500. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the proposed extension to a school (details supplied) approved in 2020 and stage 2a submitted in November 2024; the reasons for the delay; when approval to proceed to the next stage is expected; and if the project will be prioritised given enrolment growth from 155 to over 280 pupils, increasing demand for ASD places and serious accommodation, accessibility and health and safety concerns.

PQ79782/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

501. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on an additional accommodation project at a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay in this project being progressed; whether the project will be prioritised for the next tranche of allocations; and if she will provide a timeline for the project's progression to the next stage of the approval process.

PQ79836/26 | CATHAL CROWE

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

502. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the infrastructure required to ensure access to high-speed fibre broadband will be installed in the case of an estate (details supplied); the expected timelines for completion; when high-speed fibre broadband will be available to this estate; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78672/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

503. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the Government will implement a policy ensuring that no public arts grants or state funding via bodies like Arts Council Ireland are allocated to projects utilising generative AI tools trained on copyrighted Irish music datasets where explicit, compensated rightsholder consent was not acquired; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78671/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

504. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the drawdown of funding (details supplied).

PQ78739/26 | EMER CURRIE

505. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a timeline for when the remaining tranches of successful applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified; of the successful applicants notified to date, the number that have accepted the offer and completed the requisite paperwork; and to confirm when unsuccessful applicants will be notified.

PQ78988/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

506. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79013/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

507. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which the Department have assessed applications for the basic income for the arts scheme.

PQ79041/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

508. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which his Department has ensured maximum fairness for applicants of the basic income for the arts scheme.

PQ79037/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

509. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the mechanism by which organisations receive annual funding allocations under the B6/A6 Cultural Projects Funding subhead; the specific process, criteria, and decision-making body responsible for adding new groups or projects to this particular funding line; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79333/26 | CATHAL CROWE

510. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether the Arts Council, Screen Ireland or any other body under the aegis of his Department that awards public funding for the arts has adopted rules or guidance on the use of generative artificial intelligence in funded work; and the steps taken to ensure that public arts funding supports work created by human artists, as called for in the motion adopted by Dáil Éireann on 14 July 2026.

PQ79202/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

511. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport five years after the publication of the Night-Time Economy Taskforce report, the regulatory reforms that have been introduced to support Ireland's night-time economy; the reason the promised licensing reforms have yet to be delivered; the engagement has taken place with stakeholders (details supplied), regarding these delays; and whether the Government remains committed to delivering the reforms originally proposed.

PQ78663/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

512. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware of artists that were considered eligible for the pilot of the basic income for the arts scheme, becoming ineligible for the permanent scheme, despite continued artistic activity; and to outline the criteria to determine if artists demonstrate an 'active creative practice'.

PQ79538/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

513. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the rationale for announcing recipients of the basic income for the arts in tranches with an initial announcement of 750 successful applicants; the number of further announcements that are intended; and the timeframe for these announcements.

PQ79541/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

514. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to his commitment in the Dáil to discuss the timeline for night-time economy licensing reforms with the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, whether those discussions have taken place; if he can provide a definitive timeline for the publication and enactment of the legislation; the reason reforms identified as a priority in 2022 remain outstanding despite commitments in the Programme for Government; and whether he acknowledges the impact of these continued delays on the viability of Ireland's remaining nightclubs and dance venues.

PQ78662/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

515. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the subsea cable incident reporting protocol agreed between Ireland and the United Kingdom will be published or laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas; the State bodies party to it; the outcome of the Eastern Pearl exercise; and whether a similar arrangement is being pursued with France or other EU Member States.

PQ78820/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

516. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if plan will be put in place to address urban broadband blackspots currently outside the remit of the National Broadband Plan.

PQ79610/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

517. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has considered the development of a nationally recognised safeguarding qualification for volunteers working with children and young people, which could be recognised across sporting, youth and community organisations; whether his Department has engaged with governing bodies, youth organisations and volunteer groups on the duplication of safeguarding training requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79706/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

518. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 75684/26, if his Department has processed a document (details supplied).

PQ79697/26 | EMER CURRIE

519. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will intervene to resolve an issue in allocating an Eircode address to a person (details supplied), given the person has been seeking to have an Eircode allocated to their new home for several months; and if he is aware that others in the same new estate are facing the same issue.

PQ79655/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

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

520. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proportion and number of residential property purchases in the State, in each of the past five years available, that were made by persons who were not Irish citizens at the time of purchase but were ordinarily resident in the State; and the breakdown of those purchases by nationality, county of purchase, and whether the property was a new or existing dwelling.

PQ78698/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

521. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether, under the national Short-Term Letting Register due to become operational on 1 December 2026, properties that may have been operating as short-term lets for a continuous period exceeding seven years and are therefore potentially immune from planning enforcement under section 157 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 will be treated as compliant for the purposes of registration; whether any specific verification of planning status will be required in such cases; and whether guidance has been issued or is being prepared for local authorities and Fáilte Ireland on this matter.

PQ78690/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

522. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Department has had any meeting or correspondence with the Department of Health since 1 January 2025 on a definition of premises for the retail sale of nicotine inhaling products for planning purposes, in view of the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 75280/26 stating that planning definitions are a matter for the Department; and the dates of any such engagement.

PQ78859/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

523. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to publish the Apartment and Duplex Defects Remediation Scheme Bill 2024; when second stage is expected to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78874/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

524. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the way in which the Housing and Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 will impact local authorities in allocating their housing stock.

PQ78930/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

525. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Department has issued guidance to housing authorities on the use of sections 14 and 15 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1997 when assessing applicants for social housing support and households nominated to Approved Housing Bodies, including the date of any such guidance; whether there is a minimum standard requiring housing authorities to seek information from An Garda Síochána before an allocation is made; and if not, whether the Department will introduce one.

PQ78765/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

526. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the review of the defective concrete blocks grant scheme; to clarify if the review team will be inviting submissions from the public and relevant stakeholders; and to provide a timeline for the completion and conclusion of this review.

PQ78912/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

527. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the information on the previous tenancy history of a household, including history of anti-social behaviour, that a housing authority is required to share with an approved housing body before that body accepts a nomination; whether an approved housing body may decline a nomination on anti-social behaviour grounds; and the role of the approved housing bodies regulatory authority in overseeing these procedures.

PQ78767/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

528. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures in place to prevent a household refused an allocation, or removed from a tenancy, on grounds of anti-social behaviour by one housing authority from being allocated a dwelling by another housing authority or an approved housing body; whether his Department will examine a national protocol for sharing such information between housing authorities; and whether a review of the current framework is planned.

PQ78768/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

529. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated deer population in County Offaly and Laois, Westmeath, and Longford; the measures currently being undertaken by the National Parks and Wildlife Service to manage deer numbers in those counties.

PQ79034/26 | CAROL NOLAN

530. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79019/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

531. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria that were employed to identify the start and end dates of the fire remediation scheme.

PQ79055/26 | BARRY WARD

532. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports in place for remediation for pre-1991 properties, where building defects have been identified and there are no other routes to fix the problems.

PQ79054/26 | BARRY WARD

533. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta céard é an t-amlíne don chomhairliúchán poiblí a gealladh leis an Ráiteas Náisiúnta Pleanála maidir le tithíocht sa Ghaeltacht; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ78975/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

534. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of active HAP tenancies in each Local Authority area between the years 2018 – 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79062/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

535. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the 2,731 new build social homes delivered in H1 2026 by delivery stream (details supplied).

PQ79068/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

536. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he is taking to support small businesses that are facing increased council rates.

PQ79067/26 | BARRY WARD

537. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the response from Uisce Éireann to the do not drink notice issues to 3,600 households in Ballyheigue and Glenderry, County Kerry; if he will review the notification requirements for the water utility in such instances; and to set out what funding has been made available to Uisce Éireann to address these specific problems.

PQ79079/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

538. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of the Government's interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects, the schemes that are available to a development with fire safety defects (details supplied); and if this development is excluded from the remediation scheme, the owners' position under the building and fire-safety regulations that applied when the development was constructed; whether owners are still required to undertake the full scope of remediation currently being pursued; and the legal basis for requiring owners to undertake and fund these works.

PQ79105/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

539. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will engage with the Pyrite Remediation Board to extend the deadline for new applications to the pyrite remediation scheme; and to consider introducing financial assistance or an upfront grant for initial inspections in confirmed affected estates, given that inspection costs can exceed €1,000 and are preventing many homeowners from applying.

PQ79113/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

540. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the recently published National Planning Statement, if Furbo County Galway will be considered outside of the area boundaries any larger town and or city with a population in excess of 20,000; the date on which the Short Term Lettings and Tourism Bill 2026 will apply the seven years retention threshold to; if a property is not registered under the Short Term Lettings and Tourism Bill 2026, if the listing default to a max 22 night stay; and if a landlord cannot get a registration number while their retention application is pending, if they have to stop listing on 1 January 2027.

PQ79141/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

541. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made towards the establishment of the proposed Building Standards Regulatory Authority and associated reforms to building regulation oversight; the target date for the establishment and operational commencement of same; the administrative milestones that remain to be completed before the authority can be established; and the expected timelines for each such milestone.

PQ79142/26 | CHARLES WARD

542. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific age breakdown of HAP recipients aged 65 to 69, 70 to 79, and 80 years and above, in tabular form; the proportion of these older HAP households that include a person with a long-lasting health condition or disability; and if he plans to publish regular age-disaggregated HAP statistics.

PQ79213/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

543. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and percentage of active HAP tenancies requiring a discretionary uplift, including localized breakdowns for the 35% standard and 50% homeless discretion rates in Dublin, in tabular form.

PQ79209/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

544. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the collation of monthly homelessness figures has not been prioritised by his Department during the work-to-rule industrial action.

PQ79210/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

545. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households prevented from entering emergency accommodation via the Social Housing Second-Hand Acquisitions programme in each local authority area for Q1 and Q2 2026; and the way in which this compares to Q1 and Q2 in 2025.

PQ79217/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

546. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the exact date for the publication of the Child and Family Homelessness Action Plan; the reasons for its repeated delays through 2026; and the specific ring-fenced budgetary allocations assigned to fund its implementation in Budget 2027.

PQ79216/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

547. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless HAP tenancies recorded at the end of each year from 2019 to date; and the total cumulative percentage increase in homeless HAP utilisation over this period in comparison to standard HAP tenancies.

PQ79214/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

548. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration is being given to implementing the uncommenced section 48 internal appeal mechanism of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 as highlighted by the Ombudsman.

PQ79203/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

549. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Planning Statement on Short-Term Letting, will be published; where members of the public and accommodation providers will be able to access the statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79288/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

550. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the person or body responsible for regulating and monitoring the manufacture of concrete blocks in the State; the production standards and testing requirements that apply; and if blocks are independently sampled and tested, beyond manufacturers' own quality checks.

PQ79405/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

551. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the person or body tradespeople based in the State should contact when they have concerns about a particular batch of concrete blocks manufactured in the State or across the border, in Northern Ireland; and the way in which those concerns will lead to testing; and the person or body that is responsible for regulating and monitoring the manufacture of concrete blocks produced in Northern Ireland and sold across the border for the construction of homes or buildings in this State.

PQ79414/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

552. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of Housing Assistance Payment rent limits commissioned in November 2025; whether the review has been completed; when its findings will be published; the number of HAP tenancies where the tenant is aged 65 or over, broken down by single-person and couple households; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79187/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

553. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department, the National Monuments Service and Kerry County Council have had with private owners of sites associated with the 1866 transatlantic cable on Valentia Island in preparing the World Heritage nomination dossier for the Transatlantic Cable Ensemble; whether such owners will be formally consulted; the expected timeline for submission of the dossier; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79185/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

554. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for the Canadian component of the Transatlantic Cable Ensemble including the shoreline where the 1866 cable came ashore at Heart's Content, while the Irish component does not include the corresponding 1866 landing site at Foilhommerum, Valentia Island, given that the tentative list entry relies on the 1866 connection to justify outstanding universal value; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79183/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

555. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the 1866 transatlantic cable landing site and associated buildings at Foilhommerum, Valentia Island, Co. Kerry were assessed for inclusion as a component part of the Transatlantic Cable Ensemble on Ireland's World Heritage Tentative List (ref. 6634); if so, the reasons the site was not included; whether its inclusion will be reconsidered before the nomination dossier is finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79182/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

556. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if tenants of a local authority dwelling can apply for solar panels privately through the medically vulnerable scheme, or are local authority tenants obliged to wait for such works to be completed by the local authority.

PQ79450/26 | ROBERT TROY

557. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authorities that have sought additional CAS funding for the purchase of properties; the number and amount per local authority; and the number of CAS funding provided to each local authority for each of the past two years, in tabular form.

PQ79222/26 | MARK WALL

558. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend for 2025 and the funding allocation for 2026 under Housing Adaptation Grants, for each local authority, including a breakdown of the spend and allocation for each scheme.

PQ79520/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

559. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Housing Action Plan for Older People which was committed to as part of the Government's Housing Policy for Older People launched in November 2025; the actions that have been progressed to date; and the timeline for publication of the Housing Action Plan.

PQ79503/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

560. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether funding has been secured for the Shannon Pipeline project; if so, to outline the sources of capital funding; the budget allocation committed to the project; and the proposed arrangements for its management, oversight and delivery.

PQ79612/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

561. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether a property that receives planning permission, including retention permission, for use as a short-term let under the proposed National Planning Statement on Short-Term Letting will become liable for local authority commercial rates; commercial water and wastewater charges; disability access certificate requirements; additional fire safety certification requirements; and any other charges, levies, taxes or regulatory obligations that would not apply to a standard residential dwelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79626/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

562. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify whether a dwelling that receives planning permission, including retention permission, for use as a short-term let under the proposed National Planning Statement on Short-Term Letting will be classified as a commercial property; a residential property with an ancillary commercial use; or another planning category; and if he will set out the implications of each classification for property ownership, mortgage eligibility, future sale on the residential market, and any subsequent reversion of the property to full residential use.

PQ79625/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

563. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has considered introducing targeted transitional protection or security-of-tenure measures for existing tenants of institutional landlords, corporate bodies, or landlords owning four or more residential tenancies whose tenancies commenced prior to 11 June 2022.

PQ79630/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

564. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding supports available to homeowners within an apartment complex (details supplied) in the case whereby their removal from the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes continues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79646/26 | BARRY WARD

565. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the policy relating to specific acquisitions of housing to meet the housing needs of disabled persons with very urgent, specific and complex needs that cannot be met through general housing stock; if this policy has been altered over the past 12 to 24 months; and the number of properties purchased by Cork County Council for the provision of housing to people meeting these criteria in each of the years 2022 to 2025, and to date in 2026.

PQ79638/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

566. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has completed the review into potential future supports for households whose payments have ended under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme; if this review has been completed, to outline the future supports that will be available; whether his Department will undertake consultation into proposed future supports; and the timeframe for future supports to be made available.

PQ79679/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

567. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether future supports will be delivered for households whose payments have ended under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme in a specific bog SAC (details supplied); whether contact has been made with these households; and the timeline for the delivery of future supports.

PQ79680/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

568. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to publish a report (details supplied) into alleged planning corruption in Donegal, or a summary of the report.

PQ79700/26 | PAUL MURPHY

569. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timelines on a Local Authority by Local Authority basis for the transition to ten-year development plans under the Planning and Development Act 2024 as amended.

PQ79759/26 | CATHAL CROWE

570. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with local authorities on the transition to ten-year development plans; and if local authorities have indicated their plans to extend current plans to the maximum period of 2030.

PQ79761/26 | CATHAL CROWE

571. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to give an update on the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund; the timelines for the next call under the fund and future calls.

PQ79760/26 | CATHAL CROWE

572. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to give an update on the implementation of the Approved Housing Bodies Strategic Forum Report including the amalgamation and consolidation of AHBs and sector sustainability fund.

PQ79763/26 | CATHAL CROWE

573. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has further considered reforms to the cost rental equity loan scheme such as cross subsidisation.

PQ79762/26 | CATHAL CROWE

574. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to give an update on his Departments engagement with the European Construction Strategy particularly with regard to modern methods of construction.

PQ79767/26 | CATHAL CROWE

575. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on recent findings of a report (details supplied) that Ireland is building the highest rate of homes per capita in the EU 27 of 7.2 homes per 1,000.

PQ79775/26 | CATHAL CROWE

576. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the review of affordable housing schemes; and his plans if any to consolidate AHF, STAR and CREL.

PQ79777/26 | CATHAL CROWE

577. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail the budget and staff numbers of the Office of the Planning Regulator per annum from 2019 to date in 2026.

PQ79778/26 | CATHAL CROWE

578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to detail the budget and staff numbers of An Comisun Pleanala per annum from 2019 to date in 2026.

PQ79779/26 | CATHAL CROWE

579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to give an update on the Ministerial action plan on planning resources; the number of posts recruited; and the number unfilled.

PQ79784/26 | CATHAL CROWE

580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to give an update on the next call for proposals under the cost rental equity loan scheme.

PQ79771/26 | CATHAL CROWE

581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the review of Part V processes obligations.

PQ79770/26 | CATHAL CROWE

582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that a proposal is finalised and approved at an early date (details supplied).

PQ79801/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to respond to the findings regarding Ireland in the European Court of Auditors (ECA) Special Report 25/2026, which highlighted that managing authorities could not provide requested information for 10 of the 15 Irish marine protected areas examined; if he will outline the specific reasons for these critical information gaps; and the measures his Department will take to address them.

PQ79095/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

Chun an Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Social Protection

584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the policies in place to prevent third party VR headsets to be used by members of staff at the Department of Social Protection or their contractors, given the reports online (details supplied).

PQ78689/26 | EOIN HAYES

585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he can advise on correspondence (details supplied).

PQ78724/26 | NIALL COLLINS

586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he has considered the circumstances of people with long-term illnesses or disabilities who cease disability allowance to enter employment but subsequently find themselves unemployed through no fault of their own; and if such individuals can retain their free travel entitlement for the full five-year period originally provided under the Make Work Pay Initiative.

PQ78723/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to clarify the decision to withdraw the free travel entitlement of a person (details supplied).

PQ78722/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding any review of paid paternity benefit that would encourage more fathers to take additional time with their families following the birth of their children.

PQ78660/26 | BARRY WARD

589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has conducted any review of the impact on former Disability Allowance recipients who transfer to the State Pension (Contributory) at age 66 and consequently lose eligibility for disability-specific grants, allowances or once-off payments; and whether any measures are under consideration to address this issue.

PQ78659/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the specific legislation, regulations, operational guidelines or departmental policy under which a person who previously qualified for free travel through receipt of disability allowance, and who subsequently availed of the five-year free travel retention period under the Make Work Pay Initiative after entering employment, loses their free travel entitlement upon becoming unemployed; and if this is an automatic consequence of the cessation of employment.

PQ78715/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to clarify the circumstances in which a person who was in receipt of disability allowance and the free travel scheme, subsequently ceased disability allowance to take up employment and whose employment has since ceased retains their entitlement to free travel for the remainder of the five-year retention period.

PQ78714/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether, in designing the permanent cost of disability payment structure to be in place by the end of 2027, the Department will ensure eligibility is linked to the person's disability rather than to the social welfare payment received on a given date, so that people who move from disability allowance onto community employment, other activation schemes or paid work do not lose the payment.

PQ78840/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently participating on community employment schemes whose social welfare payment immediately before commencing on the scheme was disability allowance, invalidity pension or blind pension; and the estimated cost of extending the €500 cost of disability payment to this cohort.

PQ78839/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will assist a family resource centre (details supplied) to access ESF+ food credits for a project.

PQ78893/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether suppliers under the School Meals Programme are required to notify his Department of, or seek approval for, changes to their menus or to the sourcing or certification of meat and poultry after a school's application has been approved; and whether his Department was notified by any supplier of a change in 2026 to supply only halal friendly chicken and turkey.

PQ78793/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department have considered broadening the eligibility criteria for the Living Alone Allowance.

PQ79033/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

597. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79022/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

598. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 75386/26, the legal basis and any data sharing agreement under which the Irish Prison Service provides committal information to the Department; the frequency with which this information is transmitted; whether it covers persons committed on remand as well as persons under sentence; the average time between a committal and the suspension of a payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79081/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

599. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 75386/26, the number of overpayments assessed in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 where the reason recorded is imprisonment or committal to custody; the total value of those overpayments in each year; the amount recovered to date in respect of each year; if overpayments are not recorded by reason, the reason this is the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79082/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

600. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No.75386/26, the number of committal notifications received by the Department from the Irish Prison Service in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the reason the Department does not record the number of payments suspended or terminated on foot of those notifications, in circumstances where the Department acts on each one; whether he will put arrangements in place to record this information so that the effectiveness of the process can be assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79083/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

601. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No.75386/26, the procedure for restoring a payment that was suspended following a committal where the person is released on bail, acquitted, granted temporary release or released at the end of a sentence; whether arrears are paid where a person on remand is subsequently released without conviction; the average time taken to restore a payment on release; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79084/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

602. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a school (details supplied) can avail of the school meals scheme; and if not, whether they are engaging with the Department to roll out the scheme.

PQ79112/26 | EMER CURRIE

603. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions that have been taken by his Department to recognise the labour of children who were 'boarded out' in the 20th century in their pension and other entitlements.

PQ79128/26 | EOIN HAYES

604. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review correspondence (details supplied).

PQ79131/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

605. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE staff, by grade and gender currently answering telephone queries and processing free travel pass applications as of 3 November 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79382/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

606. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine the carer's allowance payment for a person (details supplied).

PQ79315/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

607. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm the date that the cost of disability payment will be issued by his Department.

PQ79434/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

608. To ask the Minister for Social Protection will examine increasing the income threshold for people seeking the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance; in particular if he will examine payments based assessed on a net income basis as opposed to a parent or guardian's gross income.

PQ79242/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

609. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the correspondence (details supplied); and if he will provide an update on the constituent's application for the State Pension (Contributory) and advise if the matter can be progressed in the circumstances outlined.

PQ79489/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

610. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE staff, by grade, based in Tralee and Killarney INTREO offices as of 3 November 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79517/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

611. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the treatment of Reserve Defence Forces service as subsidiary employment under schedule C, paragraph 4 of S.I. 312 of 1996, first introduced by S.I. 26 of 1970, was last reviewed.

PQ79561/26 | MÁIRE DEVINE

612. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a late paternity benefit application for a person (details supplied) will be awarded given the force majeure reasons.

PQ79565/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

613. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will review access to pathways to employment, training and upskilling for those in receipt of bereaved partner's (contributory) pension and bereaved partner's (non-contributory) pension as compares to those on the one-parent family payment for example.

PQ79585/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

614. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the €500 cost of disability payment announced in Budget 2027, will be payable to persons participating on a community employment scheme who were previously in receipt of disability allowance prior to taking up their placement; and if previous entitlement to disability allowance will be recognised for the purposes of determining eligibility.

PQ79584/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

615. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider including those in receipt of the bereaved partner's (contributory) pension and bereaved partner's (non-contributory) pension as a qualifying payment for the fuel allowance scheme and the household benefits package.

PQ79581/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

616. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of widowers that are currently in receipt of the one-parent family payment instead of the bereaved partner's (contributory) pension and the bereaved partner's (non-contributory) pension.

PQ79574/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

617. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the work his Department is doing to ensure those in receipt of Bereaved Partner's (Contributory) Pension can access illness benefit into the future.

PQ79588/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

618. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of the bereaved partner's (contributory) pension and the bereaved partner's (non-contributory) pension.

PQ79572/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

619. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the basis on which eligibility for the €500 Cost of Disability Payment announced in Budget 2027 will be assessed, including whether eligibility will be determined solely by the social welfare payment in receipt on the qualifying date; if consideration will be given to persons who have transitioned from disability allowance to supported employment schemes such as community employment; and if he will consider extending eligibility to community employment participants who previously qualified for disability allowance.

PQ79586/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

620. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the concern of families of persons with lifelong disabilities, that inheritances left by parents for the future care and security of their disabled child, may result in a reduction or loss of disability allowance and associated supports (details supplied); and if he will examine measures to exempt such inheritances from means testing.

PQ79704/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

621. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he plans to review social welfare policy to take account of the circumstances of a person (details supplied).

PQ79727/26 | GED NASH

622. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total additional PRSI projected to be collected on an annual basis as a result of the increases in PRSI set out in the PRSI roadmap.

PQ79750/26 | EMER CURRIE

623. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of jobseeker's payments for longer than one year.

PQ79734/26 | EMER CURRIE

624. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total additional PRSI collected to date as a result of the implementation of the PRSI increases set out in the PRSI roadmap.

PQ79748/26 | EMER CURRIE

625. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current cumulative value of the surplus in the Social Insurance Fund; and the projected overall cumulative surplus in 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030.

PQ79747/26 | EMER CURRIE

626. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the value of the average individual employee contributions collected to date under My Future Fund; and the current average value of an individual savings pot under My Future Fund when the employer contribution State top-up and investment returns are included.

PQ79743/26 | EMER CURRIE

627. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total value of contributions collected to date from employers; the State top-up; and the total return on investment to date under My Future Fund, in tabular form.

PQ79742/26 | EMER CURRIE

628. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the value of the average individual employee contributions collected to date under My Future Fund; and the current average value of an individual savings pot under My Future Fund when the employer contribution, State top up and investment return are included.

PQ79745/26 | EMER CURRIE

629. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people now enrolled in My Future Fund by county, in tabular form.

PQ79741/26 | EMER CURRIE

630. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who have had a penalty rate applied to their payment due to failure to engage with employment activation services in 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ79739/26 | EMER CURRIE

631. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who have had a penalty rate applied to their payment due to failure to engage with employment activation services in 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ79738/26 | EMER CURRIE

632. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of jobseeker's payments who have been continuously in receipt of such payments for more than 12 years; for more than 15 years; and for more than 20 years.

PQ79737/26 | EMER CURRIE

633. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of jobseeker's payments who have been continuously in receipt of such payments for more than five years and more than ten years, in tabular form.

PQ79736/26 | EMER CURRIE

634. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of jobseeker's payments who have been continuously in receipt of such payments for more than two years; more than four years; more than six years; and more than eight years, in tabular form.

PQ79735/26 | EMER CURRIE

635. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Household Benefits Package was last increased; and his plans to review the value of the package in light of significant increases in electricity, gas and other household utility costs in recent years.

PQ79773/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

636. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of fathers who have availed of parent's leave and paternity leave in each of the past five years; the average uptake rate of these schemes as a proportion of eligible fathers; and whether his Department has assessed the extent to which the current rate of parent's benefit acts as a barrier to uptake amongst low- and middle-income households.

PQ79583/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

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

637. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for Irish citizenship and Irish passports made in respect of children born in the State to parents who were beneficiaries of temporary protection at the time of the child's birth; the number of such applications granted, refused and pending, by year since 2020; the legislative basis under which any such children have qualified for Irish citizenship; and to provide a break-down of parents nationality.

PQ78706/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

638. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the Government intends to publish the promised legislation to modernise Ireland’s licensing laws; whether he can provide a more definitive timeline for its publication and enactment, rather than indicating that the matter will be determined by Government in due course; and if he will provide clarity to Members of the Oireachtas, relevant stakeholders and those who participated in his Department’s consultation process.

PQ78661/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

639. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of individuals who were the subject of Garda vetting disclosures in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, and to date in 2026, broken down by the number of disclosures issued in respect of each individual during the year, namely one, two, three, four, and five or more disclosures, in the tabular form.

PQ78716/26 | PETER ROCHE

640. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 75234/26, whether the Department is a creditor in the voluntary liquidation of the former operator of the IPAS centre at Georges Street, Drogheda; the amount of any claim lodged by the Department; and whether any overpayment or other sum is being pursued by the State.

PQ78850/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

641. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 75235/26, of the 46 IPAS accommodation contracts terminated since 2025, the number terminated on each of the grounds set out in that reply, namely compliance concerns, failure to meet contractual requirements, health and safety, fire safety, planning, other regulatory non-compliance, non-agreement of commercial terms and termination at the request of the provider, in tabular form.

PQ78849/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

642. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 75235/26, whether the notarised declaration of personal circumstances provided by IPAS accommodation providers is verified against any independent source, including the Register of Beneficial Ownership or Courts Service records; the number of such declarations found to be inaccurate since 1 January 2025; and whether the Minister will require checks with An Garda Síochána or the Criminal Assets Bureau on the directors and beneficial owners of providers before contracts are awarded or renewed.

PQ78848/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

643. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total allocation to the National Cyber Security Centre in each of the years 2021 to 2027, broken down by pay and non pay; the current staff number against the target of 70 set in 2021; the date the National Cyber Security Bill 2024 will be published, given the referral of Ireland to the Court of Justice of the European Union over the NIS2 Directive.

PQ78829/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

644. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of English language education providers removed from the Interim List of Eligible Programmes in each of the years from 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the grounds for each removal; and the number of successful appeals against such decisions.

PQ78921/26 | CAROL NOLAN

645. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of English language education providers participating in the Interim List of Eligible Programmes found to be in breach of programme requirements, immigration requirements or associated compliance criteria in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the nature of those breaches; and the sanctions imposed in each case.

PQ78920/26 | CAROL NOLAN

646. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of unannounced inspections carried out by his Department and or An Garda Síochána and GNIB on English language education providers participating in the Interim List of Eligible Programmes in each of the years from 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ78919/26 | CAROL NOLAN

647. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will clarify whether the probation service maintains a list or record of approved places of worship with respect to those who may have been convicted of offences related to religious or ideological extremism.

PQ78917/26 | CAROL NOLAN

648. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of requests for information received by An Garda Síochána from housing authorities under section 15 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1997 in 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, by Garda division, with a separate figure for the Cork city division; and the average time taken to respond.

PQ78769/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

649. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied).

PQ78910/26 | NIALL COLLINS

650. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a join family visa application for a person (details supplied); and when it is envisaged that same will be completed in view of the fact that it is over 24 months since the application was submitted.

PQ78959/26 | COLM BURKE

651. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the number of IPAS centres that are currently operating in the country, by county, in tabular form.

PQ78982/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

652. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current legislative and regulatory framework governing the online sale and home delivery of alcohol; the obligations placed on retailers and third-party delivery platforms regarding the quantity of alcohol delivered and deliveries to intoxicated persons; and whether consideration has been given to introducing additional safeguards, including purchase limits or voluntary exclusion arrangements.

PQ78997/26 | EMER CURRIE

653. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will advise on any proposals currently under consideration by his Department for an area (details supplied).

PQ79000/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

654. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications of Ukrainians who claimed temporary protection in Ireland were rejected on the grounds of inability to provide military documents/proofs of “satisfaction of military obligations” or “authorised leave of Ukraine according to law” since new rules for obtaining temporary protection were adopted on 4 of August 2026.

PQ78998/26 | PAUL MURPHY

655. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of road traffic collisions involving deer recorded by An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years, including the number resulting in injury or fatality; and the counties in which the highest number of such collisions occurred.

PQ79035/26 | CAROL NOLAN

656. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79020/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

657. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he would make available the number of Garda checkpoints that took place in the Roscommon / Mayo / Longford Division on the weekend of 23 to the 26 of October 2026; if this list could identify the number of checkpoints undertaken in each county; the locations; and any results.

PQ79047/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

658. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to open new IPAS centres in Kerry in 2027 (details supplied).

PQ79057/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

659. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of An Garda Síochána applicants awaiting Garda vetting to be completed that applied in each of the years 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ79119/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

660. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 70461/26 and 70460/26, whether an update is available on the matter.

PQ79117/26 | EMER CURRIE

661. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to report on the number of DNA samples that have been collected by An Garda Síochána as part of ongoing investigations, by year, for each of the past ten years, in tabular form.

PQ79132/26 | EOIN HAYES

662. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to report on the number of DNA samples that have been collected by An Garda Síochána as part of ongoing investigations but not submitted for analysis, by year, for each of the past ten years, in tabular form.

PQ79133/26 | EOIN HAYES

663. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to report on the number of fingerprints that have been collected by An Garda Síochána as part of ongoing investigations, by year, for each of the past ten years, in tabular form.

PQ79134/26 | EOIN HAYES

664. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to report on the number of fingerprints that have been collected by An Garda Síochána as part of ongoing investigations, but not fully registered in the fingerprint database, by year, for each of the past ten years, in tabular form.

PQ79135/26 | EOIN HAYES

665. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to report on the number of protected disclosures where material evidence or reports have gone missing or been destroyed for each of the past ten years, in tabular form.

PQ79136/26 | EOIN HAYES

666. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether Palestinian nationals in Gaza applying for long-stay study visas in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date were required to provide a written explanation where they could not provide the required bank statements; the policy or instructions governing that requirement; and whether any exemptions or alternative evidential arrangements applied.

PQ79240/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and percentage of first-instance decisions on long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals resident in Gaza that were made in Tel Aviv, Dublin and any other location, in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; and to identify the Department, office or body responsible for those decisions in each location.

PQ79238/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of long-stay study visa applications received, granted and refused at first instance in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date from Palestinian nationals overall and Palestinian nationals resident in Gaza at the time of application; and to provide the grant and refusal rates for each group, stating the denominator used.

PQ79236/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

669. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any appeals against refusals of long-stay study visas by Palestinian nationals, whether in Gaza or elsewhere, were accepted or considered on the basis of submissions by email rather than by post in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; to state separately whether any such appeal was accepted after the applicable appeal deadline or processed on an expedited basis, and the authority for doing so; and to address specifically any such appeal submitted in 2024 or 2025 by a Palestinian national from Gaza who was based in Cairo.

PQ79273/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

670. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any appeals against refusals of long-stay study visas by Palestinian nationals, whether in Gaza or elsewhere, were accepted or considered on the basis of submissions by email rather than by post in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; if so, to provide an anonymised account of each case, including the applicant's country of residence, the dates of receipt and decision, the outcome; and the policy or discretion permitting email submission.

PQ79269/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

671. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and percentage of appeals against refusals of long-stay study visas by Palestinian nationals that were expedited or considered ahead of earlier-received long-stay study visa appeals from applicants of any nationality or country of residence in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; the reasons for such prioritisation; the policy or discretionary authority relied upon; and the scope of the chronological queue against which prioritisation was assessed.

PQ79268/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

672. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average number of calendar days from receipt to decision for appeals against refusals of long-stay study visas by Palestinian nationals, including those resident in Gaza at the time of their original application, decided in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; to specify the definition of receipt used; to disaggregate the figures by cases in which legal proceedings concerning the refusal or appeal had been initiated before the appeal decision and cases in which no such proceedings had been initiated; and to identify separately appeals that were allowed.

PQ79265/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

673. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average number of calendar days from receipt to decision for appeals against refusals of long-stay study visas by Palestinian nationals, including those resident in Gaza at the time of their original application, decided in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; and to specify the definition of receipt used; and to disaggregate the figures by Government-funded scholars and other applicants, the Department, office or body responsible for the decision.

PQ79263/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

674. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the locations in which appeals against refusals of long-stay study visas by Palestinian nationals, including those resident in Gaza at the time of their original application, were decided in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; and the Department, office or body responsible for those decisions in each location.

PQ79260/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

675. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider recognising time spent undertaking PhD studies in Ireland as reckonable residence for naturalisation purposes, particularly for individuals already living and studying in the State.

PQ79340/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

676. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether individuals already legally resident in Ireland will be subject to the proposed new citizenship requirements; whether consideration will be given to allowing existing residents to qualify under the current rules; and when clarity on transitional arrangements will be provided.

PQ79339/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

677. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the proposed changes to citizenship and naturalisation requirements will apply to spouses of Irish citizens who are already legally resident in Ireland; and whether transitional arrangements will be introduced to protect those already working towards meeting the existing residency requirements.

PQ79338/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

678. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to increase the availability of free civil legal aid in cases where a family home is at risk of repossession, especially where the family are not eligible for legal support from Abhaile; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79386/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

679. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of appeals against refusals of long-stay study visas received and decided in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 in respect of Palestinian nationals overall and Palestinian nationals resident in Gaza at the time of their original application; and, for each group, the number of appeals allowed; the number in which the refusal was upheld; and the number otherwise concluded, together with the corresponding percentages and denominators.

PQ79257/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

680. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza submitted since the initiation, at the end of August 2026, and of court proceedings concerning such applications, the number received; the number decided and the location and body responsible for each decision; the average number of calendar days from receipt to first-instance decision; the shortest decision period; and to specify the date on which the reporting period begins and the definition of receipt used.

PQ79256/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

681. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether, in any long-stay study visa application by a Palestinian national in Gaza transmitted from the Embassy of Ireland in Tel Aviv to his Department in Dublin during 2026 to date, documents submitted by the applicant to the Embassy were not considered before the first-instance decision; if so, the number and percentage of applications affected; the reasons; and the steps taken to review the affected decisions.

PQ79251/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

682. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to any transfer of responsibility for processing or deciding long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza from Tel Aviv to Dublin, the date on which the change was decided; the date on which it took effect; the rationale for the change; the Departments, units and official grades responsible for authorising and implementing it; whether and when responsibility subsequently transferred back or elsewhere; and whether the change applied to all applicants or only to applicants who were not Government-funded scholars.

PQ79250/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

683. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and percentage of long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza that were refused at first instance wholly or partly for failure to meet documentary requirements, without the applicant first being asked to provide the missing information or documentation, in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and the policy governing whether applicants were afforded an opportunity to remedy such omissions.

PQ79246/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

684. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average number of calendar days between receipt of a long-stay study visa application from a Palestinian national in Gaza and the first-instance decision, for decisions issued in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; and to specify whether the starting date used was receipt of the online application, receipt of supporting documents at the Embassy, or receipt of the application by the deciding officer.

PQ79249/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

685. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to intercede to prevent the transfer of a family (details supplied) that are being moved from a Dublin IPAS centre, given the move will severely impact medical treatment being received by a member of the family.

PQ79435/26 | SEÁN CROWE

686. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date, the number and percentage of applications in which officials of his Department, or persons acting on its behalf, sought further information or documentation before a first-instance decision, whether directly or through the Department of Foreign Affairs; and the policy governing such requests.

PQ79248/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

687. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, the number and percentage that were refused at first instance wholly or partly because the required evidence of English-language proficiency had not been provided; and to state the denominator used for each percentage.

PQ79244/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

688. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, the number and percentage that included six months' bank statements; included a written explanation for not providing those statements in full; included a certificate or other required evidence of English-language proficiency; included a written explanation for not providing that evidence; and were refused at first instance wholly or partly because six months' bank statements had not been provided, in tabular form.

PQ79243/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

689. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and percentage of long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza that were granted despite the absence of one or more ordinarily required documents in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; the documentary requirements concerned; and the policy, discretion or alternative evidence relied upon in granting those applications.

PQ79247/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

690. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the dates on which first-instance decisions on long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza were issued by his Department to date in 2026; and the number of grants and refusals issued on each date.

PQ79255/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

691. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the units, official grades and responsibilities of the personnel to whom long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza were allocated for processing and decision to date in 2026; and the unit and grade of the official responsible for determining those allocations.

PQ79254/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

692. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of separate batches of long-stay study visa applications by Palestinian nationals in Gaza received by his Department to date in 2026; and the date of receipt and number of applications in each batch.

PQ79252/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

693. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an assessment has been undertaken of the DBS Update Service and the Teaching Council's disclosure-sharing arrangements as potential models for wider Irish vetting reform; and the conclusions reached.

PQ79527/26 | PETER ROCHE

694. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí, by rank attached to Kerry Divisional Protective Service Unit, as of 3 November 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79519/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

695. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the homelessness and housing services that exist for an individual (details supplied).

PQ79515/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

696. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite visas for Palestinian students (details supplied) given the urgent timeframe.

PQ79553/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

697. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has resumed funding for an organisation (details supplied); if so, the date; and, if not, the date and reason for same.

PQ79570/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

698. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if agreements or contractual arrangements have been entered into between his Department and the owners or developers of a premises (details supplied), for its redevelopment or long-term operation as an IPAS centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79575/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

699. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position Ireland has taken, including during its Presidency of the Council of the European Union, on the European Commission's January 2026 proposal to revise the EU Cybersecurity Act and phase out equipment from high-risk suppliers in critical infrastructure; and whether Ireland supports making that phase out mandatory across all Member States.

PQ78824/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

700. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline with regards to IPAS accommodation for each contract, the procurement or tender process used, including whether the contract was publicly tendered, awarded through an existing framework, or awarded by another mechanism.

PQ79650/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

701. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of private companies currently receiving payments under the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS), the amount paid to each company in each of the past five years and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79649/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

702. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff assigned to processing Irish residence permit renewals in 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; the current backlog and average processing times; whether additional staff will be assigned to address delays; and the steps being taken to improve communication with applicants who are unable to get updates on their applications.

PQ79715/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

703. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a citizenship application (details supplied) and the stage of processing; and when a decision will be reached given that it is 16 months since the application was submitted.

PQ79719/26 | COLM BURKE

704. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a citizenship application (details supplied); the stage of processing; and when a decision will be reached given that it is 16 months since the application was submitted.

PQ79718/26 | COLM BURKE

705. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the status of a request for a review of the decision to refuse an application for a person (details supplied), in view of the fact that it is six months since the request was submitted.

PQ79696/26 | COLM BURKE

706. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the pathways to Irish citizenships that may be open to Ukrainians who have come here under the Temporary Protection Programme but have now made Ireland their home.

PQ79789/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

707. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proposal for the execution yard in Cork's Detention Barracks given it is not referenced in the planning decision for the site.

PQ79795/26 | THOMAS GOULD

708. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the exact operational or financial reasons behind the decision to shut down the "Horses of Hope" Equine Unit at Castlerea Prison (details supplied); and if there are any active plans or assessments underway to reinstate the equine program or a similar rehabilitation project at Castlerea in the near future.

PQ79805/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

709. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the future of the rapid build houses for Ukrainians once they are no longer in use (details supplied).

PQ79603/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

710. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current average processing time for National Vetting Bureau applications for healthcare staff; and the number of applications currently outstanding for more than 12 weeks.

PQ79388/26 | SORCA CLARKE

711. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the current complement of Gardaí assigned to Carrick-on-Suir garda station, County Tipperary.

PQ79549/26 | SEAMUS HEALY

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

712. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific criteria used to classify a non-coursing greyhound as unsuitable for life as a pet when such a dog is entered as “euthanised as unsuitable as pet” on a traceability system (details supplied); who makes that assessment, and if that assessment is independently reviewed.

PQ78705/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

713. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a mandatory requirement for a veterinary certificate or other independent evidence to be supplied to an organisation (details supplied) when an owner reports that a greyhound has been euthanized on this organisations traceability system.

PQ78704/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

714. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a late application could be considered for the fuel rebate scheme for farmers (details supplied).

PQ78675/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

715. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures currently being considered by his Department to reduce the administrative and regulatory burden on farmers; and whether the simplification proposals recently published by ICMSA have been assessed by his Department.

PQ78708/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

716. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the additional staff, equipment and annual cost the Department expects to incur in its own laboratories from January 2027 in order to absorb official control testing currently carried out at the Veterinary Food Safety Laboratory, Inniscarra, County Cork.

PQ78847/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 75191/26, the amount paid to Cork County Council under the Service Level Agreement for the Veterinary Food Safety Laboratory, Inniscarra in 2025 and to date in 2026; the date on which the Department decided to absorb this testing into its own laboratories from January 2027; and whether a cost comparison of in house testing against continuing the service level agreement was carried out; and if so, if it will be published.

PQ78846/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

718. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 75093/26, which official control tests currently carried out at the Veterinary Food Safety Laboratory, Inniscarra, County Cork, will transfer to the Department's laboratories in County Kildare; which will transfer to the Department's laboratories in County Cork from January 2027; and whether the Department's laboratories in County Cork hold Category 3 containment and INAB accreditation for the pathogen testing concerned, including Listeria, Salmonella and verocytotoxigenic E. coli.

PQ78845/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

719. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the mortality rate between registration at birth in the Irish Coursing Club stud book and registration at microchipping (12 weeks-of-age) in the Irish Coursing Club Stud Book for the 9,004 non-coursing greyhounds born in 2025.

PQ78957/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

720. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current status of non-coursing greyhounds (details supplied) who were being tracked on Rasaiocht Con Éireann’s traceability system (RCETS) as of 08 May 2026, giving a detailed breakdown into active, inactive, exported.

PQ78956/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

721. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason farmers in Galway West are being directed to attend enhanced safety training courses in Greencastle, County Donegal when such courses were previously available in Ros an Mhíl, County Galway; and if he will outline plans to provide future courses in Ros an Mhíl, having regard to the substantial travel, transport and financial difficulties faced by people living in remote areas of Galway.

PQ78983/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

722. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79011/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

723. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a memo has gone internally within his Department to officials advising that in relation to TAMS applications that payments are to be made for applications under safety measures and that all other applications are to be withheld due to a funding shortfall for larger items that is, payments for slatted tanks and sheds and so on.

PQ79270/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

724. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding a BISS payment for a person (details supplied).

PQ79500/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to urgently expand the slip at Reenard Point, County Kerry to accommodate the larger ferry for the coming season (details supplied).

PQ79591/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 77088/26, if he will provide a breakdown of the number of hectares of forestry granted felling licences for non-farmers excluding Coilte for each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ79757/26 | MARTIN KENNY

727. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether additional deer population management measures are under consideration in light of concerns regarding road safety and agricultural impacts.

PQ80033/26 | CAROL NOLAN

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

728. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when Tusla states that information sought in a Parliamentary Question is held on individual case files and is not centrally collated, whether this means the information is not recorded in any central system, the information cannot be extracted from existing systems, or the information is recorded but Tusla does not routinely compile reports on it; and if she will provide details for each category.

PQ78702/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

729. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the meaning of the term "individual case file" as used by Tusla in responses to Parliamentary Questions; whether information contained within individual case files is recorded in a central database or case management system; if not, the reason for same; and the way in which Tusla monitors, audits and reports on trends, outcomes, risks and service performance where information is held solely on individual case files.

PQ78701/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

730. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures her Department will take to address the problems faced by a creche (details supplied).

PQ78688/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

731. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the HSE will begin collecting national data on the number of children and adults with a diagnosis of FASD attending the children's disability network teams and adult disability services; and whether FASD will be formally recognised as a disability for the purposes of service planning.

PQ78755/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

732. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality The number of WTE consultant child and adolescent psychiatrists with a special interest in psychiatry of learning disabilities posts filled within Galway Disabilities Services as of 2 November 2026, in tabular form.

PQ78880/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

733. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the annual staff turnover rate in not-for-profit early years services that have five or more settings.

PQ78945/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

734. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the annual staff turnover rate in private, for-profit early years services that have five or more settings.

PQ78944/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

735. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 66827/25, whether An Garda Síochána conducted investigations during each of the years 2019, 2020 or 2021 into financial, procurement or voucher matters, without identifying individuals.

PQ79001/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

736. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79012/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

737. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the significant shortage of early-years and after-school childcare places in Kilcock, County Kildare; whether her Department has assessed current and projected demand for childcare provision in the town, having regard to ongoing population and housing growth; if Kilcock is being considered under the €135 million State-led Early Learning and Childcare Capital Programme; whether any site or property has been identified for development; the number of additional places required; and the timeframe for a decision on a State-led childcare facility is expected.

PQ79060/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

738. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the HSE has a policy governing interim day-service provision for adults with intellectual disabilities who have completed training programmes but are awaiting approval of funding for an adult day-service placement; whether she is aware that, in the case of an individual seeking a placement with an organisation (details supplied), only an informal arrangement of three days per week has been offered pending full funding approval; and the safeguards in place to ensure that such interim arrangements are not withdrawn while funding remains outstanding.

PQ79101/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

739. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the national plan that is in place to ensure that adults with intellectual disabilities completing specialist training programmes have timely access to appropriate adult day services; whether the HSE maintains a national register of individuals expected to require day-service placements in each of the next five years; the way in which future demand is assessed and incorporated into annual budgets; and the arrangements that exist to ensure that funding is approved before individuals complete their training programmes.

PQ79103/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

740. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in relation to the Regional Multi-Disciplinary Team, An Cuan, which supports transitions into adult disability services, the current waiting list for assessment and transition support in each region; the number of individuals categorised as Priority 1 who are awaiting support; the longest and average waiting times for P1 referrals; the number of P1 cases waiting more than 12 months and more than 24 months; the staffing and resources allocated to these teams; and the measures taken to ensure that individuals with a history of self-injurious behaviour receive timely transition support.

PQ79102/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

741. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the HSE maintains a comprehensive and up-to-date record of adults with intellectual disabilities who require residential accommodation, day services, multidisciplinary support or other community-based services; the number of individuals currently awaiting each category of service; the number whose needs have been assessed but for whom no appropriate

service is available; the methodology used to forecast future demand; and the measures being taken to address any deficiencies in the data used for national disability-service planning and resource allocation.

PQ79104/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

742. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of additional residential places required nationally for adults with intellectual disabilities, broken down by county and by level of support required; the number of new residential places delivered in each of the past five years; the number planned for delivery in each of the next five years; the projected demand arising from adults currently living with ageing parents or family carers; and the specific measures and funding commitments in place to address the current and projected shortfall in residential provision.

PQ79106/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

743. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to advise if Tusla are making changes to their intercountry adoption assessment policy; whether these are draft or concluded and in operation; if these proposed changes include restrictions on intercountry adoption; the oversight there has been on these changes; and the timeframe and way in which they will be implemented.

PQ79120/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

744. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions that have been taken by her Department to pursue pharmaceutical companies for financial compensation, for the use of survivors of institutions, when they were interred in vaccine trials in the 20th century.

PQ79123/26 | EOIN HAYES

745. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions that have been taken by her Department to pursue religious orders for financial compensation for the mistreatment of survivors of institutions when they were interred.

PQ79125/26 | EOIN HAYES

746. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions that have been taken by her Department to provide historical redress to children who were 'boarded out' in the 20th century.

PQ79127/26 | EOIN HAYES

747. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will request Tusla to suspend the application of any new age-based criteria in intercountry adoption assessments pending the completion of a review; and if adoptive parents, adopted people and accredited bodies will be consulted as part of that review.

PQ79364/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

748. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which a fixed upper age for applicants, or a fixed upper age of child that applicants may be assessed to parent, is consistent with section 34 of the Adoption Act 2010 (details supplied); and if she will ensure applicants continue to be assessed on an individual basis having regard to the profile of children now referred for intercountry adoption.

PQ79363/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

749. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the research, professional evidence and legal advice on which any age threshold applied by Tusla in the assessment of intercountry adoption applicants is based, whether relating to applicants aged 40 or over or to children aged over 18 months; and if any review of outcomes for children adopted at older ages, or by parents aged 40 or over, has been carried out by Tusla or the Adoption Authority of Ireland since 2010.

PQ79362/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

750. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to concerns (details supplied) regarding changes to the assessment of applicants for intercountry adoption; if Tusla has revised or is revising its policy or practice guidance on the age of applicants and the age of child that applicants may be assessed as suited to parent; the status of any such policy; if it has been applied to assessments in advance of formal approval; and if her Department and the Adoption Authority of Ireland were consulted.

PQ79361/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

751. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of intercountry adoption assessments and reassessments completed by Tusla in each year from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by the age of the elder applicant, under 40, 40 to 44, 45 and over and by the upper age of child recommended; and the number of applicants previously approved for a child over 18 months whose reassessment recommended a lower upper age, in tabular form.

PQ79360/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

752. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of intercountry adoptions by persons habitually resident in the State entered in the Register of Intercountry Adoptions in each year from 2016 to 2025; and, for that period as a whole, the number in which the child was aged over 18 months at the date of adoption and the number in which one or both adoptive parents were aged 40 or over at the date the declaration of eligibility and suitability issued, in tabular form.

PQ79359/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

753. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of private companies being used by Tusla to provide residential care to children and young people in the care of the State, in tabular form; and to confirm if each is regulated and been inspected by Tusla.

PQ79350/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

754. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of declarations of eligibility and suitability for intercountry adoption issued by the Adoption Authority of Ireland in each year from 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by the upper age of child specified in the declaration under section 40(3) of the Adoption Act 2010, in tabular form.

PQ79358/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

755. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of times to date in 2026 an emergency arrangement was used by Tusla for a child, young person in their care; and the type of emergency arrangement in each case.

PQ79349/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

756. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of children currently in State care, excluding those in foster care; and the number of children in each placement residential type, broken down by private, Tusla provided, and voluntary or community sector.

PQ79347/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

757. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider an uplift of €20,000 per family resource centres nationally based on the growth of population and level of need in each of the areas.

PQ79344/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

758. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 7570526, in relation to the sharp rise in data breaches in Tusla categorised as low risk, rising from 98 such breaches in 2024, 320 in 2025 and to date in 2026, 277 breaches, to outline the reason for this sharp rise.

PQ79149/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

759. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, she has facilitated an MOU of joint funding between her Department and Tusla, for children with disabilities requiring residential placements.

PQ79342/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

760. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children and adolescents subject to special care orders or arrangements, by county, in each of the years from 2024 to date in 2026; and the number of children awaiting placements in each of those counties as of September 2026.

PQ79341/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

761. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will seek the introduction of detailed information on the remittance slips issued to foster carers for payment of the foster care allowance (details supplied).

PQ79324/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

762. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 65040/26, the way in which early years services will be reimbursed for the additional staffing costs incurred due to the HIVE system not functioning efficiently; and the plan going forward to ensure technical support at weekends (details supplied).

PQ79322/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

763. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has reviewed the recent findings published in a report (details supplied); if she plans to establish a dedicated paternity leave working group as requested by the campaign; and if she will consider extending paid statutory paternity leave from its current duration of two weeks up to eight weeks.

PQ79314/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

764. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she is satisfied that all projects under the first round of the State-led childcare programme will be fully operational for the 2027/2028 school year.

PQ79535/26 | EMER CURRIE

765. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of AON applications currently outstanding and overdue beyond statutory timeframes, nationally and in the HSE area serving Galway; the breakdown available by waiting duration; and whether separate figures can be provided for children awaiting first contact from a CDNT and those awaiting intervention.

PQ79548/26 | PETER ROCHE

766. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the transitional arrangements that apply to children with pending AON applications, assessments underway, or existing professional reports; and the safeguards that will prevent loss of waiting-list position, unnecessary reassessment, or interruption of services.

PQ79547/26 | PETER ROCHE

767. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department will publish the clinical staffing, funding, quality assurance and implementation-readiness requirements associated with AON reform; and the indicators that will be used to evaluate the reforms, including access to assessment and therapy, processing times and the impact on the cost of private assessments borne by families.

PQ79545/26 | PETER ROCHE

768. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of persons receiving residential, respite and day services within County Kerry in each of the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79521/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

769. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the progress of the design and implementation of the planning phase for the establishment of a dedicated State agency for early years education and school age care; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79557/26 | SEAMUS HEALY

770. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the development and rollout of models of local collaborative and shared services to better address governance and sustainability in ELC and SAC, in partnership with ELC and SAC providers.

PQ79562/26 | SEAMUS HEALY

771. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the progress of the integrated quality framework for ELC to replace Síolta and the two existing inspection frameworks.

PQ79560/26 | SEAMUS HEALY

772. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department is aware whether Tusla has entered into agreements or contractual arrangements regarding a premises (details supplied) for use as a residential unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79573/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

773. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the lack of childcare services currently available in the Letterfrack area, County Galway; if she is aware that the local creche in Letterfrack (details supplied) is at full capacity; and the work her Department is doing to expand childcare services in the area.

PQ79605/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

774. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has considered introducing a mechanism whereby unused parent's leave and/or paternity leave entitlements may be transferred between parents in exceptional circumstances (details supplied); and whether an assessment has been undertaken of the potential costs and benefits of such a scheme.

PQ79582/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

775. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she can provide an update on the opening date for the €2 million Autism Innovation Fund.

PQ79681/26 | MARK WALL

776. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children assigned to children's disability network team 5 in Clonmel who are receiving regular multidisciplinary therapeutic intervention; the number receiving intervention from only one discipline; and the number currently receiving no therapeutic intervention.

PQ79687/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

777. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether additional funded staffing or therapeutic resources will be allocated to children's disability network team 5 in Clonmel in 2026 and 2027; and whether a formal service recovery plan with measurable waiting-list reduction targets will be introduced.

PQ79686/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

778. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the immediate measures being taken to address the cases of 21 children waiting more than 25 months for access to children's disability network team services in Clonmel, as confirmed in correspondence dated 4 November 2026; and whether a targeted waiting-list reduction initiative will be introduced.

PQ79685/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

779. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the specific recruitment measures being undertaken to address staffing shortages within children's disability network team 5 in Clonmel; the number of posts currently advertised, at interview stage or awaiting appointment; and the anticipated commencement dates.

PQ79684/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

780. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current approved staffing complement, actual staffing levels and vacancies within children's disability network team 5 in Clonmel, broken down by discipline and whole-time equivalent posts; and the length of time each vacancy has remained unfilled.

PQ79683/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

781. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently assigned to children's disability network team 5 in Clonmel who have not received speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, psychology or physiotherapy intervention in the past six months, broken down by discipline.

PQ79682/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

782. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children and their parents offered an initial contact, individual intervention or group intervention appointment by children's disability network teams; the number who participated in each type of appointment; and the number who did not attend, in each of the six HSE health regions, during June 2024, June 2025 and June 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79711/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

783. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for an initial contact with a children's disability network team, broken down by those waiting 0 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 12 and over 12 months; and the number of children transferred to children's disability network team from disability services prior to reconfiguration who have not yet had an initial contact or intervention, in each of the six HSE health regions, as at the end of June 2024, June 2025 and June 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79710/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

784. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children on the open caseload of children's disability network teams; the number referred and the number discharged during the month; and the number and percentage of children with a current individual family service plan, in each of the six HSE health regions, as at the end of June 2024, June 2025 and June 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79709/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

785. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of whole-time equivalent staff allocated to children's disability network teams, the number actually working; and the number on maternity leave, in each of the six HSE health regions, as at the end of June 2024, June 2025 and June 2026, in tabular form

PQ79708/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

786. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has considered developing a nationally recognised safeguarding training framework for volunteers working with children and young people, whereby safeguarding qualifications obtained through organisations (details supplied) governing bodies, Tusla-approved providers and accredited childcare settings could be recognised across multiple voluntary organisations; and if she will outline any work underway in this area.

PQ79707/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

787. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the timeframe for the Autism Innovation Fund to open for applications in 2026; the timeframe funding is expected to be allocated to successful applicants; and the amount of the €2 million allocated for 2025 and the further €2 million allocated for 2026 that has been drawn down to date.

PQ79691/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

788. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the application opening date for the €2 million 2026 Autism Innovation Fund.

PQ79690/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

789. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality will the forthcoming review of flexible working examine the use of blanket company-wide office attendance policies; and whether employers should instead be required to give clear, role-specific reasons when refusing a flexible or remote working request.

PQ79069/26 | BARRY WARD

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790. To ask the Minister for Health given reports that seven of the 20 HSE integrated healthcare areas have restricted public health nursing services to priority cases (details supplied), the measures being taken to address staffing shortages and ensure all children receive their scheduled developmental assessments; the number of children currently awaiting assessments in Dublin Bay north; and the specific timeline for restoring full public health nurse cover in the area served by Tonlegee health centre

PQ78696/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

791. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to address the lack of public health nurse cover in the area served by Tonlegee health centre; and the timeline for restoring full services and completing outstanding infant developmental assessments.

PQ78693/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

792. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of ongoing shortages of rapamune 1mg medication affecting transplant recipients; if she is aware of the case of a heart transplant patient who was forced to travel from Mayo to Dublin to secure an emergency supply after being unable to source the medication locally; and the urgent measures being taken to protect patients who depend on this life-sustaining medication.

PQ78692/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

793. To ask the Minister for Health when a response will be forthcoming to a matter (details supplied).

PQ78730/26 | CATHAL CROWE

794. To ask the Minister for Health the pathways such as expanded GP-led community PrEP frameworks or regional telehealth initiatives that are being deployed by the HSE to clear the waiting backlog for HIV prevention services in Limerick and the mid-west.

PQ78729/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

795. To ask the Minister for Health the specific funding, capital resources, and whole-time equivalent staffing increases allocated directly to the PrEP and sexual health services at University Hospital Limerick from the €6.45 million national PrEP budget.

PQ78728/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

796. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of individuals currently on the waiting list to access public PrEP services across the mid-west region, broken down by clinic location.

PQ78726/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

797. To ask the Minister for Health if the Health Service Executive can confirm the current average and maximum waiting times for an individual seeking an initial PrEP assessment at University Hospital Limerick for 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ78725/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

798. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline in place to ensure that eligible adults can access risdiplam without avoidable delay.

PQ78713/26 | BARRY WARD

799. To ask the Minister for Health the resources being made available to ensure sufficient appropriately qualified healthcare professionals are in place to undertake the required assessments and support the treatment pathway.

PQ78712/26 | BARRY WARD

800. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 72311/26, whether the figures provided by the PCRS eligibility unit relate to new applications only or also include reviews of existing full medical cards held by persons aged 70 and over; the number of such reviews carried out in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of cardholders moved from a full medical card to a GP visit card following a review in which they were assessed as over the income limit, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78746/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

801. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the qualification requirements for appointment to clinical nurse specialist positions in perinatal mental health within the HSE; whether a level 9 postgraduate qualification must be held at the time of appointment or whether candidates may

undertake the qualification following appointment; whether substantial relevant clinical experience, including experience gained in the United Kingdom, can be recognised in lieu of a level 9 qualification; and whether alternative pathways exist for experienced nurses seeking to take up these positions.

PQ78744/26 | EMER CURRIE

802. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied).

PQ78676/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

803. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 73153/26, the reply to which from the Health Service Executive dated 21 October 2026 did not address whether a requirement will be introduced for documentary evidence from foreign healthcare providers of compliance with local child protection legislation or Hague Convention obligation treatment abroad scheme applications involving children, if she will now state, as a matter of Departmental policy, whether such a requirement will be introduced; if not, the reasons; whether the Department has assessed the need for such a requirement since 2020

PQ78756/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

804. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the updated Adult ADHD Model of Care; when this work started; and when it will be brought before the HSE senior management team for approval.

PQ78673/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

805. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 73151/26, the status of the remaining 30 applications, by pending, withdrawn or other outcome (details supplied); and the number of applications declined in that period which involved patients under 18 years-of-age.

PQ78763/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

806. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to open a tender for speech and language therapy services for children aimed at addressing the waiting list backlog.

PQ78681/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

807. To ask the Minister for Health when the last healthcare inspection by HIQUA was carried out at St. Vincent's Hospital; the key findings from this inspection that were identified as requiring corrective action in preparation for winter flu season; and whether these actions have been implemented and when the next inspection is due to take place.

PQ78680/26 | EOIN HAYES

808. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 43249/26, the number of minors approved under the treatment abroad scheme in each of the years from 2020 to date in 2026, by country of treatment, with England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland shown separately.

PQ78760/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

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

PQ78679/26 | EMER CURRIE

810. To ask the Minister for Health when the last healthcare inspection by HIQUA was carried out at St James's Hospital, the key findings from this inspection that were identified as requiring corrective action in preparation for winter flu season; and whether these actions have been implemented and when the next inspection is due to take place.

PQ78678/26 | EOIN HAYES

811. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the qualification requirements for appointment to clinical nurse specialist positions in perinatal mental health within the HSE; whether a level 9 postgraduate qualification is a mandatory requirement for appointment to such positions; whether substantial relevant clinical experience can be considered in lieu of this qualification; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78742/26 | EMER CURRIE

812. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE is currently engaging with private therapy services on an individual basis who offer appointments to help alleviate the public waiting lists for speech and language therapy for children, such as the case of a person (details supplied)

PQ78687/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

813. To ask the Minister for Health when the last healthcare inspection by HIQUA was carried out at Tallaght University Hospital; the key findings from this inspection that were identified as requiring corrective action in preparation for winter flu season; and whether these actions have been implemented and when the next inspection is due to take place.

PQ78685/26 | EOIN HAYES

814. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Meals on Wheels providers currently registered in County Mayo; the sums of money provided to each in the years 2000 – 2026 for the provision of meals; the numbers of people served by each of the named entities per week; the number of days per week that meals are normally provided by each; the number of paid staff and volunteers relating to each provider; and details of any other grants provided by the HSE for capital projects such as kitchens and transport.

PQ78684/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

815. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Ireland lags behind nearly every single country in the EU when it comes to the treatment of functional neurological disorder; the plans that are in place to provide services to those with the disorder who need treatment in Ireland; and the plans that are in place to help support those suffering with the condition in Ireland who need to travel abroad for support.

PQ78738/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

816. To ask the Minister for Health if delpercatnib is currently available for reimbursement to eligible patients in Ireland; the current status and outcome of its assessment for reimbursement; and if eligible patients in Ireland can have the cost of the drug covered by the State or any other State mechanism can cover the cost of the medicine.

PQ78737/26 | CATHAL CROWE

817. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 67921/26, the funding provided for family support work (details supplied) in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and the number of Strengthening Families Programmes run in Cork and Kerry in each of those years and the total cost.

PQ78870/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

818. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 67914/26, the number of people on the waiting list for each of the six Coolmine community based hubs in Cork and Kerry at the latest date available; the number of those who have had no contact with the service in the previous three months; and the reasons current waiting times in north Cork (12 weeks) and Kerry (20 weeks) exceed the 4 to 6 week referral to assessment guide time cited in the reply.

PQ78869/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

819. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 67918/26, the reason the number of short stay residential rehabilitation beds at Tabor Lodge, Belgooly was reduced from 14 to 10 in 2024; and the plans to increase residential addiction treatment capacity for Cork and Kerry in 2027.

PQ78868/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

820. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 67920/26, the reason funding to the Cork Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force has remained at €1,080,975 in each year from 2021 to 2026; whether any increase is provided for in 2027; and the funding allocated to each of the other local and regional drug and alcohol task forces in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ78867/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

821. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74966/26, whether a private patient who pays a fee directly to a member GP at a SouthDoc treatment centre is issued with a receipt; if that receipt identifies the GP or SouthDoc; whether the fee charged by member GPs is the same as the fee charged where a patient is seen by a doctor employed by SouthDoc; and the route by which a patient may complain about a fee paid to a member GP.

PQ78865/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

822. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74966/26, whether the HSE will consider requiring, through its service level agreement with SouthDoc, that all private patient fees paid at SouthDoc treatment centres be processed through SouthDoc's own payment systems, so that patients are dealt with in the same way regardless of which doctor they see.

PQ78866/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

823. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74966/26, the number of member GPs who provided out of hours sessions through SouthDoc in 2025; and the number and proportion of SouthDoc consultations in 2025 provided by member GPs, by doctors directly employed by SouthDoc and by locum agency doctors respectively.

PQ78864/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

824. To ask the Minister for Health if she received correspondence (details supplied); her views on same; and if a response has been issued.

PQ78873/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

825. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 72296/26, whether HSE south-west has considered redeploying speech and language therapy capacity between its integrated healthcare areas, or offering appointments in neighbouring areas to children on the Cork north and east list (details supplied); and if not, the reasons.

PQ78863/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

826. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the current status of the statutory pricing and reimbursement negotiations between the HSE and the manufacturer regarding a drug (details supplied); if she acknowledges the financial inequity faced by women with a history of hormone-positive breast cancer who are clinically precluded from taking conventional hormone replacement therapy and must pay out-of-pocket for non-hormonal alternatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78736/26 | CATHAL CROWE

827. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children removed from speech and language therapy waiting lists in HSE south-west on reaching 18 years-of-age without having received the assessment or therapy for which they were waiting, in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by integrated healthcare area.

PQ78862/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

828. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 72296/26, the age profile of the 234 children in Cork north and east who have been waiting more than 24-months for speech and language therapy, broken down by those aged under 5 years, 5 to 11 years and 12 to 17 years.

PQ78861/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

829. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 72296/26, the number of children referred for speech and language therapy in each of Cork north and east, Cork south and west and Kerry in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ78860/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

830. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address a contract and grading dispute under the hospital medicines management programme at the Regional Hospital Mullingar where temporary contracts (details supplied) signed in May 2026 have not been honoured by the HSE, leaving

senior pharmacy staff without their correct Chief II grade or matching payroll terms; the steps being taken to resolve this and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78856/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

831. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public hospitals with a fracture liaison service, by HSE health region including the HSE south-west; the staffing of each such service; and whether a national model of care for fracture liaison services is in place.

PQ78855/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

832. To ask the Minister for Health the steps are being taken, in conjunction with the HSE, to address delays in clinical assessments for adults with SMA seeking access to a drug (details supplied).

PQ78711/26 | BARRY WARD

833. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74790/26, the date on which the National Screening Advisory Committee concluded its consideration of the bone health screening proposal received in its 2025 Call for Submissions; whether the evidence review and recommendation have been published; and whether such a proposal may be resubmitted in a future call for submissions.

PQ78854/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

834. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list to see a consultant cardiothoracic surgeon at University Hospital Galway for a first appointment; and the average waiting time.

PQ78878/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

835. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant WTE orthodontists currently within Galway Dental Services; and the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form.

PQ78876/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

836. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE will establish a national FASD diagnostic clinic and appoint a national clinical lead for FASD; and if not, the pathway by which a person with suspected FASD can obtain a diagnosis in the public system.

PQ78754/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

837. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for implementing the HSE position paper on FASD prevention; the budget allocated to that work in 2026 and planned for 2027; and the number of whole time equivalent staff in the HSE Alcohol Programme assigned to FASD.

PQ78753/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

838. To ask the Minister for Health the stakeholders with whom the HSE has engaged on including FASD within neurodevelopmental and disability service pathways since 14 May 2026; the dates of each engagement; whether FASD Ireland was included; and the outcomes and timelines agreed

PQ78752/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

839. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative helpline or direct support service the HSE has put in place for people living with FASD, their families and carers since funding for the FASD Hub Ireland helpline ended; the date it was put in place; and the number of contacts received to date.

PQ78751/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

840. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provision being made under the fair deal scheme to meet any additional costs arising from proposed increases in minimum annual remuneration thresholds.

PQ78835/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

841. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding paid by the HSE to an organisation (details supplied) to date, in 202l the once off helpline payment, the final payment for services and the goodwill payment; and the reduction compared with the €200,000 provided in each of 2024 and 2025.

PQ78750/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

842. To ask the Minister for Health whether a written assessment of the impact on people living with FASD and their families was completed before the HSE decision of 14 May 2026 not to enter a service arrangement with an organisation (details supplied); and, if so, the date it was completed and whether it will be published; and if not, the reason no assessment was carried out.

PQ78749/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

843. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged 70 years and over holding a full medical card whose assessed gross weekly income is within €10 of the income or €1,050 for a couple, in view €10 weekly increase in the State Pension in Budget 2027 and the fact that the limits have not changed since 1 November 2020; and whether her Department has assessed the impact of the Budget 2027 pension increases on eligibility.

PQ78748/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

844. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of a primary care centre at An Cheathru Rua, County Galway.

PQ78950/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

845. To ask the Minister for Health for CAHMs waiting lists, broken down by CHO, in tabular form.

PQ78949/26 | JEN CUMMINS

846. To ask the Minister for Health if the recruitment of six staff nurses has enabled the reopening of additional beds at the Aras Mhic Dara community nursing unit at An Cheathru Rua, County Galway.

PQ78948/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

847. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the recruitment of MTAs and domestic vacancies at Aras Mhic Dara community nursing unit at An Cheathru Rua, County Galway; to ascertain the increased numbers of MTAs employed at the Unit in 2026; and the number required to ensure the opening of all beds at the unit.

PQ78947/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

848. To ask the Minister for Health if the CNM 2 position within Aras Mhic Dara community nursing home, An Cheathru Rua, County Galway remains vacant; the efforts that have been made to fill the position; and the impact filling the position will have on re-opening the beds within the unit that remain closed.

PQ78946/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

849. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline that has been established by her Department and the HSE to ensure that eligible adults living with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) can access clinical assessments and subsequent Risdiplam treatment without delay.

PQ78943/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

850. To ask the Minister for Health the specific funding and resources being made available to ensure that a sufficient number of appropriately qualified healthcare professionals are in place to undertake the required clinical assessments and support the treatment pathway for adults with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) seeking access to risdiplam.

PQ78942/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

851. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken, in conjunction with the HSE, to address the ongoing delays in clinical assessments for adults with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) who are seeking access to the newly reimbursed treatment risdiplam.

PQ78941/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

852. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 72311/26, which showed that 5,462 persons aged 70 years-of-age and over had a full medical card application rejected for no response between 2021 and 2026, the number of review notices issued to over 70s cardholders in each of those years; the number of reminders issued, and the methods used to contact a cardholder before a card is downgraded; the number subsequently restored to a full medical card; and the reason for the increase to 1,577 such rejections in 2024.

PQ78747/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

853. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of cases of bowel cancer detected in Ireland in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if these can be divided by gender and age group.

PQ78933/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

854. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to expand the bowel cancer screening programme.

PQ78932/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

855. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of services at the Tullamore Civil Registration Office including the civil registrar position; and whether a permanent appointment has been made to this role.

PQ78925/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

856. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 73151/26, which stated that 459 S2 authorisations were issued in 2026 to the end of June while 311 applications were approved in the same period, the reasons for the difference; and the number of S2 authorisations issued in that period which related to approvals granted in earlier years, to renewals or extensions of existing approvals, or to any other category.

PQ78764/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

857. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 43249/26, 73151/26 and 73153/26, the reason the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 43249/26 states that 105 minors were approved under the treatment abroad scheme in 2026 to the end of June, while the replies to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 73151/26 and 73153/26 state the figure as 106; and which figure is correct.

PQ78758/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

858. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the additional building related commissioning checks, deep cleaning and any remedial works carried out at the HSE south-west surgical hub.

PQ78816/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

859. To ask the Minister for Health the date by which the HSE south-west surgical hub at Cork University Hospital is expected to reach its full stated annual capacity of 8,000 day case procedures, 5,700 minor operations and 18,400 outpatient appointments; the number of operating theatres and procedure rooms in the hub currently in clinical use compared with the total number built; and the dates on which each remaining theatre and room is expected to open.

PQ78815/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

860. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts approved for the HSE south-west surgical hub at Cork University Hospital, by grade and staff category; the number of those posts filled and vacant at the latest date for which figures are available; the number of filled posts filled by staff recruited from outside the HSE; and the number filled by staff previously employed at Cork University Hospital or elsewhere in HSE south-west.

PQ78814/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

861. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting list for the National Gender Service that are currently waiting for a first appointment.

PQ78915/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

862. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate steps being taken to stabilise the supply of lenzetto 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.

PQ78813/26 | JEN CUMMINS

863. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the amount of invites the NGS are sending to patients inviting them for an initial assessment, per month, to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ78914/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

864. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day case procedures, minor operations and outpatient appointments delivered at the HSE south-west surgical hub at Cork University Hospital in each week since 29 September 2026; the activity targets for the hub for the remainder of 2026 and for 2027 under its phased opening plan; and the way in which actual activity to date compares with those targets.

PQ78812/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

865. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time spent on the waiting list by patients who received an invitation to a first appointment with the National Gender Service. in the past six months, in tabular form.

PQ78913/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

866. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which her Department was first informed that clinical activity at the HSE south-west surgical hub at Cork University Hospital had been paused; whether the HSE advised her Department, before the date of the official opening was fixed, that commissioning of the hub was not complete; and the basis on which the hub was described in Dáil Éireann on 7 October 2026 as staffed and ready to serve patients, when clinical activity at the hub was paused on that date and did not resume until 12 October 2026.

PQ78811/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

867. To ask the Minister for Health whether any patient was treated in operating theatre 1 or minor procedures room 1 of the HSE south-west surgical hub at Cork University Hospital before the air sampling results showing dust levels above acceptable limits were received; if so, the number of such patients; who carried out the clinical risk assessment which rated the risk as low; whether infection prevention and control specialists were consulted; and whether any such patients have been informed or followed up.

PQ78810/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

868. To ask the Minister for Health the dates on which air sampling and other environmental testing were carried out in each operating theatre and procedure room at the HSE South West Surgical Hub at Cork University Hospital as part of its commissioning; the date on which the results showing dust levels above acceptable limits in operating theatre 1 and minor procedures room 1 were received; and whether all commissioning tests had been completed, and their results received, before the official opening on 28 September 2026.

PQ78803/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

869. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which clinical activity at the HSE south-west surgical hub at Cork University Hospital was paused following additional commissioning checks; the number of patients whose procedures or appointments at the hub were cancelled or postponed between 29 September and 12 October 2026 as a result; and the number of those patients who have since been rescheduled or treated.

PQ78804/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

870. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department provides direct or indirect funding to an organisation (details supplied); if she is aware of reports that funding shortfalls have resulted in the suspension of courses; if additional supports or funding measures are being considered to ensure continuity of adult ADHD support services; the plans her Department has to support adults living with ADHD through community-based services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78905/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

871. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Radiology Department at Tuam Primary Care Centre has been closed in recent weeks; if this is due to staffing issues; when this issue will be addressed; and the arrangements in place for patients who cannot access this service in the meantime.

PQ78903/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

872. To ask the Minister for Health to review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied).

PQ78963/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

873. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to extend the bowel cancer screening programme to persons aged 50 to 57 years-of-age; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78965/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

874. To ask the Minister for Health further to HSE FOI response C691 26 dated 27 October 2026, which identified 541 senior house officers newly matched to standalone non-training posts during July 2026, the breakdown of these appointments by hospital, specialty and citizenship, distinguishing Irish citizens, other EU citizens and non-EU citizens.

PQ78971/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

875. To ask the Minister for Health whether the 541 senior house officers identified in HSE FOI response C691 26 represent new external recruits, existing HSE doctors moving between posts or a combination of both; the number in each category; and the way in which external recruitment is defined for these figures.

PQ78974/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

876. To ask the Minister for Health the recruitment and selection criteria applied to standalone senior house officer posts outside national training schemes; the way in which qualifications, clinical experience and interview performance are assessed; and whether citizenship or immigration status affects eligibility or appointment priority.

PQ78976/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

877. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to support senior house officers in standalone non-training posts to access recognised specialist training; the number who applied for and secured training places in each of the past three years; and her plans to expand training places in line with workforce needs.

PQ78981/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

878. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applicants, shortlisted candidates, offers and appointments for standalone senior house officer posts commencing in July 2026, broken down by Irish, other EU and non-EU citizenship; and whether suitably qualified applicants remained unappointed while posts were vacant.

PQ78980/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

879. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for a person (details supplied) under the treatment abroad scheme.

PQ78979/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

880. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to include a medication (details supplied) under the drugs payment scheme or similar measures.

PQ78993/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

881. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Complaints and Patient Safety Incidents Policy that her Department announced in 2023; and a timeline for when it will published and enacted.

PQ78991/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

882. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's plans to bring complaints against private hospitals and private consultants under the remit of the Ombudsman; and the timeline for when this will be enacted (details supplied).

PQ78990/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

883. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will reconsider funding a dedicated stem-cell transplant unit in Cork to serve the south of the country.

PQ78986/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

884. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to ensure that elderly persons with permanent tracheostomies can access nursing home care in their local communities; whether the Department is aware of cases where nursing home admission has been refused due to the absence of staff trained in tracheostomy care (details supplied); and whether a review of current training and staffing requirements in nursing homes will be undertaken to address this issue.

PQ79006/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

885. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration is being given to providing dedicated funding or training supports to nursing homes to enable nursing staff to undertake tracheostomy care training, given reports that older persons with long-established and self-managed tracheostomies are being unable to access local nursing home placements despite having significant care needs arising from age and visual impairment.

PQ79005/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

886. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that have nursing staff trained in tracheostomy care; whether the Department has assessed the availability of nursing home placements for older persons with permanent tracheostomies; and the steps being taken to ensure that persons requiring routine tracheostomy management are not excluded from nursing home care due solely to the absence of appropriately trained staff.

PQ79004/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

887. To ask the Minister for Health when can a child (details supplied) with a moderate learning disability and complex non-verbal communication needs will be allocated a regular respite placement

PQ79032/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

888. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to clear the waiting lists for children requiring respite care with an organisation (details supplied).

PQ79030/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

889. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79018/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

890. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on additional funding allocated in Budget 2027 for Older Person's Day Services.

PQ79040/26 | TOM BRABAZON

891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE general dental surgeons posts filled at Kilbarrack Health Centre as of 28 October 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79039/26 | TOM BRABAZON

892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded, filled and vacant speech and language therapist posts in each network in Dublin South City, respectively; the number of children waiting for speech and language therapy in the same area, in tabular form; the average waiting time in the same area; her plans to ensure vacancies are filled; and her plans to ensure that children already receiving specialist therapy do not lose access to treatment because of staffing shortages.

PQ79036/26 | IVANA BACIK

893. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department and the HSE have undertaken, or plan to undertake, a regional healthcare-needs assessment for Kildare north given the significant population growth across towns including Kilcock, Maynooth, Celbridge, and Clane; and if such an assessment includes consideration of future acute hospital capacity requirements, emergency care access, workforce planning and population projections.

PQ79059/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

894. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals from each county who presented for Sexual Assault Treatment Unit services in each of the past five years; and to date in 2026.

PQ79111/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

895. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of all Sexual Assault Treatment Units currently operating nationwide by county; the catchment population served by each unit; the average travel distance for service users accessing each unit; and whether an assessment has been undertaken of unmet need for SATU services in the Mid-West region.

PQ79110/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

896. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who accessed Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) services in each of the past five years and to date in 2026; the number of such service users by county of residence, in tabular form; the SATU attended by those service users; and the number of service users from Limerick Clare and Tipperary who were required to travel outside the Mid-West region to access SATU services.

PQ79108/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

897. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting cardiovascular surgery, including cardiac and vascular surgical procedures, at each public hospital providing such services; and the average waiting time and median waiting time for patients awaiting these procedures at each hospital, in tabular form.

PQ79124/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

898. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to increase resourcing in public maternity services in midwives and consultants to ensure continuity of care is available for all who need it in public hospitals.

PQ79138/26 | EOIN HAYES

899. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a financial guarantee that maternity services in public hospitals that will lose private care income will not be put at a financial disadvantage; and if she has budgeted to make up for the shortfall.

PQ79139/26 | EOIN HAYES

900. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which patients that will be receiving maternity care services will be consulted as part of the new National Maternity Strategy.

PQ79140/26 | EOIN HAYES

901. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CT, MRI and PET scans outsourced to private providers by HSE South West for patients in Cork in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, by type of scan; the total cost of same in each year; and the names of the providers used.

PQ79212/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

902. To ask the Minister for Health whether there are plans to provide MRI scanning at Mallow General Hospital or Bantry General Hospital; the number of patients referred from each hospital to other hospitals for an MRI scan in 2025 and to date in 2026; and the average waiting time for those patients.

PQ79211/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

903. To ask the Minister for Health the approved and current whole time equivalent number of radiographers at each of Cork University Hospital, Mercy University Hospital, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Mallow General Hospital and Bantry General Hospital; the number of vacant radiographer posts at each hospital as of 1 November 2026; and the length of time each vacancy has been unfilled, in tabular form.

PQ79207/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

904. To ask the Minister for Health the number of PET scans carried out at Cork University Hospital in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date; the number of patients currently waiting for a PET scan at the hospital, by time band; the number of patients from the HSE South West region referred to other public hospitals or private providers for a PET scan in each of those years, and the cost of same; and whether there are plans to extend the operating hours of the PET scanner beyond 37.5 hours per week or to provide a second PET scanner in Cork.

PQ79206/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

905. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ 68749/26, the number of hours per week each of the four CT scanners and each of the three MRI scanners at Cork University Hospital is individually available for use, in tabular form; and the reason none of the three MRI scanners at the hospital operates for more than an average of 74.5 hours per week.

PQ79205/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

906. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ 68749/26, the reason only two of the four CT units at Cork University Hospital are available between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday and only one is available out of hours; the status of each of the four units; and whether any is out of service, awaiting repair or replacement, or unused due to staffing; and the date by which all four units will be in full use.

PQ79204/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

907. To ask the Minister for Health the cohorts that will qualify for the State-funded shingles vaccination programme when it commences; the estimated number of persons in each cohort; the anticipated start date for vaccination of immunocompromised persons aged 65 years and older; the proposed timetable for extending the programme to all persons aged 65 years and older.

PQ79235/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

908. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update including a timeline on when the shingles vaccine programme is expected to be rolled out to those eligible, over 65 and immunocompromised.

PQ79233/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

909. To ask the Minister for Health her views on expanding bowel screening from age 59-69 to 50-74 to help detect bowel cancer early and prevent unnecessary deaths from the disease.

PQ79266/26 | SEÁN KYNE

910. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3887 of 28 July 2026, to provide a breakdown of vacant posts in the HSE, by staff category in tabular form; the number that are new service developments from 2024, 2025 and 2026 which have not yet commenced; and the number that are previously filled posts arising as vacancies.

PQ79278/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

911. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any proposed engagement with the Nursing Homes Sector in relation to the impact that increases in the minimum annual remuneration thresholds will have on this sector.

PQ79286/26 | BARRY WARD

912. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to providing for additional funding through the fair deal scheme to offset these increased employment costs related to changes to the minimum annual remuneration thresholds.

PQ79283/26 | BARRY WARD

913. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide further funding to the Seeking Safety Ireland Programme in order to allow the continuance of the supports that they provide under the SSI service in 2027 given no additional funding was allocated to the programme under Budget 2027.

PQ79312/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

914. To ask the Minister for Health if the shingles vaccination programme for persons aged over 65 years-of-age will be free of charge with effect from January 2027 from GPs and pharmacies.

PQ79381/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

915. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding provided for 2027 to improve HSE pathfinder services; and the 2026 budget allocation for pathfinder services.

PQ79380/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

916. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE qualified chefs currently on the HSE recruitment panel within HSE Dublin and north-east region; and the date this panel currently expires.

PQ79379/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

917. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant WTE consultant posts, by speciality currently at Rotunda Maternity Hospital; and the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form.

PQ79378/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

918. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place for CT scanning at Mallow General Hospital outside the 35 core hours per week; the number of patients transferred from Mallow General Hospital to other hospitals for a CT scan outside those hours in 2025 and to date in 2026; and whether there are plans to extend CT hours at the hospital.

PQ79208/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

919. To ask the Minister for Health if she or her Department will provide the number of people with disabilities in level 3 and 4 hospitals who are clinically fit for discharge, but appropriate placement cannot be found.

PQ79343/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

920. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the opening of the new 105 bed community nursing unit at St Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road, Cork has now been deferred to July 2027, having regard to the HSE's public statement earlier in 2026 that the unit would open by Christmas 2026 and its statement to HIQA that the unit would be occupied in Q4 2026; whether the unit has been formally handed over to the HSE by a company (details supplied) under the community nursing unit PPP and, if so, the date of handover; and the specific outstanding issues preventing residents from transferring to the unit.

PQ79150/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

921. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the HSE submitted an application to HIQA to register the new 105 bed community nursing unit at St Finbarr's Hospital, Cork; the current status of that application; and the date by which the HSE expects registration to be granted.

PQ79151/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

922. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff, by grade and whole time equivalent, required to open and operate the new 105 bed community nursing unit at St Finbarr's Hospital, Cork; the number recruited or in post to date; the number of posts still to be filled; whether discussions with trade unions on staffing arrangements for the unit have commenced or concluded, and the relevant dates; and whether nursing graduates who qualified in 2026 have been offered posts in the unit.

PQ79152/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

923. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid or payable by the HSE under the community nursing unit PPP contract in respect of the St Finbarr's Hospital unit, Cork, to date, including unitary or availability payments made while the unit has had no residents; whether deductions or penalties have been applied to the contractor for late completion; and the estimated monthly cost to the State while the unit remains unoccupied.

PQ79153/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

924. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents currently accommodated in multi occupancy rooms in the existing residential units at St Finbarr's Hospital, Cork, including rooms in the former maternity building; the action taken to address HIQA findings on inadequate personal storage and communal space at the centre; and the activities programme currently available to residents pending their transfer to the new unit.

PQ79154/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

925. To ask the Minister for Health the published weekly cost of care under the nursing homes support scheme at St Finbarr's Hospital, Cork, for each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026; the way in which that cost is calculated; and whether that cost reflects HIQA's findings that the existing premises do not meet the needs of residents.

PQ79155/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

926. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by the HSE to address the two-year waiting list for deep brain stimulation surgery at Beaumont Hospital; if she will increase funding and allocated operating theatre time for these neurosurgical procedures to support approved patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79320/26 | CATHAL CROWE

927. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who were not seen within the 28-day target for an urgent colonoscopy in each month of 2026 to date, by hospital, the number waiting more than 60 and more than 90 days; and the comparable totals for 2024 and 2025.

PQ79398/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

928. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients removed from hospital waiting lists in each of the years 2023 to date due to the patient passing, by hospital and by list type; the length of time each had been waiting; and if the HSE or NTPF records this information.

PQ79394/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

929. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients removed from outpatient, inpatient/day case and GI endoscopy waiting lists through the National Centralised Validation Unit process from 2024 to date by hospital; the number removed because the patient did not respond; and the number of those removed who were children.

PQ79391/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

930. To ask the Minister for Health if she or her Department have considered expanding the national bowel screening programme for those over 71 years-of-age.

PQ79258/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

931. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged under 18 years-of-age waiting for a first outpatient appointment, and for inpatient day case treatment, by hospital and specialty, broken down by those waiting 12 to 18 months, 18 to 24 months and over two years, as of the latest date available, with the comparable figures for the same month in 2025.

PQ79407/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

932. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute hospitals that operate protected mealtimes on all adult inpatient wards; whether Cork University Hospital operates protected mealtimes on all of its adult inpatient wards; and the times at which they apply.

PQ79173/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

933. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure that adult inpatients in acute hospitals who are unable to feed themselves are given assistance with their meals by staff, in line with the HSE Food, Nutrition and Hydration Policy for Adult Patients in Acute Hospitals (2018); and the way in which compliance with that policy is monitored at individual hospital level.

PQ79172/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

934. To ask the Minister for Health whether an audit of mealtime assistance for inpatients has been carried out at Cork University Hospital since 2019; the findings of each such audit; and the actions taken in response, in tabular form.

PQ79175/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

935. To ask the Minister for Health the number of scheduled procedures cancelled by Children’s Health Ireland to date in 2026, by hospital site, specialty and reason for cancellation; and to include the number cancelled due to a ward or ICU bed not being available.

PQ79406/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

936. To ask the Minister for Health the number of scheduled outpatient appointments and inpatient day case procedures cancelled by the hospital in each month from February to October 2026, by hospital; the reason for cancellation including bed unavailability due to emergency department pressures, staffing, theatre availability and industrial action; the number rescheduled; and the number rescheduled within 28 days.

PQ79403/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

937. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting more than two, three, four, five years plus for a first outpatient appointment and for inpatient day case treatment, by hospital and specialty, as of the latest date available; and the longest current wait in each hospital.

PQ79401/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

938. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to introduce lower maximum permitted levels for vitamins and minerals in food supplements.

PQ79400/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

939. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of adult patients admitted to Cork University Hospital in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 and to date in 2026 who were screened for malnutrition risk on admission; the proportion of inpatients rescreened weekly, as recommended by National Clinical Guideline No. 22 (2020); and if this data is not collected, the reason.

PQ79178/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

940. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints received by the HSE in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 and to date in 2026 relating to inpatients in acute hospitals not being assisted to eat or drink, by HSE health region, with figures for HSE south west given separately.

PQ79179/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

941. To ask the Minister for Health whether acute hospitals are required to inform the families of inpatients who need help to eat of mealtime hours, so that they may attend and assist; whether Cork University Hospital does so; and whether there are plans to introduce trained mealtime support for older inpatients, whether through healthcare assistants or volunteer schemes.

PQ79180/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

942. To ask the Minister for Health the final number of submissions received to the public consultation on mandatory folic acid fortification of non-wholemeal flour which closed on 5 October 2026; the number supporting, opposing and expressing no clear view on mandatory fortification; whether the full analysis of the consultation and the submissions, redacted as necessary, will be published; and the date by which this will happen.

PQ79192/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

943. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 69643/26, which did not address whether a shared care arrangement had been considered, whether a formal shared care protocol exists between Tallaght University Hospital and Cork University Hospital for patients with Friedreich's ataxia receiving a drug (details supplied); whether Cork University Hospital has the neurology and echocardiography capacity to initiate and monitor the treatment locally; and the number of patients from the HSE South West region currently travelling to Tallaght for assessment.

PQ79190/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

944. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department has carried out a comparative assessment of mandatory folic acid fortification of flour against alternative measures, including free or subsidised folic acid supplements for women of childbearing age, voluntary fortification and targeted awareness campaigns; the estimated cost and expected number of neural tube defects prevented under each option; and if such an assessment will be published.

PQ79193/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

945. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 69639/26, the number of patients with Friedreich's ataxia attending Tallaght University Hospital who are awaiting baseline assessment for a drug (details supplied); the number of additional clinics and weekend echocardiography sessions held since 1 October 2026; and the date by which all eligible patients attending the hospital are expected to have been assessed.

PQ79188/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

946. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 69639/26 and 69643/26, the number of patients with Friedreich's ataxia who have commenced a drug (details supplied) under the High Tech Arrangement since 1 October 2026, by prescribing hospital, including Cork University Hospital.

PQ79186/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

947. To ask the Minister for Health noting that the UK bread and flour regulations do not apply to flour for export outside the UK, whether her Department or the Food Safety Authority of Ireland has engaged with Irish flour importers, millers, bakers and retailers on the continued availability of unfortified non-wholemeal flour in Ireland after 13 December 2026; and the steps being taken to protect consumer choice pending a decision on mandatory fortification in Ireland.

PQ79194/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

948. To ask the Minister for Health whether the decision to launch the public consultation of 13 July 2026 on mandatory folic acid fortification of non-wholemeal flour arose from an assessment of Irish public health need by her Department or the Food Safety Authority of Ireland, from commitments under the resolution on food fortification adopted by the 76th world health assembly in May 2023, from the UK decision to mandate fortification from 13 December 2026, or from a combination of these; and if her Department will publish the advice and documents that informed the decision to consult.

PQ79191/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

949. To ask the Minister for Health the guidance the HSE will issue before 13 December 2026 to people with medical conditions, or on medication, who have been advised by their doctor to monitor or limit their folic acid intake, so that they can identify foods made with fortified flour, including unwrapped bread and bakery products.

PQ79195/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

950. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied).

PQ79432/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

951. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if she will address the concerns raised regarding waiting times for an appointment; and if she will advise whether the matter can be expedited in the circumstances outlined.

PQ79439/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

952. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on insourcing by each public and section 38 hospital in 2025 and to date in 2026; the amount paid to third-party insourcing companies, by company; and the number of patients treated under these arrangements.

PQ79430/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

953. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the external panel review for children that have undergone unnecessary surgery for developmental dysplasia of the hip has missed two previously announced start dates and timelines; when this review is now projected to start; and how long it is anticipated to take.

PQ79219/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

954. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the HSE advertising long-vacant properties (details supplied) for sale and initiating a tender process and then withdrawing them as a good use of public resources.

PQ79468/26 | EOIN HAYES

955. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the discontinuation of the mole mapping clinic at Cork University Hospital; the arrangements that have been put in place for patients who previously attended the clinic, particularly those considered high risk for skin cancer; whether patients will be transferred directly to appropriate follow-up services or will be required to obtain new GP referrals; and whether the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital has the capacity and resources necessary to accommodate new clients.

PQ79465/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

956. To ask the Minister for Health the categories of public, private, voluntary and charitable community mental health service that will be subject to registration and regulation under the Mental Health Act 2026; whether standalone counselling and psychotherapy services will fall within its scope; and the categories of provider that will remain outside that framework.

PQ79537/26 | PETER ROCHE

957. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the Mental Health Act 2026; the outstanding provisions awaiting commencement; and the planned commencement date for the provisions extending the Mental Health Commission’s regulatory remit to community mental health services, including community CAMHS.

PQ79536/26 | PETER ROCHE

958. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the actions she is taking to address the concerns raised by an individual (details supplied) in relation to the standard of their care.

PQ79539/26 | BARRY WARD

959. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives recruited from outside Ireland who commenced employment with the HSE or section 38 agencies in each of the past five years, by health region and hospital; the number recruited through HSE international recruitment campaigns; and the cost of those campaigns and the number of internationally recruited nurses who left HSE employment within two years in each of the past five years, in tabular form.

PQ79534/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

960. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the actions taken to ensure that the mishandling of a person's care (details supplied) will not happen again.

PQ79544/26 | BARRY WARD

961. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the further actions proposed by her in relation to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in relation to their care.

PQ79543/26 | BARRY WARD

962. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive reimbursement payment under the cross border directive for surgery performed in March 2026; and if she is aware of the financial burden the delay is causing.

PQ79540/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

963. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives educated outside Ireland who were newly registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland in each of the past five years and to date in 2026, by country of education.

PQ79525/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

964. To ask the Minister for Health the average hourly cost to the HSE of an agency staff nurse compared with a directly employed staff nurse, including agency fees and employer costs, in 2025 and to date in 2026; and the number of agency nurse hours used at each hospital in the same period.

PQ79524/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

965. To ask the Minister for Health the monthly expenditure on agency staff and overtime in each HSE health region and each acute hospital from January 2025 to the latest month available in 2026, by staff group that is, nursing and midwifery, medical, health and social care professionals, management and administrative, support, in tabular form.

PQ79523/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

966. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm directly for all individuals with type 1 diabetes whether the "insulin from the outset" criterion will be reviewed and removed; and if not, the clinical evidence that supports it; and the reason the criterion goes beyond the recommendation of the HIQA HTA (details supplied).

PQ79490/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

967. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts, by grade and staff group, that have been paused, deferred or refused approval under the HSE recruitment controls introduced in May 2026, in each health region and hospital or community service, as of the latest date available; the number of those posts that are nursing, midwifery, medical or health and social care professional posts; and the number of exceptions approved.

PQ79522/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

968. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 70291/26, which stated that patients of the former mole mapping service at Cork University Hospital are not currently being referred on, are discharged patients being advised to return to dermatology or plastic surgery at the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital; whether high-risk patients, including those with a history of lesion excision, transfer directly to the South Infirmary without a new GP referral; if not, the reason; the number of former CUH surveillance patients that have been re-referred; and has additional clinic capacity been provided.

PQ79498/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

969. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent staff employed by the HSE and section 38 agencies at each management grade (details supplied) as at end-2019, end-2023, end-2025 and the latest date available in 2026, in tabular form; and the number of these posts that are in direct patient-facing services.

PQ79502/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

970. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a child (details supplied).

PQ79563/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

971. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE specialist registrars in stroke services based at University Hospital Kerry as of 3 November 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79516/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

972. To ask the Minister for Health the number of management and administrative posts filled in each HSE region since the introduction of recruitment controls in May 2026, by grade; the number of business-case exceptions approved for non-frontline posts; and the number of frontline clinical posts that remain unfilled or on hold in the same period.

PQ79514/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

973. To ask the Minister for Health the number of management and administrative posts filled in each HSE region since the introduction of recruitment controls in May 2026, by grade; the number of business-case exceptions approved for non-frontline posts; and the number of frontline clinical posts that remain unfilled or on hold in the same period.

PQ79510/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

974. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant posts, by speciality, currently at CHI Crumlin; and the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form.

PQ79551/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

975. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in management and administrative grades in the HSE and section 38 agencies whose total pay, including allowances, was in the bands €100,000–€150,000, €150,000–€200,000, €200,000–€250,000 and over €250,000 in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and the job title of the ten highest-paid non-clinical staff.

PQ79507/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

976. To ask the Minister for Health to advise on a matter (details supplied).

PQ79505/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

977. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have attended the cardiology risk outpatient clinic at Tallaght University Hospital in each of the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number, by year, that were first time attendees; and the number that were return attendees, in tabular form.

PQ79550/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

978. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts created in the six HSE health regions and the integrated healthcare areas since their establishment, by grade and region; the annual pay cost of these posts; and the number of posts in HSE national or central functions that were removed or redeployed as a result and the salary of each regional executive officer

PQ79504/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

979. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place for the 98 patients previously attending the mole mapping clinic at Cork University Hospital; the number that have been transferred to alternative specialist care; if patients must obtain new GP referrals; the measures that are in place to prevent delays for high-risk patients; whether the South Infirmary has sufficient capacity; the status of recruitment to vacant posts; and whether the service will be reinstated at CUH.

PQ79571/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

980. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown by hospital of the current gynaecology outpatient waiting lists, including the total number of patients waiting; the average length of time patients have been waiting; the longest length of time an individual patient has been waiting for an appointment at each hospital; the number of patients waiting longer than six, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79577/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

981. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women on the waiting list for endometriosis surgery across Ireland, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79576/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

982. To ask the Minister for Health In the context of the severe shortage of specialised healthcare personnel highlighted by an organisation (details supplied), noting that under 2016 guidelines, one Parkinson's nurse specialist is required for every 300 patients; the immediate steps her Department is taking to address these shortfalls; and if she will consider providing targeted State funding to enable the organisation to support nurse specialist services in regional "black spot".

PQ79499/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

983. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the Enfield area awaiting routine public health nursing developmental checks, including the 10 to 12 month check; whether any such checks have been delayed or suspended due to staffing shortages or sick leave and the number of public health nursing vacancies in the area; and whether replacement cover has been provided.

PQ79589/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

984. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration can be offered to progress the role of a person (details supplied) so a contract can be issued, as clearances were in place prior to the new guidelines coming into place.

PQ79587/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

985. To ask the Minister for Health if staffing shortages are impacting the provision of routine infant developmental checks; the number of children affected and the stage, in tabular form.

PQ79590/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

986. To ask the Minister for Health if she will future proof the wellbeing of residents of Celbridge, Maynooth, Kilcock, Clane, Enfield and Trim (details supplied) and investigate the potential for a new hospital to be established to serve north Kildare and south Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79579/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

987. To ask the Minister for Health the progress has been made on the business case for the south Connemara primary health centre; and when it will go to planning stage.

PQ79594/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

988. To ask the Minister for Health the reason patients referred as urgent triage cases to the symptomatic Breast Clinic at Galway University Hospital are facing waiting times of up to ten weeks for assessment; the current waiting times for Categories 1, 2 and 3 referrals; the number of patients waiting beyond clinically recommended timeframes; the additional resources allocated to the service in the past three years; and the actions she intends to take to ensure that patients presenting with symptoms suggestive of breast cancer receive timely assessment and diagnosis.

PQ79593/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

989. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved home care assistance hours were unallocated to clients due to staff shortages in South Tipperary to date in 2026.

PQ79592/26 | SEAMUS HEALY

990. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of numerous incidents of residents leaving a specialised mental health facility (details supplied) without the knowledge of staff working at the facility; and if she will ask the HSE and the Mental Health Commission to review operations at this facility.

PQ79596/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

991. To ask the Minister for Health for an update in relation to the beds closed in Aras Mhic Dara; and the number of vacancies currently are in Aras Mhic Dara.

PQ79595/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

992. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on an application for a disablement benefit for a person (details supplied).

PQ78740/26 | MARK WALL

993. To ask the Minister for Health if stakeholders including maternal representation will be included in the development of the successor to the National Maternity Strategy - Creating a Better Future Together 2016-2026.

PQ79609/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

994. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a psychiatric assessment for a person (details supplied).

PQ79615/26 | EMER CURRIE

995. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is still awaiting reimbursement under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme for an application submitted in June 2026; and the timeframe for the applications to be processed.

PQ79614/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

996. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the potential impact of earlier DEXA screening on reducing osteoporosis-related fractures, hospital admissions and long-term care costs.

PQ79619/26 | PETER ROCHE

997. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered the introduction of a publicly funded DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age; and whether any assessment of the costs and benefits of such a programme has been undertaken.

PQ79618/26 | PETER ROCHE

998. To ask the Minister for Health the eligibility criteria that apply to referrals for DEXA scanning within the public health system; and whether women at risk of osteoporosis can access scanning in the absence of a fracture history.

PQ79617/26 | PETER ROCHE

999. To ask the Minister for Health the number of DEXA scanners currently operating within the public health system, by hospital and CHO area; the annual scanning capacity of each service; and the current waiting times for a DEXA scan.

PQ79616/26 | PETER ROCHE

1000. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has begun evaluating the previous National Maternity Strategy; and if work on a new revision is underway.

PQ79608/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

1001. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to introduce a fully funded national DEXA screening programme for women over 50; her views on whether such a programme is necessary given that postmenopausal estrogen decline accelerates bone loss, often going undetected until a fracture occurs; if her attention has been drawn to the estimates of an organisation (details supplied); and if her Department has conducted a cost-benefit analysis regarding the savings a preventative screening.

PQ79627/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1002. To ask the Minister for Health given that a medication (details supplied) has been made available to eligible patients through the publicly funded healthcare system in Northern Ireland, whether she is concerned that eligible patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension in Ireland continue to await a reimbursement decision; the reason the application, recorded by the HSE as 'Proposal from Applicant Under Review' since 16 June 2026, has not yet progressed to consideration by the HSE Drugs Group; and the timeframe applications will be considered by the drugs group.

PQ79644/26 | COLM BURKE

1003. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the National HIV Action Plan; the timeline and key milestones for its development, consultation and publication; whether a target publication date has been agreed; and the membership of the subgroup of the National Sexual Health Strategy Implementation Group established to oversee and coordinate the drafting of the Plan, including the chair or designated lead of that subgroup.

PQ79642/26 | COLM BURKE

1004. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns regarding clinical outcomes and the low proportion of patients with established cardiovascular disease in Ireland achieving LDL-C targets recommended by the European Society of Cardiology guidelines; whether the HSE has assessed the impact of current lipid-lowering treatment pathways and restricted reimbursement criteria for PCSK9 inhibitors on the clinical ability to treat high-risk patients to target; and if these reimbursement criteria will be reviewed to align with current European clinical guidelines and the EU Safe Hearts initiative.

PQ79641/26 | COLM BURKE

1005. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the decision to include familial hypercholesterolaemia among the cardiovascular risk factors screened for in GP settings as part of the GP Chronic Disease Management Programme in 2026 following her comments to the Seanad on 29th January 2026; to confirm whether this has now been implemented and is operational, and if not, the current status and expected timeline for implementation.

PQ79639/26 | COLM BURKE

1006. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE/PCRS policy on supplying and reimbursing medical gloves for people receiving care at home, including monthly quantity limits; how individual care needs, frequent glove changes, and care requiring two carers are assessed; the process and evidence required for approval of additional recurring supplies; whether she will review these arrangements to ensure adequate provision based on assessed need; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79662/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

1007. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE is discontinuing toshai blister packs or removing associated machines from pharmacies; the reasons, timeline, and consultation undertaken; whether changes will be paused pending assessment of patient safety and accessibility; the alternatives for patients unable to use standard blister packs; the supports for blister-packing costs, including for long-term illness scheme patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79661/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

1008. To ask the Minister for Health the current capacity of mother-and-baby mental health units nationally; the occupancy rates of these units; and whether additional capacity is planned.

PQ79675/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1009. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to extending routine postnatal mental health follow-up beyond the six-week postnatal check.

PQ79674/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1010. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of women who gave birth in each maternity hospital in 2025 and 2026.

PQ79673/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1011. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical psychologists, clinical nurse specialists, social workers and occupational therapists currently employed in specialist perinatal mental health teams, by HSE region.

PQ79670/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1012. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved consultant psychiatrist posts in specialist perinatal mental health services nationally; the number currently filled; the number vacant; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79669/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1013. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for an approved paediatric home care package for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will be fully implemented to provide seven nights cover; and if an assessment for meeting day-time hours criteria will be carried out.

PQ79667/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

1014. To ask the Minister for Health whether all maternity hospitals and maternity networks currently have access to a multidisciplinary specialist perinatal mental health team; and if she will provide details for each hospital.

PQ79672/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1015. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for an initial appointment with a specialist perinatal mental health service, by HSE region, for each of the past three years.

PQ79671/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

1016. To ask the Minister for Health to advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied).

PQ79512/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1017. To ask the Minister for Health whether patients granted ministerial licences outside the three conditions covered by the Medical Cannabis Access Programme can receive HSE funding to cover costs of their medicine; and whether funding is covered for persons with conditions on the long- term illness scheme.

PQ79657/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

1018. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will review the funding and remuneration model for healthcare and social work students undertaking mandatory full-time placements within public health and care settings, in light of current cost-of-living pressures and sector recruitment shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79717/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1019. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant nursing and midwifery posts in both University Hospital Galway and Portiuncula University Hospital.

PQ79705/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1020. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of bed occupancy rates in public and voluntary hospitals in Q3 2025 and Q3 2026, in tabular form.

PQ79695/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1021. To ask the Minister for Health the data sharing arrangements in place between An Garda Síochána and the HSE with regard to the operation of the health referral scheme.

PQ79721/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1022. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing and midwifery posts filled at each acute hospital and community healthcare area since January 2025 to date in 2026, broken down by whether the post was filled by a 2025/2026 Irish graduate, an internationally recruited nurse, a nurse returning from abroad or a career break, or an existing employee; the number of 2025/2026 nursing and midwifery graduates who have not yet been offered a permanent contract, by region; and the number of agency nurse shifts used at each of those sites in the same period.

PQ79689/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1023. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding, staffing resources are being considered for the administration of pre-exposure prophylaxis at University Hospital Limerick.

PQ79733/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

1024. To ask the Minister for Health the current average wait time for access to HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis at University Hospital Limerick.

PQ79732/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

1025. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently waiting on HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis in the mid-west region.

PQ79731/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

1026. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting an ENT outpatient appointment at Tullamore Hospital for 1,2,3,4 and more than 5 years in tabular form; the expected wait for new entrants onto the waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79730/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1027. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the reasons for rejecting calls from families affected by the scoliosis and spina bifida controversy for a Public Tribunal of Inquiry.

PQ79758/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1028. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74365/26, whether she will ask the HSE to include a follow up audit of non EU doctor recruitment covering the four health regions not examined in HSE Internal Audit report OPS012RGN0626 in its 2027 Internal Audit Plan; the body responsible for approving that plan; the date on which approval is scheduled; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79797/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1029. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74360/26, in which the HSE stated that detailed testing was undertaken at each of the seven hospitals examined, whether the exceptions found at each hospital were communicated to the management of that hospital or to the relevant Regional Executive Officer to allow the immediate file review required under Recommendation 2 of HSE Internal Audit report OPS012RGN0626; the date on which they were communicated; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79796/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1030. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 68922/26, in which HSE Internal Audit stated it does not hold information on whether any patient safety incidents have been linked to English language competency in the cases identified, whether the HSE will review the National Incident Management System for incidents involving the doctors whose English language competency was not evidenced on file or was below the required standard; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79794/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1031. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 68922/26, whether evidence of English language competency at the required standard is now on file for each of the 13 doctors in HSE Internal Audit report OPS012RGN0626 for whom no such evidence was found; the number for whom it remains outstanding; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79792/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1032. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 68922/26, the minimum English language competency score required by the HSE for non EU doctors; the score accepted in the case identified in HSE Internal Audit report OPS012RGN0626 as below that minimum; the grade or role of the person who accepted it; whether the doctor concerned remains employed by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79791/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1033. To ask the Minister for Health the occupancy level at the Pheonix Care Centre in Grangegorman, Dublin 7.

PQ79812/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1034. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to a situation whereby non-consultant hospital doctors are unable to take parental leave in addition to maternity leave as per their contracts (details supplied); and her views on whether this is a fair situation.

PQ79838/26 | BARRY WARD

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

1035. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can assist a person (details supplied).

PQ78731/26 | NIALL COLLINS

1036. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the proposals for a Further Education - College of the Future planned for Galway City; whether this project will be devolved to the Galway, Roscommon Education and Training Board; and the timeline for delivery of this project.

PQ78875/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1037. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of occasions on which the ILEP Committee considered allegations of non-compliance by English language education providers in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ78923/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1038. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department maintains records of inspections carried out by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and GNIB on English language education providers; and if he will provide the number of inspection reports received by his Department in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ78922/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1039. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to increase the number of undergraduate optometry training places nationally in view of Department of Health workforce projections indicating a requirement for approximately 62 new optometrists annually by 2030; the current number of places available at Technological University Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78805/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1040. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of reports that the intake to the BSc (Hons) optometry programme at Technological University Dublin was reduced for the 2026-2027 academic year due to the loss of external funding; the number of funded places available in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026; whether his Department or the Higher Education Authority has examined restoring any lost places; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78806/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1041. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether funding will be provided to ensure that the BSc (Hons) optometry programme at Technological University Dublin returns to its previous intake level for the 2027-2028 academic year; the number of places expected to be available in 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78807/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1042. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department has assessed the impact that a reduction in optometry training places in 2026 may have on demand, competition and CAO points levels for entry to optometry programmes in 2027; whether additional places will be provided to accommodate applicants who may be reapplying; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78808/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1043. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on plans to establish a BSc (Hons) in optometry at South East Technological University, Waterford; the current status of programme approval, accreditation and funding arrangements; the expected date on which the programme will commence; the anticipated number of student places in the initial intake; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ78809/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1044. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a skills certification barrier to the rapid mobilisation of international utility crews for emergency storm restoration where certain activities require a specific construction certification, which has the potential to affect any critical infrastructure operator that is required to rapidly mobilise crews from outside the State; if he is aware that ESB Networks are meeting with SOLAS to resolve this issue; and if his Department engaged with either or both parties to see if a rapid resolution can be achieved.

PQ78916/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1045. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is minded to enable Technical Universities to invest themselves in student accommodation and what obstacles stand in the way of these educational institutions building their own affordable student accommodation.

PQ78999/26 | JOHN LAHART

1046. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79017/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1047. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the statutory powers available to Quality and Qualifications Ireland in respect of private providers operating in the State that offer programmes leading to awards from non-Irish awarding bodies, including powers to require that learners are given accurate information on professional recognition and to protect learners where that information proves misleading; whether he will bring forward legislative change to close the regulatory gap.

PQ79284/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1048. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the financial supports that are available to students completing their Erasmus in the United States.

PQ79492/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1049. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is supporting the development of pilot training courses; and the measures he is taking to make such courses more accessible and affordable for students.

PQ79606/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

1050. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken to introduce financial support, paid placements, or expense allowances for social work students completing their compulsory 1,000 hours of professional placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ79716/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1051. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagements his Department had with TUD regarding their ongoing financial difficulties, as highlighted by the Comptroller and Auditor General in September 2025.

PQ79768/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1052. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to address concerns among HEI's that the significant surplus in the National Training Fund is not being used to meet higher education and research critical funding needs.

PQ79781/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1053. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if changes in visa application processes are having a negative impact on Ireland's reputation and attractiveness to international students.

PQ79788/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

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

1054. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether his Department or State agencies under its aegis have a policy regarding the use of artificial intelligence to produce artwork for social media, public information campaigns, and graphic design.

PQ79023/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1055. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén uair a fhoilseofar na caighdeáin teanga chríochnaithe; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ78978/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

1056. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a chronology of all actions taken by his Department since 2009 with a view to commencing the financial reporting provisions of the Charities Act 2009, including any consultations with the Charities Regulator.

PQ79078/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1057. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will outline the funding schemes currently available to an organisation (details supplied); and if consideration is being given to providing core funding or direct support towards the organisation's running costs.

PQ79122/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1058. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the names of external HR companies that are contracted to provide services to his Department in 2025 and to-date in 2026; and the nature of services each company provided to his Department in each of the years in question, in tabular form.

PQ79373/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1059. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of existing projects based on off-shore islands that receive funding through the Community Services Programme.

PQ79640/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY