DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 17 Samhain, 2026
Tuesday, 17th November, 2026

CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ79026/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

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PQ79597/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

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PQ80755/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

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PQ80782/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

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PQ81006/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

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PQ81116/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

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PQ66874/26 | MARTIN DALY

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PQ67767/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

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PQ79367/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ79264/26 | PAUL MURPHY

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ79098/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

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

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

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ79002/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

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

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

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

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PQ77363/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

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PQ81288/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet.
PQ81414/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ79027/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

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PQ79599/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

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PQ80710/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

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PQ80709/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

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PQ80756/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

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PQ80785/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

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PQ81000/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

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PQ81015/26 | PAUL MURPHY

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PQ81119/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ66875/26 | MARTIN DALY

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ75838/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet.
PQ78972/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ78955/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ64348/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ81207/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

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PQ81136/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

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PQ81415/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

41. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the Child Poverty and Well-Being Programme Office in his Department.
PQ80757/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

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PQ81002/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

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PQ81007/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

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PQ81017/26 | PAUL MURPHY

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PQ81110/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

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PQ81107/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

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PQ64502/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

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PQ79003/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

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PQ75972/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

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PQ81208/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

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PQ81086/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

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PQ81140/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

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

PQ81092/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

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

PQ81177/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

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

PQ80708/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

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

PQ81111/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

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

PQ66876/26 | MARTIN DALY

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

PQ65173/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

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

PQ81073/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

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

PQ81142/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

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

PQ81178/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

62. 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.

PQ81004/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

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.

PQ81021/26 | PAUL MURPHY

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PQ66610/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

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.

PQ69906/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

66. 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

67. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of the Cabinet Committee on Artificial Intelligence.

PQ79713/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

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

PQ73615/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

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

PQ73684/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

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

PQ77508/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

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

PQ75576/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

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

PQ80836/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

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

PQ78952/26 | MARK WARD

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.

PQ79453/26 | CATHAL CROWE

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PQ79452/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

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PQ79451/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

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

PQ79449/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

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PQ79448/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

79. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the work currently underway within his Department on vetting workshops, with sporting organisations and the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

PQ81398/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

80. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps he is taking to address the shortages of accessible sports pitches in north Dublin; and the measures he is taking to improve access for community clubs, particularly those without their own grounds.

PQ81586/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

81. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way he will implement the ComReg recommendation that the Government, public service media, and industry stakeholders begin contingency planning for the way in which public service content will be delivered when traditional digital terrestrial television (DTT), such as Saorview, is scaled down and switched off in the future.

PQ81402/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

82. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining applicants under the basic income for the arts scheme, who have not yet been notified following the initial tranche of 780 applicants on 15 October 2026, can expect to receive confirmation of whether their applications have been successful; and when the remaining assessment process will be completed.

PQ81307/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

83. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will explain the timeline for rolling out the basic income for the arts, including application deadlines, informing applicants of success or otherwise, conducting eligibility checks, and commencing and backdating payments; and to outline the way in which and when this timeline was decided upon.

PQ81643/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

84. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the actions being taken under the NBP to identify and address broadband blackspots in urban areas.

PQ81035/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

85. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he expects the next round of the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund to open; and whether projects currently at planning stage in Galway will be eligible to apply.

PQ81252/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

86. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he plans to introduce legislation to protect the rights of Irish musicians, songwriters and composers in the context of artificial intelligence technologies, particularly regarding the use of copyrighted music in AI training datasets without consent.

PQ81262/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

87. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the cost of hosting the EU Presidency Conference on Traditional Sports and Games 2026.

PQ81069/26 | THOMAS GOULD

88. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the organisation that will have ownership of the National Broadband Plan scheme once the national rollout has been completed; and if responsibility will lie with this organisation regarding the maintenance and any additional infrastructure required to be built as part of this network.

PQ81297/26 | COLM BURKE

89. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the assessment his Department has undertaken of sports capital projects that have not proceeded following grant approval because of construction inflation or funding shortfalls; and whether he will introduce a supplementary funding mechanism for existing approved projects at risk of non-delivery.

PQ81302/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

90. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding allocated through his Department, the Arts Council and Creative Ireland to arts and cultural projects and initiatives in West Wicklow from 2021 to 2026, inclusive; the organisations and projects that received funding; and if he recognises the importance of these projects in supporting rural communities, promoting local heritage and culture, of West Wicklow; and the measures that are being taken to ensure continued investment in arts and cultural initiatives in the area.

PQ81327/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

91. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the key outcomes arising from Ireland's participation in the 19th Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Sport; and the way in which these outcomes will inform the development of sports policy in Ireland.

PQ81244/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

92. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on the Government's engagement with other EU Member States regarding proposals to introduce an EU wide digital age of majority for access to social media platforms, particularly in respect of users under 16 years of age; and the timeline being considered for advancing such proposals at EU level.

PQ81174/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

93. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the procurement of a cell based public warning system for use during public emergencies, such as extreme weather related events.

PQ81151/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

94. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the Government's policy in relation to freedom of the press; the measures in place to safeguard freedom of the press in the context of the regulation of broadcasting and media organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81318/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

95. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the annual cost to Sport Ireland of its sponsorship of events (details supplied), for each of the last five years; and the criteria Sport Ireland uses to assess sponsorship of events of this kind against its other investment priorities, including core and high performance funding to national governing bodies.

PQ81183/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

96. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider increasing capital sports grant funding for County Kerry in view of ongoing population decline and demographic challenges in many rural communities; and the growing number of GAA clubs that are being forced to amalgamate at underage and adult levels in order to field teams.

PQ81359/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

97. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline if he or his Department have assessed the rollout of the new grant system, SPRAOI, for applications of the 2026 Community Sport Facilities Fund (CSFF) following the system rollout in September 2026.

PQ81251/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

98. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the rollout of the National Broadband Plan in County Galway; and if a schedule of the rollout will be published to give residents clarity on the timeframe for fibre broadband in their area.

PQ80827/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

99. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the supports available through his Department and bodies under its aegis, such as Sport Ireland, to support darts.

PQ81270/26 | MATT CARTHY

100. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps that Monaghan County Council should take to secure funding for a swimming pool in Carrickmacross.

PQ81271/26 | MATT CARTHY

101. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total amount paid to clubs and organisations in County Offaly to date in 2026 under Community Sport Facilities Fund formerly known as the Sports Capital Grant.

PQ81320/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

102. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which his Department plans to address issues with continuity of post office services in areas that are affected by sudden post office closures.

PQ81233/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

103. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of broadband connection points in place nationally; and whether there are plans to expand this initiative which is part of the national broadband plan scheme.

PQ81299/26 | COLM BURKE

104. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he would consider moving away from the reimbursement model for the Community Sports Facilities Fund in order to prevent clubs ending up out of pocket if contractors fail to complete works.

PQ81171/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

105. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department is considering any further funding rounds under the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund.

PQ81149/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

106. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will reconsider subsidising the proposed private winter sports arena in an area (details supplied) and instead provide additional supports for local sporting and community clubs and public infrastructure developments.

PQ81266/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

107. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures being taken to ensure that schools can access and benefit from sports facilities funding programmes in their own right.

PQ81037/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

108. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has had engagement with the GAA and Camogie Association in relation to the use of the funding of €1 million provided to them in Budget 2027.

PQ81164/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

109. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to consider a funding stream for local authorities to acquire land for sporting purposes which could be leased to sporting clubs with the most pressing needs and capacity constraints.

PQ81180/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

110. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the redevelopment of the Abbey Theatre.

PQ80837/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

111. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current approval and funding position of the proposed athletics track at Carhookeal, Mallow; the outstanding steps required before the project can proceed to tender and construction; the engagement between his Department and Cork County Council to resolve these; and whether the existing allocation is sufficient to deliver the project.

PQ81301/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

112. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline the funding supports that are being made available for local and regional media outlets considering the drop in revenue and increased the competition of digital media.

PQ81298/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

113. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline if he or his Department are anticipating a growth in applications for the 2026 Community Sport Facilities Fund (CSFF), compared to previous rounds of funding, as the latest round of grants opened for applications on Monday 19 October 2026.

PQ81255/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

114. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to justify the high cost to the State of hosting the Ryder Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81321/26 | PAUL MURPHY

115. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of premises in County Galway awaiting connection under the National Broadband Plan; the expected completion dates for outstanding areas; and the measures being taken to address delays.

PQ81253/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

116. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department is engaging or plans to engage with the development of the EU Kids Act; and if he will advocate for an end to addictive design for social media at EU level.

PQ81211/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

117. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if a school and a club can both apply for funding for projects on the school's site and on the club's site, under a joint application for the 2026 Community Sports Facilities Fund.

PQ81323/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

118. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures he is taking to deliver new public swimming pools in areas of need.

PQ80524/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

119. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which he intends to work with stakeholders to help remove the political boundary rule in athletics in Ireland.

PQ80522/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

120. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measurable progress has been made in ensuring compliance by major online platforms with Ireland's Online Safety Code since its introduction in October 2024.

PQ81135/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

121. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the new CSFF.

PQ80905/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

122. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the measures he will take to support greater levels of filming and content production outside of Dublin.

PQ80892/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

123. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on his plans to introduce a youth culture card.

PQ80890/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

124. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the actions he is taking to progress the ban on social media use by under 16s in Ireland.

PQ80543/26 | BARRY WARD

125. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount drawn down under the 2024 Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund to date; the steps being taken to accelerate project delivery and address construction cost increases; and whether he will bring forward the next funding round ahead of 2028.

PQ81165/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

126. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to previous requests, if he will support a dedicated Irish sports TV channel (details supplied).

PQ78001/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

127. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason his Department took legal action to block the public release of an economic impact report on the Ryder Cup; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81319/26 | PAUL MURPHY

128. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide his Department’s assessment of the Cork City Night-Time Economy pilot and the plans for roll out to smaller towns across Cork north-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81193/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

129. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline the budget envelope available for the latest round of the Community Sports Facilities Fund which is scheduled to close February 2027; and the timeline when clubs and organisations can expect an announcement to be made for the same round.

PQ81295/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

130. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagement his Department is having with the clubs across the country impacted by the liquidation of a company (details supplied).

PQ81162/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

131. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the specific steps being taken to improve disability inclusion and accessibility across all sports, including participation pathways, accessible facilities and targeted funding supports; the way in which these measures are being delivered and monitored at local level, including in north Dublin; and the way in which delivery is coordinated through Sport Ireland and the relevant National Governing Bodies.

PQ81173/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

132. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline his plans following the completion of the National Broadband Plan, to address broadband coverage challenges in urban areas that fall outside the National Broadband Ireland (NBI) intervention area; and whether his Department is examining targeted measures to support homes, businesses and communities in these locations that continue to experience poor or unreliable broadband services (details supplied).

PQ81256/26 | SEÁN KYNE

133. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will work in conjunction with Galway County Council to progress a publicly owned swimming pool in Loughrea.

PQ81300/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

134. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the work he is doing to address the large gap in access to swimming pools across the country.

PQ81236/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

135. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether consideration will be given to allowing an applicant under the Community Sports Facilities Fund to demonstrate the use of facilities by affiliated women and girl's clubs without requiring each club to be separately registered on SPRAOI, where a joint application would better reflect community participation and need, and increase the strength of application.

PQ81353/26 | PETER ROCHE

136. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport If they will report on the basic income for the arts scheme.

PQ81273/26 | CATHY BENNETT

137. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of times he has met with or corresponded with representatives from Coimisiún na Meán since he took office; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81282/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

138. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the support his Department is offering sports clubs affected by the liquidation of a company (details supplied).

PQ81169/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

139. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the supports that are available from his Department to local authorities across the country to develop and deliver local sports plans.

PQ81241/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

140. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on academy funding for League of Ireland clubs; and the future plans in this regards.

PQ81316/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

141. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the specific new initiatives that will be delivered under the International Sports Diplomacy Strategy 2026-2030; and the metrics that will be used to assess their success.

PQ81243/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

142. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress to date with the Golf Legacy Investment Programme; and the timeline for decisions in respect of eligible applications.

PQ81289/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

143. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department, in conjunction with ComReg and mobile network operators, will undertake or publish an updated assessment of mobile phone coverage blackspots in West Wicklow, particularly in the rural areas surrounding Blessington, Blessington Lakes Area, Baltinglass, Dunlavin, Kiltegan, Hollywood, Rathdangan, Glen of Imaal and the Wicklow mountains; and the measures that are proposed to address inadequate coverage.

PQ81326/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

144. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether the eligibility criteria and assessment process for capital funding for public swimming pool projects is currently under review; and whether any changes are being considered to support projects in areas with limited access to public swimming facilities, including in Galway.

PQ81324/26 | PETER ROCHE

145. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the remaining successful applicants will be notified under the basic income for the arts scheme; and when unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications, given the importance of forward planning in this sector.

PQ81259/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

146. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on storm resiliency in telecommunications infrastructure; the improvements that have been made to rural areas since storm Éowyn; and if contingency plans are in place for a similarly impactful storm this winter.

PQ80879/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

147. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the basic income for artists scheme; the timeline for contacting the remaining artists; the number of applicants who have accepted their places, completed the required paperwork and are due to receive payments; and when will all unsuccessful applicants be informed.

PQ80780/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

148. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the actions Coimisiún na Meán is taking to protect citizens from harmful online advertisements and algorithm abuse.

PQ81161/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

149. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the merits of increasing targeted support for independent Irish language productions for both television and online streaming; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80544/26 | BARRY WARD

150. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding allocated to League of Ireland academies in Budget 2027.

PQ81160/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

151. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport If he is planning to provide more funding for local sports clubs and sporting facilities in desperate need for additional supports.

PQ81268/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

152. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will confirm whether appeals under the basic income for the arts scheme are considered independently of the original decision-makers; the process in place to ensure fairness and transparency in the appeals mechanism; the number of appeals received and processed under the scheme to date; and whether the rate at which original decisions are overturned on appeal is being monitored.

PQ81258/26 | SEÁN KYNE

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach

153. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding the 74 commitments as set out in the Government Climate Action Plans; the status of each; and the efforts to progress any that have not yet been achieved.

PQ80784/26 | BARRY WARD

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

154. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 67785/26, if Irish representatives can raise the safety of LGBTIQ+ and feminist delegates at COP31.

PQ80634/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

155. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her Department's assessment of the risk of renewed armed conflict involving Ethiopia, including tensions with Eritrea and internal conflict, in light of its recent military acquisitions; and the contingency plans in place to protect Irish funded programmes and partners in Ethiopia should conflict escalate.

PQ80591/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

156. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the value of the arms purchase by Ethiopia from the Russian Federation announced in October 2026, if known to the Department, including any information on financing, credit or barter arrangements; and the way in which this compares with the total value of Irish bilateral assistance to Ethiopia since 2023.

PQ80590/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

157. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her Department's assessment of whether Ethiopia's purchase of military equipment from the Russian Federation is consistent with the objectives of the EU sanctions regime against Russia, which Ireland supports; and whether Ireland will raise at EU level the question of development and budget support to third countries that make major arms purchases from Russia.

PQ80589/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

158. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has made an assessment of Ethiopia's reported acquisition of 12 Su-35 fighter jets and four S-400 air defence batteries from the Russian Federation, announced in October 2026; whether this acquisition has been raised with the Ethiopian authorities at ministerial or official level; and whether it will have any bearing on the future scale or structure of Ireland's development programme in Ethiopia.

PQ80588/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

159. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the conditions, safeguards and governance requirements attached to Ireland's development assistance to Ethiopia; whether any of this funding is linked to commitments on public spending priorities, human rights or the conduct of the Ethiopian armed forces; and the mechanisms in place to ensure Irish funding does not directly or indirectly free up Ethiopian state resources for military expenditure.

PQ80587/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

160. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a breakdown of Ireland's bilateral official development assistance to Ethiopia in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, by channel of delivery, specifically the amounts provided directly to the Government of Ethiopia or its ministries and agencies, through United Nations agencies, through Irish NGOs and through international NGOs; and the amount allocated to Ethiopia for 2027.

PQ80586/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

161. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the most recent independent evaluation or audit of Ireland's country programme in Ethiopia; the date it was completed; its key findings on value for money and fiduciary risk; and whether any Irish funding to Ethiopia has been suspended, withheld or recovered in each of the years 2020 to date in 2026.

PQ80592/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

162. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the timeframe for an application by a person (details supplied) for an Irish passport based on their parents citizenship of Ireland to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80894/26 | ALAN KELLY

163. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has been informed of the commitment given by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration on 9 November 2026 to determine the visa appeals of students in Gaza by 18 November 2026; and the steps taken by her Department since that date to ensure that students granted visas can be evacuated from Gaza on 23 November 2026.

PQ80903/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

164. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of places Ireland has requested for the assisted departure (evacuation) from Gaza planned for 23 November 2026; the number of these places requested for students in Gaza with pending visa appeals whose university places remain open; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80900/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

165. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the latest date by which names must be submitted to the relevant authorities for inclusion in the assisted departure (evacuation) from Gaza on 23 November 2026; if the names of students in Gaza with pending visa appeals in Ireland have been submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80908/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

166. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the latest date by which names must be submitted to the relevant authorities for inclusion in the assisted departure (evacuation) from Gaza on 23 November 2026; and if the names of students in Gaza with pending visa appeals have not yet been submitted, to outline the reason for this.

PQ80907/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

167. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the level of engagement between her Department and the Government of Bahrain since January 2025.

PQ80949/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

168. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of places Ireland has requested for the assisted departure (evacuation) from Gaza planned for 23 November 2026; the number of these places requested for students in Gaza with pending visa appeals whose university places remain open; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80987/26 | PAUL MURPHY

169. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has been informed of the commitment given by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration on 9 November 2026 to determine the visa appeals of students in Gaza by 18 November 2026; and the steps taken by her Department since that date to ensure that students granted visas can be evacuated from Gaza on 23 November 2026.

PQ80924/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

170. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to her recent statement that her Department has facilitated nearly 400 people to exit Gaza and travel to Ireland, the number of these who travelled on long stay study visas in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025, to date in 2026, in tabular form; and the number of these who were scholars under the Ireland-Palestine Scholarship Programme.

PQ80921/26 | MARTIN KENNY

171. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the names of students in Gaza whose visa appeals the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration has committed to determine by 18 November 2026 have been submitted to the relevant authorities for permission to exit Gaza on the assisted departure (evacuation) of 23 November 2026; the number of such names submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80941/26 | IVANA BACIK

172. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the names of students in Gaza whose visa appeals the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration has committed to determine by 18 November 2026 have been submitted to the relevant authorities for permission to exit Gaza on the assisted departure (evacuation) of 23 November 2026; the number of such names submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80934/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

173. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she has considered Ireland joining the Non Aligned Movement.

PQ81065/26 | PAUL MURPHY

174. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide details of any agreement between Ireland and the USA as regards the use of Shannon airport for military aircraft or the use of Irish airspace for transit of military goods.

PQ81115/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

175. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to her recent statement that her Department has facilitated nearly 400 people to exit Gaza and travel to Ireland; the number of these who travelled on long-stay study visas in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date, in tabular form; and the number of these who were scholars under the Ireland-Palestine Scholarship Programme.

PQ81186/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

176. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Government proposed, or raised the issue of, a dedicated human rights enforcement mechanism within the EU-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement during the negotiations or at European Council level; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ81141/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

177. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if conditions for access by United Nations OHCHR, The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, or other UN agencies to the territory of West Papua was considered, or proposed by Ireland during the negotiations of the EU-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ81139/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

178. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the implementation of The Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 by Indonesia was considered, or proposed by Ireland during the negotiations of the EU-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ81138/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

179. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the latest date by which names must be submitted to the relevant authorities for inclusion in the assisted departure (evacuation) from Gaza on 23 November 2026; if the names of students in Gaza with pending visa appeals have not yet been submitted; the reason therefor; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81264/26 | THOMAS GOULD

180. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has had any engagement with the EU or Egypt in regard to the trial of a person (details supplied) on charges of spreading false information.

PQ81371/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

181. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade 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 to date in 2026; the legislative basis under which any such children have qualified for Irish citizenship; and to provide a break-down of parents nationality.

PQ81453/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

182. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the platforms, services or systems provided by her Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface (API).

PQ81602/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

183. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will implement the recommendation contained in the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice's Pre-Legislative Scrutiny Report on the general scheme of the Legacy of the Troubles Bill 2026 calling on the Government to maintain, and where necessary actively pursue, the State's inter-State case against the British Government before the European Court of Human Rights concerning legacy legislation unless outstanding concerns regarding victims' rights, accountability and compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights are comprehensively addressed.

PQ81384/26 | MATT CARTHY

184. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will implement the recommendation contained in the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice's Pre-Legislative Scrutiny Report on the general scheme of the Legacy of the Troubles Bill 2026 calling on the Government to satisfy itself that any legacy mechanisms established under British law are fully compliant with human rights obligations before implementing or expanding legislative arrangements for cooperation with such mechanisms.

PQ81383/26 | MATT CARTHY

185. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the assessments, including legal and human rights assessments, that have been carried out by her Department in drafting the general scheme of the Legacy of the Troubles Bill 2026 to determine whether the British legacy mechanisms with which the Bill provides for cooperation are compliant with the requirements of Articles 2 and 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

PQ81382/26 | MATT CARTHY

186. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will formally convey to the British Government the State's opposition to any provision in legacy legislation that would require the consent of the British Attorney General before conflict-related prosecutions may proceed, having regard to the importance of prosecutorial independence and the commitments contained in the Good Friday Agreement.

PQ81373/26 | MATT CARTHY

187. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the assessments, including legal and human rights assessments, that have been carried out by her Department in drafting the General Scheme of the Legacy of the Troubles Bill 2026, to determine whether the British legacy mechanisms with which the Bill provides for cooperation are compliant with the requirements of Articles 2 and 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

PQ81434/26 | MATT CARTHY

188. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if, in line with the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Justice, Home Affairs and Migration's Pre-Legislative Scrutiny Report on the General Scheme of the Legacy of the Troubles Bill 2026, she will engage with her British counterparts to ensure that the legacy legislation with which the General Scheme of the Legacy of the Troubles Bill 2026 provides for cooperation does not create a system that affords preferential treatment or any degree of impunity to former members of the British Armed Forces.

PQ81433/26 | MATT CARTHY

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

189. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 76911/26, which referred to a reduction in the number of meter readers available to Gas Networks Ireland since 2020 and 2021, if he will request Gas Networks Ireland to provide the number of meter readers employed or contracted in each of the years 2019 to date in 2026; the number of domestic meters that received fewer than two actual readings in 2025; and the date by which four actual readings a year will be achieved.

PQ80585/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

190. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the publication of the Climate Action Plan 2026; and the basis for its delayed publication.

PQ80787/26 | BARRY WARD

191. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the Heat (Networks and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024.

PQ80845/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

192. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether any EU directives introduced since 2010 have impacted the regulation of the storage, supply or installation of gas in domestic and commercial properties; and if so, to provide details of the relevant directives and the changes arising from their implementation.

PQ80977/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

193. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the specific preparations can be made by a constituent whose home is BER rated A and entirely dependent on electricity, in the event of a prolonged power outage, in line with the guidance set out in the "Be Winter Ready" booklet; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80915/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

194. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the criteria used to determine which Department of Social Protection payments qualify for the enhanced SEAI solar PV grant; whether household income, medical eligibility, PRSI contributions or other factors informed the selection; and whether an impact assessment was undertaken on the exclusion of invalidity pension recipients.

PQ81042/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

195. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the rationale for excluding recipients of invalidity pension from the qualifying payment list for the enhanced SEAI solar PV grant of up to €9,000, given that invalidity pension is a non-means-tested, PRSI-based payment awarded to persons permanently incapable of work due to illness or disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81039/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

196. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether he will review the eligibility criteria for the enhanced SEAI solar PV grant to include recipients of invalidity pension, given that domiciliary care allowance, which is also not means-tested, is included in the qualifying payment list; and if not, the reasons for this exclusion.

PQ81041/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

197. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of homes that received SEAI support for solar photovoltaic systems and for home battery storage, including under the warmer homes scheme, in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ81203/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

198. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment regarding the medically vulnerable solar PV scheme, the Government's expected timeframe for completing the rollout of the scheme to eligible households.

PQ81294/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

199. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment regarding medically vulnerable solar PV scheme, if consideration or priority will be given to households where a family member has significant medical needs and requires 24-hour care.

PQ81293/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

200. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment regarding the medically vulnerable solar PV scheme, the reason there is no waiting list, application tracking facility or estimated rollout timeframe for eligible households.

PQ81292/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

201. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment regarding the medically vulnerable solar PV scheme, the way in which households are selected by individual electricity suppliers; and the safeguards that are in place to ensure eligible households are not overlooked.

PQ81291/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

202. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his officials ever issued Section 14 Authorisations (Ministerial Consent for ARCs) to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) under the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959 since July 2010 for the stocking or restocking of invasive/non-native freshwater fish species into Lough Corrib Special Area of Conservation (SAC) in County Galway, considering that Section 59 authorisations under the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 do not establish a Ministerial Consent for fish stocking or restocking in Natura 2000 sites.

PQ81287/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

203. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will introduce legislation that protects wild Atlantic salmon stocks from harvesting in rivers that are not designated salmon rivers under the Technical Expert Group on Salmon (TEGOS), such as the Owenriff (Barna) River System (No. 140) in County Galway, where harvested salmon have been catalogued by both the Central Fisheries Board (CFB) and Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) over a twenty year period.

PQ81285/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

204. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he plans to introduce legislation early in 2027 to ban the use of contemporaneous live sonar technology (details supplied) for recreational angling purposes on the seven designated trout fishing lakes.

PQ81284/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

205. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department in conjunction with Inland Fisheries Ireland plan to publish amendments in January 2027 to the Conservation of Pike Bye-Law (No. 809) 2006 and the Conservation of and Prohibition on Sale of Coarse Fish Bye-Law (No. 806) 2006 with respect to Lough Corrib special area of conservation in County Galway and other Natura 2000 sites.

PQ81283/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

206. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the existing rules and regulations in relation to the use of bird scarers; the measures in place to ensure that these devices do not cause noise disturbances to nearby residents; and the options available to people experiencing noise disturbance due to use of these devices.

PQ81381/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

207. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his Department's current projections as to the levels of global warming over the next decade and the impact on Ireland.

PQ81386/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

208. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason invalidity pension is excluded from the qualifying payments for the SEAI enhanced solar PV grant; and whether he will provide a means-tested route for households in receipt of invalidity pension that do not receive fuel allowance.

PQ81458/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

209. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current status of offshore wind projects intended to contribute to the Government's target of at least 5GW of offshore wind generation by 2030; and the capacity currently under development, consented and under construction.

PQ81470/26 | JOHN LAHART

210. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment with regards to the recently announced enhanced solar PV and battery grant, if consideration would be given to a transitional arrangement for households that installed solar PV shortly before this announcement, and who would benefit from availing of this scheme, in particular if consideration would be given to an exceptional case review process and a retrospective payment or rebate to these households.

PQ81473/26 | COLM BURKE

211. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the percentage of metal waste that is recycled domestically; and the percentage that is exported for recycling.

PQ81512/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

212. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface (API).

PQ81607/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

213. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment with regard to the recently announced enhanced solar PV and battery grant, if consideration will be given to a transitional arrangement for a household (details supplied) that installed solar PV shortly before this scheme announcement, and who would benefit from availing of this scheme; and if consideration will be given to an exceptional case review process and a retrospective payment to this household.

PQ81650/26 | COLM BURKE

214. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the extent to which Ireland is dependent on critical minerals sourced from China; the level of risk assessment that has been carried out on this exposure, and the measures in place to deal with those risks.

PQ81513/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

Chun an Cosanta: To the Defence

215. To ask the Minister for Defence whether, in light of the adoption of the Irish Transitional Multicam Pattern, the wearing by civilians of commercially available multicam clothing or equipment could constitute wearing a colourable imitation of the Defence Forces uniform under section 264 of the Defence Act 1954; whether legal advice has been sought on the matter; and whether any guidance has been issued to An Garda Síochána.

PQ80541/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

216. To ask the Minister for Defence if a new recruitment campaign for motor technicians fitters within the Army will be launched before the end of 2026.

PQ80644/26 | CHARLES WARD

217. To ask the Minister for Defence If the medical expenses submitted by a serving member will be paid in full (details supplied); and the reason the accounts and sanctions office returned the paperwork without processing payment.

PQ80794/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

218. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of civil servants granted special leave under Circular 51/1979 for training with the Reserve Defence Force in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and, if a, distinct leave type is recorded for such leave in the civil service HR system.

PQ81055/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

219. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of 'Be Emergency Ready' booklets that were returned, undelivered; the number of households that received the booklet; if her Department maintains data on the numbers of delivered booklets and undelivered booklets; the number of queries received by persons who did not receive a booklet; the procedure in place where such a query is received; the number of hard copies delivered to Public Participation Networks, public counters, and libraries; the number of hard copies out for delivery to the same cohorts; and the overall strategy in place to ensure distribution of the brochure.

PQ81159/26 | IVANA BACIK

220. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the policy or criteria for a member of the air corps to obtain a meritorious promotion, specifically from corporal to sergeant; the appeal process for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81412/26 | MARK WARD

221. To ask the Minister for Defence whether a member of the Reserve Defence Forces who has no dental record, or an incomplete dental record, is classified as dental fitness class 4 under paragraph 304 of administrative instruction A12; whether a member in dental fitness class 4 can be certified "dentally fit" under paragraph 303 of that instruction, which defines dental fitness as fitness "to carry out all military duties without loss of time or effectiveness being attributable to dental causes", including for the purposes of overseas deployment; and the number of effective members of the Reserve Defence Forces.

PQ81352/26 | PAUL MURPHY

222. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of expressions of interest or Routine Order advertisements issued to members of the Reserve Defence Force for vacant appointments at Defence Forces Headquarters, Brigade Headquarters, Naval Service Headquarters and the Defence Forces Training Centre schools in each of the years 2016 to 2025; and the date on which the most recent such expression of interest or advertisement was issued.

PQ81340/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

223. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Reserve Defence Force appointments currently vacant at Defence Forces Headquarters, 1 Brigade Headquarters, 2 Brigade Headquarters, Naval Service Headquarters and the Defence Forces Training Centre schools.

PQ81339/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

224. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of senior officers placed on 24-hour duty for maritime patrols, counter-UAS ops, engineer searches and security tasks during the EU presidency event in Ireland; and the number of these officers which were paid for 24-hour duty.

PQ81570/26 | MARK WALL

225. To ask the Minister for Defence the platforms, services or systems provided by her Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface (API).

PQ81608/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

226. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on talks with her Ukrainian counterpart on a memorandum of understanding relating to access to Ukrainian drone technology; and whether any such technology will include autonomous weapons systems currently in use by Ukraine.

PQ81632/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

227. To ask the Minister for Defence whether Ireland's military neutrality has been considered in light of talks to co-produce drones which may be used as offensive weapons in Ukraine.

PQ81653/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

228. To ask the Minister for Defence whether Ireland is considering co-production of drones with Ukraine; and whether such co-production would explicitly prohibit offensive use of said drones.

PQ81648/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

229. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department has ensured that any joint procurement or memorandum of understanding with other European countries explicitly excludes autonomous weapons, including decision support systems.

PQ81642/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

230. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department will be participating in joint procurement with other European countries under the SAFE regulation, and whether any such procurement will be with countries who do not prohibit the use cluster munitions.

PQ81641/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

231. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department has a policy surrounding the procurement or use of autonomous weapons systems, including decision support systems.

PQ81635/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

232. To ask the Minister for Defence the date on which the Reserve Defence Force Battalion sergeant major appointment at the Defence Forces training centre was last filled; the date on which a vacancy for this appointment was last advertised in routine orders; the date on which a Senior Non-Commissioned Officers Course (Army Reserve) was last conducted; and the number of serving reservists who currently hold that qualification.

PQ81279/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

233. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason that employment after working in the Defence Forces, for those in receipt of an Army pension, is limited as to the annual income they can earn in said employment, and therefore, also the hours they can work; the reason this rule is in place; if this earnings rule will be examined for those in receipt of an Army pension, given it only impacts employment in the public sector and not the private sector; and the rationale for this.

PQ81168/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

Chun an Iompair: To the Transport

234. To ask the Minister for Transport whether bus connections and park and ride facilities linking the proposed Blarney/Stoneview station with Blarney Business Park, Tower and Kerry Pike are being planned; if these will be in place when the station opens; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80558/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

235. To ask the Minister for Transport the key delivery milestones, with target dates, for the proposed Blarney/Stoneview station between now and its target opening in 2029; the way in which progress against those milestones will be reported to the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80557/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

236. To ask the Minister for Transport further to the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund allocation announced on 5 November 2026, the expected date on which Iarnród Éireann will apply to An Coimisiún Pleanála for a Railway Order for the proposed Blarney/Stoneview station; whether the Preliminary Business Case (Gate 1) for the station has been submitted and approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80555/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

237. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the correspondence; if he will address the concerns raised regarding eligibility for the rural transport support scheme; and if the application will be considered given the circumstances.

PQ80658/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

238. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to alter the current ten-year maximum permissible age limit for standard SPSV taxis and hackneys; whether consideration is being given to extending or reducing that limit as part of proposed decarbonisation measures (details supplied); if he will outline any policy changes under consideration by his Department or the National Transport Authority and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80669/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

239. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 76566/26, the number of disabled persons parking permits issued in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of applications refused in each year; the date on which the current review of the disabled parking scheme commenced; and whether the submissions received from the stakeholders consulted will be published.

PQ80579/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

240. To ask the Minister for Transport if, given the delay in progress of the Dublin Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill 2026 and the unnecessary impacts this is having, he will consider Cork City Council progressing the sustainable transport corridors (STCs) of BusConnects Cork directly, noting that the proposed STCs are wholly within the functional area of Cork City Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80673/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

241. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of parliamentary questions received by his Department to date in 2026; and the total number of parliamentary questions referred to an agency under his department for reply to date in 2026.

PQ80672/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

242. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 78009/26, which did not address the matter, whether a scrappage incentive for taxi operators whose vehicles reach their maximum permissible age is being considered as part of the design of the 2027 electric small public service vehicle grant scheme; the date by which the allocation and design of the 2027 scheme will be finalised; the date on which operators will be informed of the grant amounts and application dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80735/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

243. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 78009/26, which did not address the matter, whether a scrappage incentive for taxi operators whose vehicles reach their maximum permissible age is being considered as part of the design of the 2027 electric small public service vehicle grant scheme; the date by which the allocation and design of the 2027 scheme will be finalised; and the date on which operators will be informed of the grant amounts and application dates.

PQ80734/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

244. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 70228/26, when the Bus Éireann review of morning peak bus journeys serving Whitechurch, County Cork, will be completed; when any revised timetable arising from the review would take effect; and the number and percentage of scheduled morning peak journeys serving Whitechurch that ran late or were cancelled in each of the past three months, specifying the threshold used to define a late service.

PQ80745/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

245. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has examined, or intends to examine, the operation of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019, in view of the finding in Commission Decision (EU) 2026/836 that the operating restrictions at Dublin Airport do not fully follow

the process set out in Regulation (EU) No 598/2014; and whether the review under section 3(9) of that Act, under the contract his Department signed on 22 April 2026, has been asked to consider the decision.

PQ80718/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

246. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Commission Decision (EU) 2026/836 of 10 February 2026, which is addressed to Ireland and requires Ireland to inform the European Commission of its intentions before introducing the operating restrictions at Dublin Airport, whether his Department has been told that the European Commission has been so informed; if so, the date; whether he or his Department has asked An Coimisiún Pleanála or Fingal County Council, since 10 February 2026, when the European Commission will be so informed; and the dates of any such correspondence.

PQ80714/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

247. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has examined, or intends to examine, the operation of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019, under which the competent authority's regulatory decision and the appeal against it to An Coimisiún Pleanála were made, in light of the finding in Commission Decision (EU) 2026/836 that the operating restrictions at Dublin Airport do not fully follow the process set out in Regulation (EU) No 598/2014; and whether he intends to propose amendments to that Act.

PQ80715/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

248. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 396, of 3 November 2026, and to his statement in Seanad Éireann on 8 July 2026 that "We will get this legislation through and then the final decision will be made", the Dublin Airport (Passenger Capacity) Act 2026 having been enacted on 16 July 2026, he will identify the final decision regarding the North Runway Relevant Action to which he referred; the body that will make it; and the statutory provision under which it will be made; whether that decision has now been made; and, if not, the date by which he expects it to be made.

PQ80713/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

249. To ask the Minister for Transport further to his commitment to Dáil Éireann on 23 June 2026 (details supplied), the date on which it was decided that the assessment should await that decision; the person or office that proposed it; if he approved it before that correspondence issued; whether DAA or any other party advised him or his Department, before 3 July 2026, that any review or assessment of flight paths at Dublin Airport should await a final decision on the North Runway Relevant Action; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80712/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

250. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed Eastern bypass luas project; and the expected timeline for delivery.

PQ80697/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

251. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing an automatic toll payment system for the M50, linked directly to vehicle registration and a nominated payment method, to eliminate the need for motorists to make separate eFlow payments; the measures in place to prevent motorists being charged twice or incorrectly; and whether he will examine improvements to the current system to make toll payments simpler and more transparent.

PQ80791/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

252. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of road safety concerns at Garrynadur, between Banogue and Lispole, County Kerry, following road realignment works; and if funding or supports are available to Kerry County Council to provide traffic calming measures, gateway treatments and pedestrian safety improvements where residents report persistent speeding.

PQ80818/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

253. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Kerry County Council regarding road safety concerns raised by residents in Garrynadur, Lispole, where it is alleged that the road realignment has resulted in increased vehicle speeds and created difficulties for older residents accessing local amenities and safely crossing the road.

PQ80816/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

254. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken by the National Transport Authority to ensure that public transport fares on regional commuter routes remain affordable; whether any assessment has been undertaken comparing the cost of travelling by bus with the cost of travelling by private car on routes such as Macroom to Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80821/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

255. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason those who are over 65 and avail of the free travel scheme, face a charge to book a ticket on the Bus Éireann website, which defeats the purpose of the scheme.

PQ80839/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

256. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons for the increased waiting time to take a category C driving test at a driving centre (details supplied); if he is aware drivers from the local fire service are waiting testing for many months; and the measures being taken to reduce the waiting time.

PQ80888/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

257. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for digital driver licenses to be delivered; if this will be delivered before the EU directive timeline; and if similar systems in other EU countries have been reviewed by his Department.

PQ80966/26 | MARK WARD

258. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there is a delay in converting an Australian licence to an Irish license (details supplied).

PQ80964/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

259. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of delivering the new drivers test centre in the South Dublin area; if a location has been selected; the reason the previous location fell through; and to provide a timeline of when this will be delivered.

PQ80962/26 | MARK WARD

260. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of routes operating as part of TFI Local Link services for each of the past three years, in tabular form.

PQ80929/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

261. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passenger journeys that were taken on TFI Local Link services, broken down by region, for each of the past three years, in tabular form.

PQ80928/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

262. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the pension arrangements under Sections 40 and 41 of the Harbours Act 1995 for former Shannon Estuary Ports Company workers; if he will examine whether the original legislative intent to move workers from 'pay-as-you-go' schemes to secure Defined Benefit funds was properly fulfilled; if he will appoint an independent broker to look into this historical disparity; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80980/26 | CATHAL CROWE

263. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has examined the implementation and operation of digital driving licence systems in other EU Member States, including Spain; the lessons, recommendations or best practices identified through such examination; and the way in which these have informed Ireland’s approach to the development of a mobile (digital) driving licence.

PQ81013/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

264. To ask the Minister for Transport the key milestones, project governance structures and resource allocations currently in place for the delivery of a mobile (digital) driving licence; the bodies and officials responsible for overseeing delivery of the project; and the mechanisms in place to monitor progress.

PQ81012/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

265. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has set any target date for the introduction of a mobile (digital) driving licence in Ireland earlier than January 2031; if so, the target date and the measures being taken to achieve it; and if not, the reasons for adopting January 2031 as the implementation target.

PQ81010/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

266. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses operating as part of TFI local link services are battery electric or zero-emission vehicles, for each of the past three years, in tabular form.

PQ80933/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

267. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses operating as part of TFI local link services that are fully accessible buses.

PQ80932/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

268. To ask the Minister for Transport the net annual cost to the Exchequer of the national bus shelter contract in each year since its award, after the portion funded by advertising revenue, and the annual value of that advertising revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81214/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

269. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the national bus shelter contract gives the National Transport Authority open book, audit or price review rights over the contractor's maintenance costs; whether any such rights have been exercised; and whether any value for money review of the contract has been carried out since its award; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81213/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

270. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 65451/26 of 16 September 2026, the way in which the National Transport Authority monitors maintenance and repair costs for the national bus shelter portfolio, as stated in his reply, given that the Authority has also stated it does not have access to full cost information regarding vandalism repairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81212/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

271. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 65451/26 of 16 September 2026, and the reply from the National Transport Authority to the specific data the bus shelter contractor is required to report to the Authority in respect of vandalism incidents, repair response times and repair costs, the frequency of such reporting; the number of vandalism incidents recorded nationally and in Cork in each year of the contract to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81210/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

272. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 65451/26 of 16 September 2026, the date on which the national bus shelter contract was awarded; its duration and expiry date; the number of compliant tenders received in the competition; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81209/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

273. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department holds any assessment of the effect on residential property values in Malahide, Portmarnock, Kinsealy and Drinan of the use of the north runway's published easterly departure routes at Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ81191/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

274. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department, in its policy work on the growth of Dublin Airport to 40 million passengers a year and beyond, has assessed the year in which both runways will need to be used for departures at the same time during easterly operations in the busiest hours of the day; if so, the year projected; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81190/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

275. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department holds any assessment of the number of departures a day that would pass over or near a school (details supplied) if the north runway at Dublin Airport were used for easterly departures at the same time as the south runway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81189/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

276. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department holds any assessment of the number of people living in Malahide, Portmarnock, Kinsealy and Drinan under the published easterly departure routes from the north runway at Dublin Airport, routes which are not in regular use at present; if so, the number of people and the date of the assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81188/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

277. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans, if any, he has to reform the TaxSaver commuter ticket scheme in light of the significant increase in hybrid and remote working; and whether an assessment has been undertaken of the suitability of the current monthly and annual ticket structures for commuters who travel on a part-time basis.

PQ81089/26 | MARTIN DALY

278. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid in respect of traffic guarantees to the operators of the Limerick tunnel in each of the years 2010 to 2026 to date.

PQ81187/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

279. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify the position regarding the recognition of Ukrainian driving licences held by beneficiaries of temporary protection after the expiry of the Temporary Protection Directive in March 2027; whether consideration is being given to extending the current arrangements to allow Ukrainian licence holders to continue driving in Ireland.

PQ81265/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

280. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the way in which any future increases in the CIÉ pension can be negotiated; and if consideration has been given to link any increases to inflation.

PQ81133/26 | MARK WARD

281. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to develop a successor to the ICE2EV pilot scrappage scheme.

PQ81158/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

282. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given by the National Transport Authority or Iarnród Éireann to extending DART services beyond Hazelhatch and Celbridge to Kildare Town, including through the use of battery-electric train technology.

PQ81153/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

283. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the planned extension to the Coastguard Station at Arklow, County Wicklow; the reason for ongoing delays; and if he would consider delegating its construction to the local coastguard to ensure it gets built.

PQ81144/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

284. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received an assessment from the National Transport Authority or Iarnród Éireann of the impact of DART+ South West on rail services serving Kildare town, Newbridge and Sallins/Naas stations; and the projected number of peak-time direct services to and from Dublin that will operate from each station following the implementation of DART+ South West.

PQ81152/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

285. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on restricting or prohibiting the sale and advertising, including through online platforms, of conversion kits and devices designed to increase the speed or power of e-bikes and e-scooters beyond the statutory limits applicable to those vehicle categories; whether his Department has examined the legislative options available to introduce such restrictions, having regard to road safety concerns and relevant EU requirements; and whether he intends to bring forward any such proposals.

PQ81269/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

286. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to address the overcrowding being experienced by commuters on morning rail services from Kildare town and other Kildare commuter stations into Heuston; the measures being taken by Iarnród Éireann to increase capacity on these services; and if additional carriages or services are planned for the Kildare commuter line given ongoing population growth and housing developments in towns such as Kildare, Newbridge and Monasterevin.

PQ81172/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

287. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of the agreement entered into for the use of the former parochial house at Riverchapel, County Wexford as a coastguard station; and the length of the lease or licence agreed.

PQ81146/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

288. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the eligibility criteria for the disabled parking permit scheme in respect of group permits for disability service providers; if he is aware of concerns that the current requirement for vehicles to be permanently adapted, including through the installation of wheelchair hoists, excludes many disability day services that transport people with significant mobility difficulties; and if he will consider introducing an alternative permit category for services transporting persons with disabilities who have genuine mobility needs.

PQ81366/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

289. To ask the Minister for Transport if an appeal in respect of road transporters support scheme application (details supplied) has been received; whether the appeal is in order; when a decision is likely to issue; and if successful, when payment will issue.

PQ81392/26 | MATT CARTHY

290. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the inability of a learner driver to renew their learner permit due to delays in obtaining a driving test date from the Road Safety Authority; the person concerned

applied for a driving test prior to the introduction of revised learner permit renewal requirements but, due to testing backlogs, has not yet been allocated a test date; and whether arrangements can be made in such cases to allow for the renewal of learner permits where applicants are awaiting a driving test through no fault of their own.

PQ81404/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

291. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Working Group on UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) Geographical Zones has been established; the membership by name and organisation, in tabular form; and to provide contact details for those who wish to engage with the group.

PQ81349/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

292. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 73013/26, the number of applications for the road transporters support scheme received; the number and percentage therein which were approved for payment; the number and percentage for which payment has issued; the number of appeals that have been received; and his plans to have figures collated on a per county basis.

PQ81438/26 | MATT CARTHY

293. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has made efforts to engage with private toll companies to renegotiate the current motorway toll contracts.

PQ81345/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

294. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which the RTSS second payment will be paid.

PQ81450/26 | RICHARD O'DONOGHUE

295. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will provide details of planned regulation restrictions with regard to the use of e-scooters; if his Department will examine the possibility of insurance and tax on e-scooters; the progress made on ensuring e-scooters carry a number plate; and if an e-scooter is found to be non-compliant in terms of capacity and speed whether it can be destroyed.

PQ81454/26 | ROBERT TROY

296. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration can be given to reviewing the RSA's administrative cut-off date of 2013 for the removal of code 78 automatic transmission restrictions from driving licences; and whether this provision could be extended retrospectively to drivers who passed their tests before 2013.

PQ81459/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

297. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration could be given to alternative pathways for experienced Category B licence holders, particularly older drivers with longstanding towing experience, to obtain Category BE entitlement, including recognition of prior experience or transitional arrangements, while maintaining appropriate road safety standards.

PQ81460/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

298. To ask the Minister for Transport whether holders of an Article 60 licence for the provision of school transport are permitted to use bus lanes during school runs.

PQ81574/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

299. To ask the Minister for Transport whether funding has been sought or provided for pedestrian safety measures in the vicinity of a school (details supplied) including footpaths, pedestrian crossings, improved signage and safe pedestrian access to the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81542/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

300. To ask the Minister for Transport whether a school (details supplied) has been considered for inclusion in the Safe Routes to School Programme; if an application has been received, the outcome; and whether further funding is available to address pedestrian and cycling safety concerns at the school.

PQ81549/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

301. To ask the Minister for Transport whether Cork County Council has applied to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for funding to deliver road safety improvements at a school (details supplied); the amount requested; the measures proposed; the date of any application; and whether funding has been approved or refused.

PQ81548/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

302. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration has been given to introducing additional traffic management or speed reduction measures on the N25 in the vicinity of a school (details supplied) to improve safety for pupils, parents and staff accessing the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81541/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

303. To ask the Minister for Transport the authority that has responsibility for assessing and addressing road safety concerns relating to access and egress at a school (details supplied) where the school entrance is directly off the N25; whether this responsibility rests with Transport Infrastructure Ireland or Cork County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81540/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

304. To ask the Minister for Transport the most recent daily traffic volumes recorded on the N25 in the vicinity of a school (details supplied); the proportion comprising heavy goods vehicles; whether traffic speed surveys have been conducted at school opening and closing times; and whether the findings have informed any road safety measures.

PQ81547/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

305. To ask the Minister for Transport if a road safety audit or assessment has been undertaken at the entrance and access points to a school (details supplied) given its location directly off the N25; when any such assessment was conducted; the findings and recommendations arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81539/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

306. To ask the Minister for Transport whether an assessment has been carried out of the adequacy and safety of footpaths in the vicinity of a school (details supplied) on the N25, having regard to the proximity of pedestrians to passing heavy goods vehicles and other traffic; whether improvements have been proposed; and if funding has been made available.

PQ81546/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

307. To ask the Minister for Transport whether Cork County Council has submitted a proposal to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for a pedestrian crossing, including a raised crossing or beacon-controlled crossing, on the N25 in the vicinity of a school (details supplied); if so, the date of submission and the outcome; if no, the proposal that has been submitted; and whether one is planned.

PQ81545/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

308. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the periodic 30km/h speed limit provided for in Cork County Council's national roads speed-limit schedule in the vicinity of a school (details supplied) is operational; the dates and times during which it applies; whether the required signage is in place; and whether compliance and enforcement have been assessed.

PQ81544/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

309. To ask the Minister for Transport the licensing and other regulatory requirements that apply to a not-for-profit company seeking to operate or commission a scheduled shuttle linking an area with nearby public transport hubs and business and residential areas; the way in which those requirements vary depending on whether the service is restricted to employees or open to the public; whether passengers pay a fare or the service is funded by participating businesses; whether the company operates the service directly or contracts a bus operator; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81527/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

310. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that is available or planned for walking and cycling infrastructure including links to nearby public transport stops, residential areas and secure cycle parking in the Sandyford area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81525/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

311. To ask the Minister for Transport the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface (API).

PQ81609/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

312. To ask the Minister for Transport when the remainder of the new Limerick to Foynes will be tendered and proceed to construction.

PQ81646/26 | NIALL COLLINS

Chun an Airgeadais: To the Finance

313. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance If a person whose wife is in long term care in a nursing home is entitled to an increase in their married tax credit of €36,000 to reflect the long term care.

PQ80655/26 | MARK WALL

314. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 77956/26, which stated that the Department has not commissioned, completed or published any analysis of the net fiscal impact of specific migrant groups, whether the Department will commission such analysis from the ESRI, the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council or another body; and the timeline for developing the approach referred to in that reply.

PQ80583/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

315. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the progress of the work announced in point 41 of the "Shared Prosperity, Shared Seas, Shared Ties" joint statement made the during the 'UK Ireland Summit' in Cork in March 2026; if there will be a decision this year, as stated, to address concerns arising from hybrid cross-border working and to consider other aspects of the double taxation convention.

PQ80605/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

316. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review the proposed increases in carbon tax applicable to heating LPG and consider extending to heating LPG the same carbon tax treatment being applied to kerosene and natural gas under Budget 2027 measures.

PQ80692/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

317. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has assessed the potential impact of the planned increases in carbon tax on heating LPG on manufacturing businesses, rural enterprises, competitiveness and employment; and whether any sector-specific analysis has been undertaken.

PQ80691/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

318. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for excluding heating LPG from the carbon tax measures announced in Budget 2027 under which the carbon tax applicable to kerosene and natural gas is to remain at €48.50 per tonne of CO_2 until 2030.

PQ80690/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

319. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the need for a cross-sectoral national body with responsibility for adult safeguarding in relation to matters pertaining to his Department, in particular, the representations his Department has made to the Departments of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and the Department of Health regarding vulnerable adults and the potential for financial abuse in banking.

PQ80687/26 | IVANA BACIK

320. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason for the delay in a company (details supplied) receiving their R&D tax credit claim.

PQ80828/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

321. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the implementation of the Action Plan for Insurance Reform, specifically the actions regarding flood insurance.

PQ80846/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

322. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason nail salons and the beauty industry are not eligible for the 9% VAT rate while hairdressers are.

PQ80834/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

323. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Revenue Commissioners have procedures in place to facilitate homeowners who are unable to register a residential property for local property tax due to the absence of an Eircode; the alternative arrangements available to such homeowners to register their property and discharge their tax liability; and whether the Revenue Commissioners will ensure that no homeowner incurs interest, penalties or enforcement action arising from delays outside their control.

PQ80856/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

324. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether homeowners whose properties have not been allocated an Eircode will be able to complete their 2027 local property tax returns and make the required payments within the statutory deadlines; the alternative arrangements that are available where the Revenue online system requires an Eircode; the penalties, interest or enforcement measures that may be imposed on homeowners who are unable to comply due to the absence of an Eircode; and if he will confirm that no such homeowner will be penalised for circumstances outside their control.

PQ80857/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

325. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total number of landowners currently liable for Residential Zoned Land Tax; the number of those landowners who were notified by post that their lands had been included on Residential Zoned Land Tax maps prior to the tax becoming payable; and the number that were notified by electronic means only.

PQ80870/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

326. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures in place to ensure that landowners are made directly aware when lands in their ownership are included on Residential Zoned Land Tax maps; whether individual notifications are issued by post to affected landowners; and if not, the reason for same.

PQ80868/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

327. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for applying Residential Zoned Land Tax to landowners who can demonstrate that they have been actively seeking to sell or develop residentially zoned land; whether he accepts that such circumstances may be at odds with the policy objective of the tax, namely encouraging the activation and development of serviced residential land and discouraging land from being withheld from development; and whether consideration has been given to providing reliefs, exemptions or waivers where a landowner can demonstrate sustained efforts to bring land forward for housing delivery.

PQ80864/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

328. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if Ireland remains one of the few countries that does not operate a withholding or retention tax regime on payments to non-resident visiting artistes and performers; the estimated amount of tax foregone annually as a result; and if his Department has examined the introduction of such a scheme in recent years.

PQ80862/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

329. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline the work of his Department identifying the specific job roles that are likely to be created by artificial intelligence; and which specific job roles are at risk.

PQ80913/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

330. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if funding will be provided for an additional high energy X-ray gantry system for the Revenue Commissioners in 2027.

PQ80953/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

331. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the value of illicit cigarettes confiscated in Ireland over each of the past five years and to date in 2026; and to outline the measures taken to combat illicit cigarettes.

PQ81403/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

332. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will seek assurances from the Revenue Commissioners that the employment-status assessments provided for, in Revenue Tax and Duty Manual 04-01-19, as amended by Revenue eBrief No. 103/25 have been carried out in respect of An Post postmasters and the Department of Social Protection social welfare branch managers; and whether such assessments are required to be documented and published.

PQ81455/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

333. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures being taken by the Government to address the high mortgage interest rates being charged to homeowners whose residential mortgages are held by non-bank lenders (details supplied), particularly those borrowers whose mortgages were transferred from traditional banks and who may have limited options to switch providers.

PQ81506/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

334. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason the Central Bank has not exercised its discretion under S.I. No. 6/2018-European Union (Payment Services) Regulations 2018 to establish a simplified registration regime for small payment institutions as exists in the United Kingdom.

PQ81594/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

335. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface (API).

PQ81611/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

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

336. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question Nos 77994/26 and 72855/26, (details supplied) the reason that figure differs from the gross internal floor area of 4,508.93 square metres and the net floor area of 4,227.50 square metres, provided by the OPW, set out in the reply to PQ72855/26; which floor area will be used to measure the energy performance of the retrofit; whether a post-retrofit Display Energy Certificate has been issued; and, if so, the rating.

PQ80584/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

337. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 78541/26, to identify each of the governance, accountability and ethics arrangements under which a complaint by a civil servant against a Minister or Minister of State would be considered; whether any written procedure exists setting out to whom such a complaint should be made and who is responsible for investigating it; and whether that procedure has been communicated to civil servants.

PQ80731/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

338. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 78542/26, the way in which his Department monitors the implementation of Dignity at Work, Circular 12/2026, across the Civil Service in the absence of central statistics on formal complaints; and whether the Minister will request each Department and office to provide aggregated annual returns of the records they are required to keep under paragraph 56 of the circular, with no information that could identify any individual.

PQ80733/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 78541/26, which did not address the matter, whether the question of complaints by civil servants against office holders was considered at any stage during the development of Dignity at Work, Circular 12/2026; if so, the reason no provision was made for such complaints; and if he will consider issuing guidance or amending the circular to set out the procedure that applies.

PQ80732/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

340. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 78541/26, which did not address the matter, whether the question of complaints by civil servants against office holders was considered at any stage during the development of Dignity at Work, Circular 12/2026; if so, the reason no provision was made for such complaints; whether he will consider issuing guidance or amending the Circular to set out the procedure that applies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80728/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 78541/26, to identify each of the governance, accountability and ethics arrangements under which a complaint by a civil servant against a Minister or Minister of State would be considered; whether any written procedure exists setting out to whom such a complaint should be made; the person or body that is responsible for investigating it; whether that procedure has been communicated to civil servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80727/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 274 of 23 June 2026, the way in which individual contracting authorities, accounting officers and awarding bodies are themselves accountable; and if there is an independent auditor or regulator to ensure the integrity of tenders and tender processes.

PQ80779/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide an update on the review of the motor travel rates applicable to HSE home support staff who use their privately owned vehicles in the course of their duties; and if consideration is being given to the increased costs associated with fuel, vehicle maintenance, insurance and depreciation since the rates were last revised in September 2022.

PQ80716/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the OPW has responsibility for a location (details supplied).

PQ80826/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to verify if a property (details supplied) has been vested in the State.

PQ80850/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reviews that have been undertaking to analyse whether productivity agreed in previous public sector pay talks have been achieved.

PQ80996/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

347. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list the vacant State-owned properties managed by the OPW in Cork city and county, identifying each property's location, vacancy date, annual security and maintenance expenditure in 2025 and 2026 to date, intended future use and timetable for reuse or disposal, in tabular form.

PQ81308/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

348. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to his confirmation that he has been engaging with the Departments of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the future funding of Limerick's CCTV monitoring service, whether it has been determined which Department will have responsibility for funding the ongoing operation, staffing and maintenance of the service; and when a decision on departmental responsibility is expected.

PQ81501/26 | GARY GANNON

349. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the platforms, services or systems provided by hid Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface (API).

PQ81613/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

350. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Government intends to maintain full pension parity for retired members of the Defence Forces under the new public service pay agreement; whether increases in the basic pay of serving defence force personnel will be reflected in the pensions of eligible retired personnel, including former enlisted personnel and on-commissioned officers; and whether any such adjustments will be applied retrospectively from the effective dates of the corresponding pay increases.

PQ81425/26 | MARK WALL

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

351. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether Enterprise Ireland has any role in approving, overseeing or supporting the recruitment of senior management personnel within local enterprise offices; whether there are any requirements or expected timeframes for local authorities to fill vacancies in these positions; and whether any intervention is available where prolonged vacancies risk affecting service delivery.

PQ80635/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

352. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the funding arrangements between his Department, Enterprise Ireland and local authorities for the operation of local enterprise offices, including the funding of senior management and administrative positions; to clarify which organisation is responsible for meeting the salary costs associated with the head and assistant head positions; and whether funding allocated for vacant positions remains available to the relevant local authority.

PQ80668/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

353. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the oversight and accountability arrangements governing the operation of local enterprise offices within local authorities; whether Enterprise Ireland monitors staffing levels, management capacity and service delivery against agreed annual targets and service-level agreements; and what mechanisms are available to address concerns where a local enterprise office experiences prolonged vacancies in key management positions.

PQ80666/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

354. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide the latest available figures for local enterprise office Kerry in respect of the number of businesses supported, mentoring engagements, training programmes delivered, grant applications processed, financial assistance approved and jobs created and supported in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and whether these figures indicate any reduction in service delivery or performance during 2026.

PQ80665/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

355. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the arrangements required to ensure continuity of management and service delivery where senior management positions within a local enterprise office become vacant; and whether temporary appointments, secondments or regional support arrangements can be facilitated through Enterprise Ireland.

PQ80664/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

356. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the Local Enterprise Office Policy Statement 2024–2030 includes minimum staffing requirements, management structures or service delivery standards for individual local enterprise offices; whether all 31 offices are required to maintain a designated head of local enterprise office and assistant head of local enterprise office; and the measures in place to ensure consistent service delivery across all local authority areas.

PQ80663/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

357. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 75754/26, which showed complaints to the Workplace Relations Commission under the Protected Disclosures Acts rising from 136 in 2024 to 474 in 2025 and 481 in 2026 to 30 October, whether the Workplace Relations Commission has examined the reasons for this increase; the number of complainants in each year; the outcome of all such complaints in each year, including the number withdrawn, settled, upheld and not upheld; and the number in which the respondent was a public body, in tabular form.

PQ80576/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

358. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding plans to put in place a State aid scheme for temporary electricity price relief for energy-intensive companies with the €300 million approved by the commission.

PQ80711/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

359. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in the context of the statement by the CCPC on 13 October 2026, in respect of mandatory merger notifications, the necessary legislative changes that are to be made to give effect to this change.

PQ80689/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

360. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason for the delay addressing works that need to be carried out at a facility (details supplied); and when the unit will be transferred from Failte Ireland to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the marine

PQ80830/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

361. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he plans to review or update the provisions of the Casual Trading Act 1995.

PQ80954/26 | CATHAL CROWE

362. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE staff by job title and gender working in Enterprise Ireland offices in San Francisco, Mumbai and Beijing, in tabular form.

PQ80939/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

363. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to confirm if all staff based in IDA Ireland offices in Seoul are fluent speaking in both English and Korean.

PQ80925/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

364. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of the uncertainty facing employees of a company in Ireland (details supplied) following the appointment of administrators to a parent company in the UK; if he is aware of reports of a private meeting in the House of Commons regarding the company's future; the engagement his Department has had with the company and administrators; and the safeguards in place to ensure Irish employees receive their wages and all statutory redundancy and employment entitlements in the event of job losses or store closures.

PQ80995/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

365. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the date on which he held meetings with companies (detail supplied) or their representatives about the EU Cloud and AI Development Act.

PQ81045/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

366. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will publish the full report sent to the European Commission in July 2026 in respect of his Department's review of exports to Russia from Aughinish Alumina.

PQ80931/26 | IVANA BACIK

367. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of safety alerts, recalls or withdrawals issued by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission since 2022 concerning solar photovoltaic connectors, isolators, inverters or home battery storage systems; and the market surveillance checks carried out on such products sold online into Ireland.

PQ81206/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

368. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given the European Court of Justice’s ruling on 22 October 2026, if he will require short-term letting owners to declare planning compliance under Section 27C when EU Regulation 2024/1028 distinguishes registration from planning authorisation; and if these restrictions meet the proportionality requirements reinforced by a company (details supplied).

PQ81354/26 | EAMON SCANLON

369. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the employment permits online system will be operational again for work permit applications; and if there will be clear extended timeline accommodations for affected workers.

PQ81350/26 | MARTIN KENNY

370. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department can advise of any routes to challenge a decision made through an industry complaints procedure (details supplied); and whether his Department is reviewing the effectiveness of industry complaints procedures.

PQ81331/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

371. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the date on which the Employment Agency Act 1971 was last updated; the number of agency licences issued in each of the past ten years; the extent of the vetting carried out on each application by his Department when processing the applications; if the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and the Revenue Commissioners are involved; if licence holders are obliged to submit annual returns to the issuing authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81463/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

372. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will introduce a sectoral employment order to cover rates of pay for veterinary nurses (details supplied).

PQ81466/26 | EOIN HAYES

373. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the support Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland and the relevant Local Enterprise Office can provide within their respective remits for the development of an innovation campus; whether any agency can formally endorse or partner in a proposal; if so, the criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81531/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

374. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the funding programmes that are available or planned to support the feasibility, design, capital development and initial operation of a proposed innovation campus; the eligibility, co-funding and partnership requirements that apply to proposals led by a private company, a business association or a consortium involving a local authority or higher education institution; and he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81530/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

375. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface (API).

PQ81614/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

376. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the Government's policy on the development of innovation campuses that provide shared workspace, research and development facilities and business incubation or scale-up supports; the way in which such projects fit within national and regional enterprise policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81529/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

377. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department will take any action on foot of the comments from the EU's envoy on sanctions that alumina produced by a company (details supplied) "undoubtedly" ended up supplying, at least in part, the Russian military-industrial complex.

PQ81645/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

Chun an Oideachais agus Óige: To the Education and Youth

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

PQ80630/26 | JEN CUMMINS

379. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the cashflow difficulties being experienced by schools due to delays in the payment of capitation grants and other Department funding; and when schools can expect outstanding payments and increased capitation funding to issue (details supplied).

PQ80651/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

380. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school will be given money owed from running the summer school (details supplied); if a higher capitation grant be paid; and when is it expected.

PQ80645/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

381. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of all school building projects within her Department in County Donegal; the stage at which each of those projects are currently at; and the dates at which each of these projects have progressed through each state, in tabular form.

PQ80642/26 | CHARLES WARD

382. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 76556/26, which stated that external costs were incurred to support the communications strategy for the Primary School Survey, the total amount of those external costs; the suppliers engaged, including for advertising, media buying, design and printing; and the amount paid to each, in tabular form.

PQ80577/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

383. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on increased and rising water bills for schools; and if she will report on her interactions with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of the matter.

PQ80701/26 | IVANA BACIK

384. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she expects the climate action summer works scheme tranche 3 approvals to be announced; the number of schools with approved applications under the scheme 2026 onwards that were not included in the recently announced tranche 2 approvals due to funding constraints or market prioritisation considerations; and if those schools will automatically qualify for assessment for funding under future tranches of the scheme and in subsequent years without the need to submit a new application.

PQ80700/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

385. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to consult stakeholders, including educators and teaching staff, regarding the use of artificial intelligence in schools; if such a consultation will occur in advance of her Department-sponsored conferences, such as the Conference on the Future of AI in Education; the criteria for determining whether to engage with a tech company in relation to same; if complicity in war crimes, mental health and suicide, circulation of child sex abuse material and deepfake imagery factor in such a criteria; and the ethical implications of such programmes in, or adjacent to, school communities.

PQ80729/26 | IVANA BACIK

386. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 71969/26, the response rate required to issue a school specific report; the reason this style of survey was selected as opposed to school management information systems (details supplied).

PQ80754/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

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

PQ80678/26 | MAEVE O'CONNELL

388. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a salary payment for a person (details supplied).

PQ80705/26 | JOHN LAHART

389. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth with regard to teachers with disabilities, the measures she is taking to address the lack of accessible, independent advocacy and legal support for employees attempting to enforce their disability rights and the apparent absence of effective intervention before workplace difficulties escalate into prolonged sickness absence and potential loss of employment.

PQ80817/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

390. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth with regard to teachers with disabilities, the measures she is taking to address the lack of effective accountability when public-sector employers fail to implement or maintain reasonable accommodations, and especially when the difficulties autistic employees face when management communication itself becomes a source of significant distress.

PQ80815/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

391. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for increasing the annual school transport charge for 2027-2028 school year.

PQ80812/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department ensures fairness in resource allocation for children who are languishing on long waiting lists for a psychiatric or educational assessment in schools (details supplied) that currently do not have a National Educational Psychological Service psychologist assigned to them.

PQ80811/26 | CATHAL CROWE

393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to explain the operational rationale behind the National Council for Special Education's new guidelines for special needs assistant allocations; the way in which this specific document improves the process for schools trying to access essential SNA supports; and the measures being taken to ensure that principals face less administrative friction when applying for care resources.

PQ80810/26 | CATHAL CROWE

394. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any engagement she has had with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour in both primary and secondary schools.

PQ80800/26 | BARRY WARD

395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any review being carried out by her Department regarding Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour in both primary and secondary schools.

PQ80799/26 | BARRY WARD

396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on securing an ASD class place for a child (details supplied).

PQ80824/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average time taken to assess Category 2B school building applications under the School Building Programme submitted by schools in County Galway in each of the past ten years; the number of such applications assessed in each year; and the shortest and longest assessment periods recorded, in tabular form.

PQ80867/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeframe in which she plans to commence announcing new special classes for the 2027/2028 term.

PQ80877/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the establishment of a second autism special class at a school (details supplied).

PQ80895/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the tender process for a new school building at a location (details supplied); and if an estimated timeline for delivery will be provided.

PQ80893/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the work on the Taskforce on Models of Provision for Irish-medium Education established in November 2025; when the taskforce is expected to report; and whether any interim reports or recommendations have been provided to her Department.

PQ80832/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for AT for a child (details supplied); and if her Department will engage with the family.

PQ80958/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if matters raised in correspondence will be addressed (details supplied).

PQ80957/26 | NIALL COLLINS

404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the revised circular on assistive technology for students with special educational needs will be published, given that it was originally expected in spring 2026; the reasons for the delay; and whether a definitive publication date has been agreed.

PQ80938/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is considering the introduction of the remote area grant for applicants that fail to secure a concessionary ticket on a rural primary or secondary school bus service.

PQ80994/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the new building development for a school (details supplied); and a timeline for its progression.

PQ80922/26 | BARRY WARD

407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is considering the possible introduction of some form of student card tag on / swipe service for the purposes of the second level school transport scheme to ensure traceability of ticket usage; and if her Department has compiled any figures on the potential costs for the introduction of such a scheme and its associated infrastructure.

PQ80999/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there is a plan to provide additional special needs places in Dublin 15 and Dublin 7 for September 2027, as parents are concerned at the waiting list, which far exceed the available places.

PQ81043/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will investigate and end the age-discriminatory practice operated by the Teaching Council and the State Examinations Commission which excludes older non-registered teachers and others from eligibility to be recruited as examinations superintendents due to the present requirement for them to undergo a probationary process, Droichead, which is impossible for such people to satisfy because of their age.

PQ80978/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the case of a teacher (details supplied).

PQ81051/26 | SEÁN CROWE

411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the operation of the school bus escort scheme operated by her Department as part of the school transport scheme; if she will consider updating the title of persons operating the scheme to another title such as special needs transport assistants; and if she will consider creating a replacement panel of staff under this scheme to provide cover for illness or unavoidable absences to ensure that vulnerable children are always accompanied on their school journey.

PQ81048/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding and progression of all schools in County Sligo that are awaiting support for new school buildings, extensions, refurbishments or other significant capital works; the current status of each project under the Department's capital programme; the funding allocated or committed in each case; the stage reached in the planning, design, procurement or construction process; the anticipated timeline for progression and completion; any issues or delays impacting delivery; and if she will provide a clear projected delivery schedule for each project.

PQ81064/26 | EAMON SCANLON

413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has considered a review of the funding and administrative supports available under the School Meals Programme for DEIS post-primary schools.

PQ81124/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school building projects in Limerick at stage 2b since 1 January 2023 to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ81123/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school building projects in Limerick at stage 2a since 1 January 2023 to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ81122/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school building projects in Limerick at stage 1 since 1 January 2023 to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ81121/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of school building projects that have advanced from Stage 2b to Stage 3 since 1 January 2023 to date in 2026, broken down by county, in tabular form.

PQ81120/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

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

PQ81078/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the funding and progression of all schools in County Sligo awaiting support for new school buildings, extensions, or significant capital works that the Department provide, for each project; its status; funding position; anticipated timeline; and any issues delaying progress; and provide clear timelines for delivery.

PQ81066/26 | MARTIN KENNY

420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will confirm whether job-sharing teachers will be permitted to undertake substitute teaching work on their rostered-off days during the 2026/2027 school year, as was allowed under temporary arrangements in recent years; the reason no equivalent measure has yet been announced; and if she will consider permanently removing the restriction in Circular 54/2019, given the benefits for schools facing teacher shortages and the availability of qualified, Teaching Council-registered teachers to provide cover.

PQ81104/26 | MARTIN DALY

421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for clarity on a payment of a special transport grant for a person (details supplied).

PQ81199/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 365 of 13 October 2026, whether she is specifically committed to creating separate standalone special educational needs co-ordinator posts in primary schools or whether these responsibilities will continue to remain as additional responsibilities for existing teachers.

PQ81257/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will restore the Diploma in Special Education allowance for teachers excluded following the 2012 changes to qualification allowances; the current status of this claim under the local bargaining process; whether provision will be made for teachers who have completed the qualification since 2012, including consideration of retrospective payment; and the proposed timeframe for resolving this disparity between teachers holding the same qualification.

PQ81185/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to parliamentary question 364 of 13 October 2026, to clarify which teaching posts are included in calculating the 21.9:1 pupil-teacher ratio; and the way in which that figure reflects the actual class sizes experienced by pupils and classroom teachers.

PQ81261/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will give guidance to post primary schools who employ part time teachers who work limited hours, to have those hours allocated in so far as possible within a limited number of days during the school week, to avoid requiring teachers to attend on everyday in the week, sometimes for a single lesson during the day.

PQ81079/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the application submitted by a school (details supplied), for the establishment of a second Autism Special Class; the steps being taken by the National Council for Special Education to assess and fast-track this application to meet the critical deficit of special class places in the East Clare area; when a decision will be issued to the school management and waiting families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81130/26 | CATHAL CROWE

427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will directly consider the expression of interest of a school (details supplied) for the opening of a new multidisciplinary class at the school, given that currently there is no primary school multidisciplinary class serving the Beara peninsula, however there is a multidisciplinary unit in the area's secondary school; to consider the fact that there are pupils already present in the school who are eligible for placement in a multidisciplinary class, and a recent review at the school increased their SNA allocation, proving a clear need both in the school and wider community.

PQ81157/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

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

PQ81154/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she has considered reimbursement for single childless teachers who have contributed to the children and spouses scheme; and if not, whether she will consider making this scheme optional for unmarried, childless teachers.

PQ81277/26 | THOMAS GOULD

430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding an emergency works scheme application for a school (details supplied).

PQ81143/26 | EMER CURRIE

431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason her Department is making changes to the proposed model of special education that moves away from diagnostic requirements and towards a full inclusion framework.

PQ81281/26 | ROBERT TROY

432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 783 of 3 November 2026, which Gaelcholáiste she is referring to; and which serves will serve students in the Dunboyne, Ratoath, Dunshaughlin and Ashbourne area.

PQ81267/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 368 of 13 October 2026, the formal mechanism that allows mainstream schools to report complex additional needs to her Department and have that information considered in an application for additional SET resources.

PQ81263/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the opportunity through senior cycle reform for examination candidates to commence the additional assessment component in the first year of the two year senior cycle programme and complete in sufficient advance of the terminal written examinations period.

PQ81170/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list school-building projects that have remained at the same approval or design stage for more than three years, identifying each school, county, roll number, current stage, date it entered that stage, expenditure to date, reasons for delay and original and current anticipated completion dates, in tabular form.

PQ81310/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children awaiting school transport seats for 2026/2027, by county and eligibility category; the number of allocated seats confirmed as unused and subsequently reassigned; and the number of routes not operating due to driver or escort shortages and children affected, with Cork separately identified.

PQ81311/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children currently awaiting an appropriate special class or special school placement for the 2026/2027 school year, by county and primary or post-primary level; the number receiving home tuition while awaiting such a placement; and the number without any school placement.

PQ81314/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the expenditure on renting temporary school accommodation in each year from 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, nationally and in Cork; the ten school sites with the highest rental expenditure in 2025, identifying each school, annual rental cost and duration of rental; and the status of permanent accommodation for those schools.

PQ81315/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in each of the past five school years that missed more than 20 days, 50 days and 100 days of school respectively; and the number of these children that were referred to the educational welfare service.

PQ80863/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to ensure compliance by schools with their obligations under section 22 of the Education Welfare Act 2000 to prepare and submit a Statement of Strategy for School Attendance; the number of schools that are currently non-compliant; and whether she plans to introduce sanctions or other enforcement mechanisms for persistent non-compliance.

PQ80866/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will undertake a review of the operation of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, and the Educational Welfare Service, having regard to concerns that children with substantial and persistent school absences may receive no intervention where no referral is made and no mandatory attendance threshold exists.

PQ80869/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if schools are required to consider their obligations under the Equal Status Acts when applying subject-selection policies to students with disabilities; whether individual reasonable accommodation must be considered before applying a general school policy; and whether guidance has issued to school management authorities.

PQ81394/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if schools are expected to consider alternative subjects for students with documented additional educational needs who experience significant and persistent difficulties with modern foreign languages; whether such requests can be refused solely on the basis of school subject-selection policies; and the guidance governing such decisions.

PQ81393/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the Department has powers to examine or investigate complaints concerning a school's failure to consider reasonable accommodation for a student with dyslexia in relation to subject selection; the procedures available to parents; and whether any such investigations have been undertaken.

PQ81391/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

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

PQ81390/26 | EMER CURRIE

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

PQ81389/26 | EMER CURRIE

447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a post primary school may refuse a request from a parent for a student with dyslexia to discontinue a modern foreign language where participation is causing significant distress; whether schools must undertake an individual assessment of the students educational needs and consider alternative arrangements; and the procedures available to parents where such a request is refused.

PQ81397/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an application following a visit (details supplied).

PQ81387/26 | EMER CURRIE

449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the latest figures available to her Department on the number of school students eligible for a place in special education classes or schools, but who have not been allocated a place.

PQ81360/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the additional post-primary special classes for autistic students are sanctioned or under consideration for 2027-2028 in Mallow and Doneraile, by school where available; when outstanding decisions will be made; and the steps the NCSE is taking in the meantime to identify suitable placements for eligible pupils who have yet to receive an offer.

PQ81358/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of first-year special class places for autistic students in post-primary schools for 2027-2028 in Mallow and Doneraile, respectively; the number offered and remaining available; and the number of eligible pupils seeking a place who have yet to receive an offer (details supplied).

PQ81356/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given significant concern in the communities of Dublin mid-west following threats made to schools, the supports available for schools and students; and if they will be reviewed and enhanced in light of recent incidents.

PQ81421/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the current arrangements whereby students may qualify for an exemption from Irish on the grounds of significant and persistent literacy difficulties, but have no equivalent formal procedure in respect of modern foreign languages; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81401/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the guidance issued to post-primary schools on considering requests from students with diagnosed dyslexia and significant language-learning difficulties to discontinue a modern foreign language; whether schools are required to consider individual assessments and the impact on student wellbeing; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81400/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has considered the need for a national policy or formal exemption procedure for students with significant and persistent literacy difficulties, including dyslexia, who experience substantial barriers to learning modern foreign languages; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81399/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has engaged with local authorities regarding road safety assessments and infrastructure improvements required outside schools, including footpaths, pedestrian crossings, traffic management and safe set-down facilities; and if she will outline any funding or coordination arrangements in place.

PQ81335/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the respective responsibilities of school authorities and local authorities where inadequate school access, egress, parking and pedestrian infrastructure present safety risks to pupils, parents and staff; and whether a joint assessment mechanism exists to address such risks.

PQ81334/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline the funding schemes available to recognised primary schools to upgrade inadequate on-site parking, vehicle set-down facilities and pedestrian access and egress arrangements; and whether such works qualify under the climate action summer works scheme.

PQ81333/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation.

PQ81436/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

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

PQ81330/26 | COLM BURKE

461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth If she will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the Leaving Certificate Applied programme and the impact that serious illness and major surgery can have on a student's ability to complete key assignments; and, if any exceptional arrangements, accommodations or alternative assessment measures are available for students who miss coursework due to significant medical circumstances.

PQ81432/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the responsibility of school authorities to provide adequate on-site parking, set-down facilities and safe access and egress for pupils, parents and staff, particularly where a school entrance adjoins a national road; and identify the funding schemes available to address deficiencies.

PQ81337/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will provide rationale for a reduction in SET allocation for a school (details supplied); and carry out an urgent review of the allocation with a view to providing an increase.

PQ81440/26 | ROBERT TROY

464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation.

PQ81439/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

465. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation.

PQ81437/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of all the schools in Dublin which made an application to change their patronage in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ81448/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of all the schools in Dublin which made an application to transfer from single-sex to co-educational in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ81447/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are updates on plans for a new combined primary school servicing Moate County Westmeath. (details supplied).

PQ81446/26 | ROBERT TROY

469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will prioritise much needed improvement works at a school (details supplied).

PQ81445/26 | ROBERT TROY

470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide details of the capitation grant for a school (details supplied); when the capitation grant will be paid; and if an increase in funding will be provided.

PQ81443/26 | ROBERT TROY

471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the delay in the payment of July provision (details supplied).

PQ81449/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation, considering this school is listed as a large scale project under the School Capital Programme as well as being part of Project Liffey since 2003.

PQ81452/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the purpose of an Article 60 licence; if an Article 60 licence holder must also have an SPSV licence; and to provide an update on the review of the policy.

PQ81571/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a committee (details supplied) established following teacher's unions raising a number of claims in relation to incremental credit including the recognition of private teaching service outside of the EU has considered such claims.

PQ81568/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any secondary schools across Ireland are in the process of transitioning from English-medium education to Gaelscoileanna in September 2027; if any new secondary school Gaelscoileanna opening; the location of these schools; and the supports available to these schools for the transition.

PQ81510/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has assessed the adequacy of parking facilities at a school (details supplied) having regard to the school's location on the N25 and the potential road safety risks arising from insufficient on-site and surrounding parking; whether the school has sought funding to address these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81543/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding schemes or capital supports that are currently available to primary schools seeking to address serious safety concerns relating to school entrances, pedestrian access, traffic management and parking; whether exceptional or additional funding can be considered where existing arrangements present risks to pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81551/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary schools across Ireland are in the process of transitioning from English-medium education to Gaelscoileanna starting in September 2027; the location of these schools; and the supports available to these schools for the transition.

PQ81509/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the work of the Taskforce on Models of Provision for Irish-Medium Education; and the recommendations that have come from the Taskforce to date.

PQ81508/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has received an application from a school (details supplied) for capital funding to improve vehicular and pedestrian access, internal traffic circulation and parking facilities; if refused, the reasons for refusal; whether the school can reapply; and the immediate funding or alternative supports that are available to address the serious road safety concerns raised by the school community.

PQ81550/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding the Primary School Survey, the reason parents of children attending Church of Ireland schools were surveyed when her Department only ever envisaged reconfigurations from Catholic patronage.

PQ81537/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date on which she will meet with representatives of an organisation (details supplied).

PQ81536/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will amend or revoke section 37.1 of the Employment Equality Act 1998 to ensure that teachers do not face religious discrimination and the teaching profession is more reflective of the religious and non-religious diversity of contemporary Irish society.

PQ81535/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total amount her Department spent on the 2025-2026 Primary School Survey; and the amount spent collating and analysing the survey results and preparing and disseminating individual school reports.

PQ81533/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding the Primary School Survey, the reason parents of children attending multi-denominational schools and parents of pre-school children were surveyed, when the views of these parents have no bearing on the current consultation phase.

PQ81534/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the platforms, services or systems provided by her Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface (API).

PQ81615/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the level of expenditure on the DEIS programme 2016 to 2026 inclusive and allocated for 2027, distinguishing expenditure at primary (differentiating Urban band 1, Urban Band 2 and Rural) and on post primary.

PQ81633/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth If she will indicate the amount of spending on special education needs which is allocated to DEIS schools and to non DEIS schools in the most recent year for which data is available.

PQ81636/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding an application made by a school (details supplied).

PQ81644/26 | CATHAL CROWE

490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the level of expenditure on Special Education 2024-2026, and allocated for 2027, distinguishing spending on special schools, special classes in mainstream schools and spending within mainstream classes in mainstream schools.

PQ81634/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to reverse the decision to suppress a teaching post in a school (details supplied).

PQ81083/26 | ANN GRAVES

492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on her Department's review of the school transport scheme and the changes, that are likely to be implemented ahead of the 2027-2028 school year.

PQ80979/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider and respond to correspondence from a person (details supplied) regarding a child's extremely lengthy wait for access to a cognitive assessment.

PQ81430/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

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

494. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a timeline for when unsuccessful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80676/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

495. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport of those who have been successful in their application for the basic income for the arts scheme; the number of successful applicants who have accepted the offer; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80675/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

496. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to confirm when the remaining successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme be notified; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80674/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

497. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of funding for sports capital funding from 2023 to date, broken down by county; the level of funding given to sports organisations, by organisation; and the level of funding given to women’s sports and men sports respectively, in situations where it is separated, in tabular form.

PQ80778/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

498. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of funding received by sports partnerships from 2023 to date, broken down by county, in tabular form.

PQ80777/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

499. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when an Eircode will be issued for a new build (details supplied).

PQ80844/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

500. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps being taken to ensure transparency and accountability in an organisation following its entry into examinership; to ensure continued funding and support for the affiliated organisations, particularly in an organisation (details supplied) and riders with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80865/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

501. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding or grants available to a group (details supplied).

PQ80883/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

502. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if telecommunications operators, subsea cable owners, private sector contractors, academic institutions or UK Government agencies participated in or observed Exercise Eastern Pearl; and if he will provide a complete list of all participating and observing organisations.

PQ80882/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

503. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide the title, date of commencement, participating bodies and governance arrangements of the joint Ireland-Britain framework for responding to disruption of subsea telecommunications cables, including the protocols governing information-sharing between the two jurisdictions.

PQ80881/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

504. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the scenario used during Exercise Eastern Pearl on 30 September 2026 included the possible provision of assistance by foreign military, intelligence or security agencies; and if so, the agencies that were considered.

PQ80880/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

505. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when a club (details supplied) can expect payment €45,000 from Sports Capital Funding which was approved 16 October 2026.

PQ81029/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

506. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will confirm when a group (details supplied) can expect a grant payment to be issued.

PQ80906/26 | CATHAL CROWE

507. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants to the new basic income for the arts scheme can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; when successful applicants will receive formal confirmation of their participation in the scheme; when the first payments under the scheme are expected to issue; and whether such payments will be backdated as previously indicated.

PQ81102/26 | MARTIN DALY

508. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the notification of successful applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme; and the timeline for all applicants to be informed of the outcome of their application.

PQ81232/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

509. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if a choir must have a CHY number to apply for category 3 of the 2026 Arts Capital Investment Fund; and if not, the way in which tax clearance is verified.

PQ81369/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

510. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the status of a grant claim and associated stage payment submitted by a club (details supplied) on 30 September 2026; when a decision and payment are expected to issue; and the reason for the delay in processing the claim.

PQ81338/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

511. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the grants, incentives or other supports that are available or planned for businesses, business associations and community or cultural organisations seeking to develop evening and night-time activity in Dublin; the application windows that are anticipated over the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81528/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

512. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface.

PQ81616/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

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

513. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of the €27 million Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund allocation announced on 5 November 2026 that relates specifically to the proposed Blarney station; whether this allocation covers the full cost of the station or what further funding will be required and from which source; any conditions attached to the allocation regarding housing delivery in Blarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80556/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

514. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on the way in which a couple applying for a local authority home loan could apply to several different local authorities only to pass the stress test for some and fail for others based on one applicant's disability allowance; and the reason for the disparity in the way in which applications are treated given identical financial circumstances.

PQ80670/26 | SEÁN CROWE

515. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the tracking system his Department uses to monitor DCB appeals; and the reason that system tracks the intake of appeals but does not record the outcome of the appeals.

PQ80671/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

516. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current number of pending property registration applications at Tailte Éireann, broken down by county and by regional processing office; the average and longest current processing times in each region for first registrations, transfers of part, and mapping updates; the staffing allocation and current vacancies in each regional office; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80706/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

517. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his Department's intention to write-off overpayments made under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme as outlined under points 21.19 and 21.93 of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report into the scheme (details supplied).

PQ80748/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

518. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the transfer of responsibility for the Multi-Unit Developments (MUD) Act from the Department of Justice, Migration, and Home Affairs to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80764/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

519. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage who recommended that the agent hired in 2024 to increase applicants under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme dispose of records of meetings and interactions he had with turf cutters as outlined under point 21.56 of the Comptroller and Auditor General's report into the scheme (details supplied); if his Department has any data on the number of compensation applicants that were facilitated by the agent; and the checks it carried out to ensure that the agent was facilitating people to sign up to the scheme.

PQ80753/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

520. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the agent hired in 2024 to increase applicants under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme has not been named; and whether the person will be named given the significant amount of taxpayer money paid for this work.

PQ80758/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

521. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the spend to date in 2026 on advertising first-time buyers schemes, itemising the cost of content creation, the cost of actors, the cost of influencers and the cost to boost by each individual platform, in tabular form.

PQ80814/26 | THOMAS GOULD

522. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the review of the defective concrete block grant scheme; whether it is his intention to suspend new applications to the scheme at any stage during the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80798/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

523. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all social housing scheme openings he attended to date in 2026; with a breakdown by local authority; and indicating whether the scheme was Council or AHB with the AHB named.

PQ80797/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

524. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the short-term let retention process in the National Planning Statement changes a property to purely commercial or a hybrid residential-commercial status; if he will address the valuation and lending barriers this creates for rural hosts with dual-use properties or granny flats; and if a simplified process will be introduced to allow properties to easily revert to full residential status (details supplied).

PQ80801/26 | CATHAL CROWE

525. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that contrary to circular 27/2026, some local authorities are not accepting written evidence from a GP as substantiating evidence of domestic violence for the purpose of transferring to the housing list of another local authority.

PQ80873/26 | SEÁN CROWE

526. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant or derelict residential properties and sites acquired by each local authority by CPO in each of the years 2023 to 2026 to date; the number of these acquired properties that have subsequently been offered for onward sale to the private market, first-time buyers, or approved housing bodies, broken down by local authority, in the same years, in tabular form.

PQ80974/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

527. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has conducted any assessment into introducing compulsory sale orders to compel the open-market sale of long-term vacant and derelict residential properties or zoned development land; and if he has engaged with the Attorney General on the constitutional and legislative requirements for such powers.

PQ80971/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

528. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding drawn down under the CPO Activation Programme, broken down by local authority between 2023 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ80976/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

529. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage If there are public toilets facilities in each National Park under the remit of NPWS; and if he can confirm that these public facilities are checked daily to ensure that they in full working order.

PQ80937/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

530. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of funding to support the turnaround and re-let of vacant local authority homes under the Voids Programme for each of the 31 authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80982/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

531. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out concisely the delegated sanction local authorities have to purchase second hand acquisitions; the categories of housing involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80981/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

532. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if prior to signing an Open Seasons Order under the Wildlife Act 1976, whether any environmental assessment is undertaken of the species being included.

PQ81023/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

533. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all species that are both classified as red list species in the most recent Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland assessment and subject to an open hunting season under Irish wildlife legislation.

PQ81022/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

534. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the current social housing income eligibility thresholds, particularly in counties such as Roscommon where Roscommon County Council is classified as a band 3 local authority and the maximum net income threshold for a single-adult household is €30,000 per annum; if he is satisfied that this threshold remains appropriate given the substantial increases in private rental costs and residential property prices nationally in recent years; and the rationale for Roscommon remaining in band 3 rather than being reclassified to band 2 in view of current market conditions.

PQ81047/26 | MARTIN DALY

535. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons for the increase in rates for grain drying and handling facilities; the actions which will be taken to protect these facilities and prevent their closures as a result of rate hikes; if the impact of food scarcity has been adequately addressed before these rate hikes were implemented; the way in which the rate hike is in line with the Government's stated policy of growing the tillage industry; and if the commercial rating exemption may be amended in order to include facilities and equipment which dry Irish grain.

PQ81038/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

536. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of requests that his Department has received from Dublin City Council seeking funding approval to purchase additional fire appliances for Dublin Fire Brigade in each of the years 2025 and to-date in 2026; of the requests received the number that were approved or pending in each year, in tabular form.

PQ80940/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

537. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is considering any further legislation to ensure vape shops require a specific planning designation which will ensure such shops cannot be opened within a reasonable buffer zone of schools.

PQ81114/26 | ROBERT TROY

538. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Building Regulations or Technical Guidance Document B set any requirement on the location or fire separation of lithium-ion home battery storage systems in dwellings; and whether guidance similar to PAS 63100 in the United Kingdom is being considered.

PQ81202/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

539. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Department or the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management was consulted on fire service capacity before the expanded solar photovoltaic and home battery supports that took effect in October 2026 were introduced.

PQ81201/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

540. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time and retained firefighters, by fire authority, who have received specific training in fighting fires involving solar photovoltaic systems and lithium-ion home batteries.

PQ81200/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

541. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specialist equipment held by each fire authority for fires involving solar photovoltaic systems and lithium-ion batteries; and the capital funding provided to fire authorities for such equipment in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

PQ81198/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

542. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management has issued national operational guidance to fire authorities on fighting fires involving rooftop solar photovoltaic systems and lithium-ion home batteries, including live direct current circuits during daylight, reignition and toxic gases; the date such guidance issued; and when it was last reviewed.

PQ81197/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

543. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the national fire incident recording system used by fire authorities records solar photovoltaic systems and home battery storage as a distinct cause or factor in fires; and if not, whether the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management will amend the system to do so.

PQ81196/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

544. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of fires attended by local authority fire services in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026 in which a domestic solar photovoltaic system, its direct current cabling, connectors, isolators or inverter, or a home battery storage system was recorded as the cause or as involved in the fire, by fire authority.

PQ81195/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

545. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the current social housing income eligibility thresholds, particularly in County Roscommon where the maximum net income threshold for a single-adult household is €30,000 per annum; if he is satisfied this remains appropriate given recent increases in rents and house prices; the rationale for Roscommon remaining in Band 3 rather than being reclassified to Band 2; and whether any recent assessment of housing affordability in County Roscommon has been undertaken.

PQ81085/26 | MARTIN DALY

546. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take to reduce the time required to return vacant local authority homes to use, particularly in Cork city and county; whether funding, procurement or staffing constraints are delaying refurbishment and allocation; and whether he will set and monitor a maximum turnaround target.

PQ81306/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

547. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a copy of the Master Cooperation Agreement between Uisce Éireann and local authorities; if he will provide an update on the operation of the agreement; his Department's oversight of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81374/26 | JOHN BRADY

548. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the new build social homes delivered in H1 2026 broken down by delivery stream including SHIP construction, SHIP turnkey, CALF construction, CALF turnkey, CAS construction, CAS turnkey, LA Part V, AHB Park V, in tabular form.

PQ81411/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

549. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the numbers and locations of rainfall monitoring stations for the purposes of modelling and predicting flood risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81423/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

550. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he or the Minister of State is aware of the delays being experienced by older people awaiting essential home adaptations under the disabled persons grant (DPG) scheme in Fingal; the engagement he has had with his Department to address these delays; and the steps he is taken to ensure people receive these adaptations in a timely manner.

PQ81429/26 | EMER CURRIE

551. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of active housing first tenancies in each local authority area on 31 December for each of the years from 2020 to 2025 and to date on 11 November 2026; and to provide a further breakdown of the number of new first time housing first tenancies created in each local authority in each of the years from 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ81428/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

552. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to explain the significant difference in the 2025 disabled persons grants scheme funding allocations, with Fingal County Council receiving €202,950, compared to €990,355 for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown; and to outline the criteria used to determine these allocations.

PQ81427/26 | EMER CURRIE

553. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is aware of delays in the processing of works under the disabled persons grant scheme in Fingal; and the action being taken to address these delays.

PQ81426/26 | EMER CURRIE

554. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the publication of updated wind energy development guidelines.

PQ81343/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

555. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration has ever been given to placing a requirement on planning authorities to mark former railway lines on development plan maps to make it easier to understand alignment and ownership.

PQ81519/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

556. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if they have sought from the CSO, Revenue Commissioners or the Property Registration Authority an assessment of the number of residential properties purchased by persons resident outside the State; and if not, does he intend to do so.

PQ81518/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

557. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any State agency, including the CSO, Revenue Commissioners or the Property Registration Authority, holds data on the residency status of purchasers of residential property; and if he will provide details of any such datasets.

PQ81517/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

558. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications received to date on the vacant above the shop grant; the number approved; and the number drawn down.

PQ81516/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

559. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the CREL loan for cost rental properties to 50 years, given the current is 40 years, in order to ensure the viability of cost rental properties, particularly in more rural areas.

PQ81597/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

560. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the tenant purchase incremental scheme in order that at some stage, part V houses will be available for purchase under the scheme; and if he will examine this as part of a broader review of the scheme.

PQ81598/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

561. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to assist Kildare County Council in funding the refurbishment of the 110 homes that are owned by the Council and are currently vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81592/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

562. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out the Government’s planning policy on the development of new car parking facilities in established business and employment areas; the national guidance that applies to planning authorities when setting parking standards and assessing proposals for shared or standalone car parks, including where public transport provision is limited; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81526/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

563. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface.

PQ81617/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

564. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if transitional arrangements will be put in place for established short-term letting operators in towns with populations over 20,000, such as Ennis, who have operated for over seven years and have submitted planning retention applications, given that local authority processing times of at least eight weeks will push them past the 31 December 2026 Fáilte Ireland registration deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81192/26 | CATHAL CROWE

Chun an Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Social Protection

565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he intends on reforming the community employment scheme (details supplied)

PQ80549/26 | EMER CURRIE

566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason Ukrainian's who were receiving Disability Allowance on the basis of their assessed needs have had their Disability Allowance cut off.

PQ80562/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 1226 of 3 November 2026 (ref. 77936/26), the number of Habitual Residence Condition decisions in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 in which a claim was refused on the ground that the applicant did not have a right to reside in the State, by scheme and by nationality grouping, in tabular form.

PQ80582/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in each year since 2016 who have been in receipt of half-rate carer's allowance and who also received a contributory or non-contributory State pension respectively, in tabular form.

PQ80699/26 | MARK WALL

569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that had their payments reduced in 2025 due to non engagement, had their payments restored within 3 months.

PQ80762/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the need for a cross-sectoral national body with responsibility for adult safeguarding in relation to matters pertaining to his Department, in particular, the representations his Department has made to the Departments of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and Department of Health in relation to vulnerable adults and their social protection payments.

PQ80685/26 | IVANA BACIK

571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will examine the introduction of enhanced statutory sick leave protections, flexible income supports, or specific workplace accommodations tailored for individuals dealing with recurring, medically documented chronic illnesses who wish to remain in full-time employment.

PQ80684/26 | CATHAL CROWE

572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a working family payment for a person (details supplied).

PQ80820/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a schedule of the correspondence received from the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance, and his officials, in relation to proposals in respect of the long term unemployed in each of the past six months; and his plans in respect of new policies pertaining to persons on jobseekers allowance and benefit.

PQ80885/26 | IVANA BACIK

574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide details of the way in which a person aged 66 years-of-age can access their entitlement to a free travel pass without a public services card in circumstances where they do not wish to apply for a PSC; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80899/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Government will examine additional paid sick-leave protection or other income supports for workers with recurring, medically documented chronic illnesses like endometriosis; and the practical support that is available to people who are still working but whose chronic condition significantly limits their ability to work and enjoy everyday life.

PQ80904/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider the introduction of measures to guarantee that women who are made involuntarily redundant during pregnancy but before maternity leave begins will retain full entitlement to maternity benefit based on their PRSI contributions from prior years.

PQ80963/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for domiciliary care allowance received by his Department for each month of 2025.

PQ80942/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to introduce a disregard for those in receipt of social welfare to retain extra benefits when providing accommodation for their adult children who have to return to live at home due to the housing crisis.

PQ80920/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will investigate best practice internationally as to whether women who are made involuntarily redundant during pregnancy should retain earlier access to Maternity Benefit than at present, provided they have met the necessary PRSI contribution requirements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80919/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to respond to correspondence (details supplied).

PQ80927/26 | SEAN FLEMING

581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the meaning of the category listed as “free travel only”, with regards to the free travel pass including the qualifying criteria for this category; the legislative or administrative basis for entitlement; and the number of persons in receipt of a free travel pass under this category in each of the past ten years.

PQ81019/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in respect of the 12,280 beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine reported as recipients of the free travel scheme, the basis on which eligibility was granted, including the number qualifying on the basis of age; the number qualifying on the basis of disability or receipt of a disability-related payment; and the number qualifying under any other category, with each category specified; and of those who applied for the travel pass the number which were rejected.

PQ81018/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

583. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will address concerns from a person (details supplied) raised regarding pension entitlements.

PQ80961/26 | MARK WALL

584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the action he is taking to better protect women's employment opportunities, earnings and pension entitlements when they have caring responsibilities.

PQ80960/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider increasing the domiciliary care allowance from 16 years-of-age to 18 years-of-age.

PQ81108/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm whether the case of a person (details supplied) is completely closed.

PQ81234/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a non-contributory pension; and if so, the process for them to receive it.

PQ81372/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that can be introduced to ensure expectant mothers made redundant through no fault of their own are not left without adequate financial support when their child arrives.

PQ81364/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will guarantee that women who are made involuntarily redundant during pregnancy retain full entitlement to maternity benefit based on their prior PRSI contributions.

PQ81362/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeframe for a domiciliary care allowance application to be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and the current processing times.

PQ81435/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his Departments policy on wearable technology, such as smart glasses, on his staff in social protection offices; if there is any criteria for the approval of wearing them; if so, the criteria; if there have been breaches of the policy; if so, the way in which it breached; the number of breaches; the sanctions as a consequence of such breaches; and the number of such sanctions that were issued.

PQ81467/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the officer or body that has statutory responsibility under the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005, for deciding whether employment is subsidiary employment for the purposes of Schedule C, paragraph 4 of S.I. 312 of 1996; and whether the Minister for Defence has a statutory role in that decision.

PQ81469/26 | EOIN HAYES

593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether an increase in the income disregard applied to savings and capital for the purposes of assessing eligibility for the State Pension (Non-Contributory) is being considered as part of the current review of social welfare supports; and if he will consider increasing the current capital disregard threshold from €20,000 to between €50,000 and €70,000 in recognition of the fact that many older people rely on modest lifetime savings to meet the rising costs of household bills, healthcare, home support services, nursing home expenses and other day-to-day living costs.

PQ81493/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the State pension or redress available to women who were denied the ability to work due to the marriage ban.

PQ81514/26 | CATHY BENNETT

595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has identified cases where persons with disabilities who participated in supported employment programmes or employment provided through organisations (details supplied) accrued insufficient PRSI records for State Pension (Contributory) purposes despite being in long-term employment; the number of such cases identified; and the measures available to address pension shortfalls arising from these circumstances.

PQ81511/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface.

PQ81618/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

597. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an overpayment can be paused or reduced due to hardship while the appeal is ongoing (details supplied).

PQ81628/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

598. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that can be introduced to ensure that women who lose their employment through no fault of their own during pregnancy are not left without adequate financial support when their baby arrives; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80930/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

599. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will examine the interaction between employment-status classifications, PAYE reporting, Special Collection PRSI arrangements and eligibility for MyFutureFund; whether procedures exist to review cases where a worker pays class A PRSI but does not appear in PAYE reporting data; and whether a revised employment-status determination can result in the correction of PAYE records for automatic-enrolment purposes.

PQ81456/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

600. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the achievement of commitment 6 – supporting disabled people to work of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030.

PQ81524/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

601. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the achievement of commitment 5 - private sector, of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-2030.

PQ81523/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

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

602. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason there is no phone number available for the Ukraine Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team; and the reason there are no social workers assigned to support and manage vulnerable Ukrainian families, like there is for families in IPAS accommodation.

PQ80548/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

603. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda members currently assigned to community engagement and community policing duties in Tralee and Killarney, respectively; the corresponding figures for each of the past five years; and the rationale for any disparity in the allocation of community engagement Gardaí between the two towns.

PQ80619/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

604. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents recorded by An Garda Síochána in County Kerry over the past five years which have been identified as arising from feuding between individuals or groups, including incidents involving firearms, assaults, criminal damage, threats, intimidation and attacks on property, with a breakdown by year and Garda district where available.

PQ80618/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

605. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the funding schemes and supports currently available to assist local authorities and communities in County Kerry with the installation and expansion of CCTV systems in towns and villages.

PQ80617/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

606. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents recorded in County Kerry in each of the past five years involving firearms, firearms discharges, firebombs, explosives or other serious incidents which required, or would ordinarily warrant, deployment of the armed support unit; the number of such incidents where an Armed Support Unit was deployed; and the average response time for such deployments.

PQ80615/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

607. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if An Garda Síochána maintains statistics on response times to serious incidents requiring an urgent Garda response in County Kerry; and if so, to provide the average response times for each of the past five years, broken down by Garda district or station where available.

PQ80616/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

608. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí, by rank, attached to Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau, in tabular form.

PQ80643/26 | CHARLES WARD

609. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a comparison of Garda numbers relative to population in County Kerry in 1996 and 2026, including a breakdown for the principal towns and Garda districts throughout the county; and to outline whether Garda resourcing has kept pace with population growth over that period.

PQ80612/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

610. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fines issued at a static speed camera (details supplied) from May 2025 to October 2026 inclusive.

PQ80639/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

611. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a year-by-year breakdown of the number of serving Garda members assigned to County Kerry from 1996 to 2026, including a breakdown by Garda district and individual Garda station, in tabular form.

PQ80611/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

612. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an Irish citizenship application through naturalisation (details supplied), given that it is 54 months since the application was first lodged.

PQ80667/26 | COLM BURKE

613. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason married Ukrainian couples, both of whom are Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs), are not accommodated together when one partner arrives after the eligibility cut off date for state accommodation while the other has been granted accommodation based on assessed need; and the way in which this policy interacts with the unenumerated right to respect for private and family life.

PQ80578/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

614. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 77939/26, which referred to a broader review of fire safety documentation and certification across the commercial accommodation portfolio, the date on which that review commenced; the number of centres within its scope; the number reviewed to date; the number in which deficiencies in fire safety documentation or certification have been identified; the expected completion date; and whether the findings will be published.

PQ80575/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

615. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 76779/26, which referred to over €162 million in projected annual savings from the rate card across 259 contracts, the savings actually realised in 2025 and in 2026 to date; the method used to calculate the projected figure; and the average cost to the State per resident per night in commercial IPAS accommodation in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ80574/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

616. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 76955/26, of the 4,700 deportation orders signed in 2025, the number in respect of which, at the latest date for which figures are available, the person has been deported; the number confirmed as having left the State; the number in respect of whom enforcement has been suspended by reason of legal proceedings; and the number in respect of whom the order remains unenforced, in tabular form.

PQ80573/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

617. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 76955/26, which stated that the Department does not record the number of persons subject to an unenforced deportation order who were charged with a criminal offence, whether An Garda Síochána notifies the Department when a person subject to a deportation order is charged with a serious offence; and if he will seek the figures from the Garda Commissioner and provide them to Dáil Éireann.

PQ80572/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

618. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 76957/26, which stated that over 900 people subject to deportation orders are residing in IPAS accommodation, the number of those persons, at the latest date for which figures are available, in respect of whom enforcement of the order is suspended due to legal proceedings; the number in respect of whom it is suspended on health or other personal grounds; the number in respect of whom no suspension applies; and the number who have failed to present to the Garda National Immigration Bureau as required by the conditions of their order.

PQ80571/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

619. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of regulations to specify a periodic payments index under section 51L of the Civil Liability Act 1961, as amended by the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2023, following the acceptance in July 2024 of the recommendations of the Interdepartmental Working Group on the Periodic Payment Orders Indexation Rate; whether draft regulations have been sent to the Minister for Finance for consent; and the date by which the regulations will be made.

PQ80600/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

620. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will report on the planned review of the appointment of an organisation (details supplied) as the representative organisation for unaccompanied and separated children seeking international protection following the completion of the six month pilot period on 12 December 2026; the steps being taken to conduct this review; who is conducting the review; if they are an independent actor; when the review will be completed and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80704/26 | IVANA BACIK

621. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether aunt and uncle relationships are considered under the provisions of Section 16(1)(a) of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, which gives him discretion to grant citizenship where the applicant has not met the normal conditions for naturalisation but is of "Irish associations", meaning related by blood, affinity or adoption to an Irish citizen.

PQ80679/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

622. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update in respect of the proposed date on which a project (details supplied) is expected to commence; and the estimated date on which it will be fully operational.

PQ80686/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

623. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents of criminal damage to, vandalism of and theft of publicly accessible defibrillators reported to An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by Garda district; and the number of these incidents which resulted in prosecutions, in tabular form.

PQ80789/26 | TOM BRABAZON

624. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a site has been identified for the new Garda divisional headquarters for the Dublin metropolitan region north.

PQ80831/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

625. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons that arrived in Ireland in each of the years 2021 to 2025, having travelled from another EU Member States, but who originally came from a country outside the European Union; the number of such arrivals broken down by country of origin/nationality and the EU Member State from which they travelled immediately prior to arriving in Ireland; and the immigration status or basis on which they entered or sought permission to remain in Ireland, including those seeking international protection and those already granted international protection in another EU Member State.

PQ80861/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

626. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application for a Stamp 4 EUFAM residence permit application, given it was submitted over 12 months ago and the applicant was granted temporary permission that has now expired, and that the person requires the application to be processed and a decision reached.

PQ80860/26 | COLM BURKE

627. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has formally notified the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the names of students in Gaza whose visa appeals it has committed to determine by 18 November 2026, to enable their inclusion in the assisted departure (evacuation) from Gaza planned for 23 November 2026; and if so, the date of such notification.

PQ80897/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

628. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of suspected victims of human trafficking for sexual exploitation identified in brothel-related investigations in each of the past five years.

PQ80969/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

629. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of children identified by An Garda Síochána during operations involving suspected brothels or commercial sexual exploitation in each of the past five years.

PQ80968/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

630. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72132/26, if he has received the relevant information from Garda authorities.

PQ80947/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

631. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions initiated under legislation relating to brothel keeping, living on the earnings of prostitution, human trafficking for sexual exploitation, and related offences, in each of the past five years.

PQ80967/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

632. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 72133/26, if he has received the relevant information from Garda authorities.

PQ80945/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

633. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has formally notified the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the names of students in Gaza whose visa appeals it has committed to determine by 18 November 2026, to enable their inclusion in the assisted departure (evacuation) from Gaza planned for 23 November 2026; if so, the date of such notification; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80944/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

634. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated number of brothels identified by An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years; and the number of brothels closed or otherwise disrupted by An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years.

PQ80965/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

635. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of individuals who have been granted international protection or leave to remain but who remain accommodated by IPAS; the total annual cost of continuing to accommodate this cohort; and the specific measures, with clear targets and timelines, that his Department is taking to reduce this number in line with the committee’s recommendation for a report within nine months detailing efforts and outcomes.

PQ80975/26 | CAROL NOLAN

636. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of the legacy IPAS contracts established during the emergency period of 2022–2024 still lack completed due diligence documentation, signed contracts, planning confirmation, insurance and fire certification as highlighted by the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts; and the deadline by which all such contracts will be brought into full compliance or terminated.

PQ80973/26 | CAROL NOLAN

637. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to the Committee of Public Accounts Report on International Protection and Temporary Protection (Ukraine) Expenditure 2024 and confirmation that ultimate statutory responsibility for age assessment of international protection applicants lies with his Department, the total number of persons referred to Tusla in 2024/2025 who were determined to be adults; the average duration of their placement with Tusla; and the specific steps by which his Department will fully discharge its responsibility under the new multidisciplinary system so that adults can no longer be referred to Tusla.

PQ80972/26 | CAROL NOLAN

638. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total value of historical overpayments arising from discrepancies between contracted bed capacity and actual occupancy across IPAS centres that have been identified to date; the amount successfully recovered; the number of contractors still under investigation; and when the full retrospective reconciliation recommended by the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts, including recoupment plans for all confirmed overpayments, will be completed and published.

PQ80970/26 | CAROL NOLAN

639. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 76578/26, (details supplied) to provide the number of such referrals for each year between 2020 to date in 2026 from Irish embassies processing visa applications from Palestinian nationals, expressed both in absolute terms and as a percentage of total applications.

PQ80916/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

640. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda investigations involving vape shops suspected of supplying controlled drugs or psychoactive substances in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and the number of searches, seizures, and prosecutions arising.

PQ80992/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

641. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has formally notified the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the names of students in Gaza whose visa appeals it has committed to determine by 18 November 2026, to enable their inclusion in the assisted departure (evacuation) from Gaza planned for 23 November 2026; and the date of such notification.

PQ80926/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

642. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the application of a person (details supplied), given that it is now almost 24 months with no communication from his Department regarding same.

PQ80923/26 | SORCA CLARKE

643. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of citizenship and immigration applications in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 in which a document submitted as a certified copy was found to be fraudulent or altered; the number of such cases referred to An Garda Síochána; whether the Department records who certified the copy in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81227/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

644. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the means by which Immigration Service Delivery verifies the authenticity of passports and other identity and residency documents submitted as certified copies with citizenship and immigration applications; whether original documents are requested or examined by his Department in any such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81226/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

645. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 71886/26 and his correspondence of 10 November 2026 to the Ceann Comhairle, the date on which his Department's review of matters related to the office of peace commissioner commenced; the matters within its scope; whether it is being conducted within his Department or externally; whether peace commissioners have been consulted; whether its findings will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81224/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

646. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the action being taken by his Department to improve on current EUTR1 application processing timelines, in view of the impact that delays in processing may have on employment opportunities for applicants.

PQ81127/26 | COLM BURKE

647. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to urgently review the case of a person (details supplied) who is experiencing difficulties in progressing the renewal of their immigration/residence documentation (IRL) on the portal; to clarify if the persons initial Stamp 4 permission was granted because of their Irish born children/ Irish born partner; to assist in processing the application without a passport (previously passport requirement waivered by the Minister’s office); and to provide clear guidance on how the person can regularise and maintain their immigration status.

PQ81148/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

648. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda members currently on restricted duties, broken down by Garda division; the average length of time members spend on restricted duties; the number who moved to restricted duties directly following a period of sick leave in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ81278/26 | THOMAS GOULD

649. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an Irish citizenship application through naturalisation (details supplied); the stage of the application; and whether any further information is required from the applicant.

PQ81328/26 | COLM BURKE

650. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will review the correspondence; and the supports available in the circumstances outlined (details supplied).

PQ81388/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

651. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with regard to the Legacy of the Troubles Bill 2026, the legal, advocacy, counselling, trauma-informed and practical supports he intends to make available to victims, survivors and bereaved families who engage with legacy and information recovery processes provided for under the Bill.

PQ81385/26 | MATT CARTHY

652. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will meet with the Norther Ireland Commission for Victims and Survivors as they have requested, to discuss concerns relating to British legacy legislation, including the provisions of the Legacy of the Troubles Bill 2026 which provides for cooperation with the British legislation.

PQ81357/26 | MATT CARTHY

653. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will urgently review a citizenship application for a person (details supplied).

PQ81413/26 | ROBERT TROY

654. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a join family visa application for a person (details supplied); the timeframe in which a decision will be reached; and whether any further information is required from the applicant to progress same.

PQ81351/26 | COLM BURKE

655. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider a further 12-month extension of ARP for existing hosting arrangements; if he will consider specific provision for older and vulnerable residents who cannot readily move into independent rented accommodation; and if his Department has assessed the number of hosts who can realistically continue hosting after ARP ends.

PQ81462/26 | CATHAL CROWE

656. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify the average processing time for the first decision on international protection applications since the EU Migration and Asylum Pact came into operation in Ireland; the percentage of these decisions that are appealed; the number of applicants residing in State provided accommodation; and the number of residents with status granted that continue to stay in State provided accommodation.

PQ81465/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

657. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the circumstances in which a person is allowed to remain in the State following the making of a deportation order; and the factors that may affect the timing of enforcement.

PQ81499/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

658. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures in place for the enforcement of deportation orders where a person is serving a custodial sentence; and the steps taken to ensure such persons are transferred to the custody of immigration authorities upon release where appropriate.

PQ81498/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

659. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update in relation to a single Garda vetting card; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81496/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

660. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of charges and convictions under 'Fagins Law' since it was adopted, in tabular form.

PQ81580/26 | MARK WARD

661. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Irish residence permit card renewal (details supplied) can be prioritised for decision as soon as possible.

PQ81577/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

662. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number for calls made to An Garda Síochána by month and by year from 2021 to date in 2026 that would fall under the heading of domestic violence, in tabular form.

PQ81478/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

663. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration If he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding delays in processing an application for revocation of a deportation order; the status of the application submitted by the person concerned in November 2025 and resubmitted in 2026; and if the application will be reviewed as a matter of urgency in light of the person's wish to travel to Ireland to attend their upcoming graduation ceremony.

PQ81507/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

664. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence from a person (details supplied) regarding delays in obtaining a minister of religion permission letter; the current status of the application; the steps being taken to progress the matter; and their immigration status pending renewal of their Irish residence permit given that their current permission has now expired.

PQ81538/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

665. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has undertaken or commissioned an evaluation of the effectiveness of Limerick's community CCTV network in preventing and detecting crime and supporting criminal prosecutions; if so, the findings of any such evaluation; and whether the results will be published.

PQ81504/26 | GARY GANNON

666. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, in view of the exceptional circumstances outlined in correspondence (details supplied), he will request that the relevant coroner facilitates and expedites the release of the post-mortem report and findings relating to a

deceased person who died in July 2024 given that the family have been awaiting the report for more than two years and have received no indication as to when it will issue; and his departments policy in relation to such processes.

PQ81532/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Department, or any body under its aegis, has current contracts with a company (details supplied); and if so, the value and duration of such, in tabular form.

PQ81520/26 | CATHY BENNETT

668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface.

PQ81619/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

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

669. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has engaged with Kerry County Council regarding the long-term development and investment requirements of the county's piers, harbours, slipways and coastal landing facilities; if his Department would be willing to engage with the council following the completion of a county-wide feasibility study to identify priority projects and potential funding mechanisms; and if he will consider providing additional capital support to progress projects identified as strategically important to the county.

PQ80633/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

670. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding under the local authority marine infrastructure scheme can support the development of marine infrastructure for coastal tourism, recreational boating, passenger vessels, cruise-related activities, sea angling and other marine leisure activities; and if consideration has been given to expanding the scheme to support larger tourism-related marine infrastructure projects.

PQ80632/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

671. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered introducing a multi-annual capital investment programme for local authority-owned piers and harbours, rather than relying primarily on annual funding allocations; and whether such an approach could provide greater certainty for local authorities undertaking feasibility studies, environmental assessments, planning and the delivery of major marine infrastructure projects.

PQ80629/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

672. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has undertaken, or intends to undertake, a national assessment of the condition, capacity and development requirements of local authority-owned piers, harbours, slipways and coastal landing facilities; if a national register of required marine infrastructure investment exists; and whether local authorities have been asked to identify and prioritise future infrastructure requirements.

PQ80628/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

673. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department works with the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and other relevant Departments to identify funding opportunities for the development of new piers, harbours and coastal infrastructure; and whether a coordinated interdepartmental funding approach could be developed to support strategic marine infrastructure projects in coastal counties.

PQ80627/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

674. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department operates, or intends to establish, a separate capital funding programme for large-scale strategic marine infrastructure projects involving the construction of new piers, harbours, breakwaters, dredging works and coastal landing facilities; whether such projects can be considered for multi-annual funding; and the alternative funding mechanisms available to local authorities for projects of this scale.

PQ80626/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

675. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to increase the annual funding allocation available under the local authority marine infrastructure scheme in 2027; if he has considered increasing the maximum grant available per project; and whether additional funding will be made available to coastal local authorities with significant marine infrastructure requirements.

PQ80625/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

676. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details of all applications submitted by Kerry County Council under the local authority Marine infrastructure scheme and predecessor funding programmes for each of the past five years, including the project concerned, the funding sought, the funding approved, applications refused or deferred, and the reasons for any unsuccessful applications.

PQ80624/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

677. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding is available to local authorities for dredging works at existing piers, harbours and coastal landing facilities under the local authority marine infrastructure scheme; the restrictions that apply to such funding; and if a dedicated funding stream for significant dredging projects is available.

PQ80631/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

678. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a detailed breakdown of all funding allocated to Kerry County Council under the local authority marine infrastructure scheme, the former piers and harbours funding programme and the Brexit adjustment local authority marine infrastructure scheme for each year from 2016 to 2026, including the individual projects funded, the amount allocated and the amount drawn down in each case.

PQ80623/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

679. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether there is currently any dedicated funding scheme available to local authorities for the construction of entirely new piers, harbours, breakwaters or coastal landing facilities, as distinct from the repair, maintenance and upgrading of existing infrastructure; if not, whether his Department has plans to introduce such a scheme.

PQ80621/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

680. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action his Department is taking to resolve the IT issue affecting non-productive investment applications received under the ACRES and ACRES-CP scheme for 2025 from applicants who transferred to a registered farm partnership during the scheme and who cannot submit a claim for their 2025 application.

PQ80662/26 | COLM BURKE

681. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of assistant secretaries or assistant secretary general equivalent grades currently employed in his Department and Office, broken down by Department/Office, in tabular form, as at the most recent available date.

PQ80772/26 | CAROL NOLAN

682. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he will consider introducing measures to reduce the cost of veterinary care and pet food, particularly for older people and those on low incomes who may struggle to afford the costs of caring for their pets; whether he will examine veterinary assistance schemes operating in England and other jurisdictions; and if he will consider introducing a targeted support scheme to help pensioners meet essential veterinary and pet care costs.

PQ80790/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

683. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 572 of 9 April 2019, in which the then Minister said he would ask officials to consider extending dog licence exemptions to assistance dogs and to report back, whether that review was completed.

PQ80985/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

684. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will make regulations under section 5(i) of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 to prescribe, as a class of person exempt from the requirement to hold a dog licence: (a) persons with a disability, or the parents or guardians of a child with a disability, who keep an assistance dog trained and certified by a recognised assistance dog organisation; and (b) those organisations while dogs are in training.

PQ80984/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

685. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the procedural or administrative changes his Department has implemented following two decisions by the Office of the Information Commissioner annulling decisions (details supplied).

PQ80998/26 | PAUL MURPHY

686. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the local authority marine infrastructure scheme permits applications for the construction of entirely new piers and harbours, rather than improvements to existing facilities; to outline the categories of new marine infrastructure eligible for funding; the maximum grant available; and whether larger projects which exceed the scheme's current funding limits can be considered through an alternative funding mechanism.

PQ80622/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

687. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of notifications of injury, and of death of greyhounds at greyhound races during the month of October 2026 at Clonmel, Curraheen Park, Enniscorthy, Kilkenny, Lifford, Mullingar, Waterford, and Youghal, by date and time, in tabular form.

PQ81325/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

688. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether State Aid rules prohibit the re-planting of forestry on deep peat soils; if not, the rationale for the differentiation between planting and re-planting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81420/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

689. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the track attendance figures for Curraheen Park greyhound track at the semi-finals and the final of the 2026 Laurels competition; to provide a breakdown of the figures in paid, the complimentary entry, and entry by adults, children, greyhound owners and trainers, bookmakers, and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81347/26 | PAUL MURPHY

690. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if each member of a syndicate that owns a greyhound are counted as individual owners; or if the syndicate is counted as one registered owner; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81346/26 | PAUL MURPHY

691. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of minor children under the age of 18 years who are registered owners of non-coursing greyhounds registered with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81344/26 | PAUL MURPHY

692. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface.

PQ81620/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

693. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide, for each grant scheme administered by Bord Iascaigh Mhara, a breakdown by scheme and funding call from 1 January 2025 to date, or by scheme and year where applications are accepted on a rolling basis, of the number of applications received, approved, refused and awaiting a decision, the median time from receipt of an application to notification of a written decision, the number of decided applications that took more than 6 months and more than 12 months respectively; and the number of pending applications that have been awaiting decision for more than 6 months, in tabular form.

PQ81647/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

694. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department considers it appropriate to exclude identifiable records from consideration under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 solely because an applicant describes badger-capture equipment or operations using the term “snaring” rather than the Department’s preferred terminology of “stopped body restraints”.

PQ80997/26 | PAUL MURPHY

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

695. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla intends to introduce a consistent national FASD identification and support protocol.

PQ80607/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

696. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children on the caseloads of the Children's Disability Network Teams serving Cork city and county; the number of funded, filled and vacant physiotherapy, occupational therapy and psychology posts on those teams; and the number of children waiting longer than one year for intervention in each discipline, in tabular form.

PQ80599/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

697. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla currently records the number of children in its care, foster care, residential care or receiving child protection and welfare services who have been diagnosed with, or are suspected of living with, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder; further to previous correspondence concerning the identification of children with individual disabilities within Tusla's reporting systems, whether this information is now recorded; the assessment, care-planning and support arrangements are in place for these children; and the FASD-specific training is provided to staff working with children in care.

PQ80606/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

698. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the proposed HSE national telephone assistance service for people living with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD); if the HSE has established or commenced operating this service following the cessation of funding to FASD Ireland; if not, the reasons for the operational delays; the total funding allocated by her Department to the HSE for this purpose in 2026; the way in which it has been utilized; the interim arrangements in place for families seeking telephone support; and the timeframe for a replacement service to become fully operational.

PQ80696/26 | CATHAL CROWE

699. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding being provided to assist an organisation (details supplied) with the recruitment of three physiotherapists with immediate need identified in the south east and north east.

PQ80694/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

700. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if funding will be provided to an organisation (details supplied) for the recruitment of a community worker in the Sligo/Leitrim region.

PQ80693/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

701. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the criteria the HSE uses to classify a disability residential placement or funding package as an emergency; if a person with a disability who is medically fit for discharge but remains in an acute hospital bed for want of a placement or enhanced package meets those criteria; and the number of such funding applications currently awaiting a decision, by HSE health region.

PQ80809/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

702. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide the funding needed for people with disabilities who are medically fit for discharge from hospital but cannot return to their previous home, to move to an appropriate new residential or nursing home placement with the specialist care and supports they need; and if this funding will be provided on the basis of each person's assessed needs, regardless of whether the HSE classifies their case as an emergency.

PQ80808/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

703. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide the additional funding needed for people with disabilities who are medically fit for discharge from hospital to return to their existing Section 38 or 39 residential homes, where their medical, nursing or behavioural support needs have increased and their current funding packages are no longer sufficient; and if this funding will be provided on the basis of each person's assessed needs, regardless of whether the HSE classifies their case as an emergency.

PQ80807/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

704. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when she will direct the operational review of the mother and baby institutions payment scheme to commence under S.48(1)(a) of the 2023 Act; and a timeline on when she expects this review process to be completed.

PQ80796/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

705. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people with disabilities currently in acute hospitals despite being medically ready for discharge; the number awaiting a first residential placement, a return to an existing residential service with an enhanced support package, or an alternative placement due to changed care needs; and the length of their delays and total acute bed-days accumulated, by hospital and HSE health region, including University Hospital Galway, University Hospital Limerick, Cork University Hospital and St James's Hospital.

PQ80806/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

706. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the details of the reported restrictions on new residential placements for people with disabilities; if she or the Minister of State in her Department approved this directive; in view of these restrictions, the arrangements in place to provide residential supports in the case of an emergency (details supplied); and if detailed information will be shared with families regarding this decision.

PQ80875/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

707. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if funding is available for residential disability services to be administered by Corlann at Cúlgharraí, Rahoon, Galway; and to provide an update on the business case in relation to same.

PQ80833/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

708. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she intends to act on the recommendations of (details supplied) and include additional enrolment points for the ECCE for parents of children who were born too early or late in that programme year.

PQ80917/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

709. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider extending the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) to afterschool services, particularly for children with additional needs who are unable to access places due to inadequate staffing ratios and the cost of providing additional support; and if she will provide a timeline for any proposed extension.

PQ81003/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

710. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will ensure that AIM funding covers the full cost of employing additional staff, including wages, employer PRSI and pension contributions; if she is aware of the difficulties faced by afterschool providers supporting children who move from specialist school settings with staffing ratios of 3:1 to afterschool settings operating at 11:1; and the measures she will introduce to address this gap in support.

PQ81001/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

711. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of recorded instances of inappropriate access by Tusla staff to the records of service users in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of these notified to the Data Protection Commission; the number in which the data subject or their family was informed; the number which resulted in a disciplinary outcome; in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81028/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

712. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the date on which Tusla commenced its internal inquiry into inappropriate access by staff to the records of a child (details supplied); who commissioned the inquiry; the grade and role of the official who led it; whether the inquiry has concluded; whether the matter was notified to the Data Protection Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81027/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

713. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the Data Protection Officer of Tusla holds that role alongside other senior management duties; if so, the steps taken to ensure no conflict of interest arises as required under Article 38(6) of the General Data Protection Regulation; to whom the Data Protection Officer reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81026/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

714. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla assessed, prior to the designation of its Data Protection Officer in 2024, that the person designated had the expert knowledge of data protection law and practice required under Article 37(5) of the General Data Protection Regulation; the qualifications and criteria specified for the role; whether her Department satisfied itself that the requirement was met; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81025/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

715. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the official designated as Data Protection Officer of Tusla in 2024 was appointed following an open competition or an internal recruitment process; if not, the basis on which the designation was made; who approved the designation; whether the Board of Tusla was informed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81024/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

716. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla routinely audits staff access to the records of children who are the subject of a Garda investigation or a serious incident review; the frequency of such audits; whether access logs are retained on its case management system for this purpose; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81032/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

717. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department received a protected disclosure concerning the conduct of Tusla's internal inquiry into access to the records of a child (details supplied), or the qualifications of the official who led that inquiry; if so, whether the disclosure was referred to Tusla for investigation; whether she considers it appropriate that Tusla investigate a disclosure concerning its own senior management; whether an independent investigator will be appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81031/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

718. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla has changed its policy on recording, assessing or notifying personal data breaches since 2022; if so, the date the new policy was adopted and who approved it; the number of personal data breaches recorded and the number notified to the Data Protection Commission in each year before and after the change; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81030/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

719. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 79347/26, if a breakdown of the 463 residential private beds will be provided, by service provider, and the arrangement in place.

PQ81112/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

720. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 74693/26, to confirm if her office has been in touch with (details supplied) to reschedule the meeting which was postponed in October

PQ81254/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

721. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children aged zero to 18 in each of the integrated healthcare areas (IHA) by individual area, awaiting first-time intervention in all areas of early intervention; the number on the public list; the number on the children's disability network team list in each IHA; and the length of time awaiting intervention by age, for each year between October 2020 to October 2026, and in tabular form.

PQ81128/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

722. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the number of referrals received by Tusla from hospitals and other healthcare facilities in each of the years from 2021 to 2026; the number that proceeded to initial assessment, further child protection or welfare intervention, or closure without further action; whether these figures can be disaggregated by children with disabilities or complex medical needs; and the steps that are taken to identify and address patterns of referrals that do not meet the relevant thresholds.

PQ81240/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

723. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will look at allowing some flexibility within the national childcare scheme when it comes to parents collecting their child early from their service; if this is something she has looked at before; and if not, if she will.

PQ81125/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

724. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason parents are financially penalised for collecting their children early, via deductions to subsidised hours under the national childcare scheme (details supplied).

PQ81132/26 | MÁIRE DEVINE

725. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason parents lose childcare subsidy because their child participates in an organised school activity during hours for which they are already paying for a childcare place (details supplied).

PQ81131/26 | MÁIRE DEVINE

726. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 75573/26, the current caseload of social workers in Tusla; and to provide a list those who are being described as "other professionals" as to their profession.

PQ81167/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

727. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on achievement of Commitment 4 – Public and Civil Service – of the National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025-30.

PQ81522/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

728. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage of disabled people employed in the public and civil service; and does this match our legal requirements under the Disability Act 2005 as amended by the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Act 2022.

PQ81521/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

729. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 76 of 17 September 2026, if her Department is considering updating the HIVE system to facilitate engagement with it via an application programming interface.

PQ81596/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

730. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the platforms, services or systems provided by her Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface.

PQ81621/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

731. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the levels of protection for pregnant employees who are selected for redundancy before commencing maternity leave, looking at best practice elsewhere, including Germany (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80943/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

732. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if sufficient legislative protections exist for pregnant employees from being made redundant before they commence maternity leave.

PQ81363/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

733. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of emergency residential placements and the comparative cost of planned versus crisis placements for residential accommodation for those with intellectual disabilities in the south-west region.

PQ81562/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

734. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is considering the introduction of specific protections to prevent an employer from selecting a pregnant employee for redundancy before their maternity leave begins, provided the redundancy is deemed genuine; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80959/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

Chun an Sláinte: To the Health

735. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.. 74805/26, whether the National Drug Treatment Reporting System or the Health Research Board has the means to identify repeat treatment episodes by the same person within a year; and whether the HSE will report the number of individual persons treated for gambling as a main problem.

PQ80553/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

736. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74810/26, whether HSE addiction services in the South West region record referrals for gambling treatment that do not progress to assessment; the number of such referrals received by each service in each of the years 2021 to 2025 according to service level records; and whether the HSE will require all such referrals to be recorded.

PQ80551/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

737. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74811/26, the average waiting times for the HSE Dublin and North East and HSE Dublin and South East regions for 2021 and 2025, stated to four decimal places; and with the number of treatment episodes on which each average was based.

PQ80550/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

738. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74807/26, the number of treatment episodes for gambling as a main problem in each of the years 2021 to 2025 by HSE health region of the person's residence, as distinct from the location of the treatment service, together with the median waiting time from referral to commencement of treatment on that basis, in tabular form.

PQ80547/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

739. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74807/26, the reasons for the 95th percentile waiting time of 310 days from referral to commencement of treatment for gambling as a main problem in the HSE South West region in 2024; and the measures taken since then to reduce waiting times in the region.

PQ80546/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

740. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74807/26, the number of treatment episodes for gambling as a main problem in each HSE health region in each of the years 2021 to 2025 where the wait from referral to commencement of treatment exceeded 90 days, 180 days and 365 days respectively, in tabular form.

PQ80545/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

741. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 74807/26, the median and 95th percentile waiting time in days from referral to assessment, and separately from assessment to commencement of treatment, for gambling as a main problem in the HSE South West region in each of the years 2021 to 2025, in tabular form.

PQ80542/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

742. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 75698/26, whether 2026 graduates in mental health nursing, intellectual disability nursing and children's nursing from higher education institutions in the HSE South West region were offered permanent posts, posts on the Nursing and Midwifery Staff Bank or no post, respectively, given that the eligibility criteria provided in her reply relate only to Staff Bank Nurse General and Staff Bank Midwife posts.

PQ80564/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

743. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 75698/26, the number of the 20 graduates deemed ineligible or withdrawn from the HSE South West Staff Bank Nurse General and Staff Bank Midwife recruitment campaign who were excluded on grounds of registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland, immigration permission to reside and work in the State, health, character or other grounds, respectively.

PQ80561/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

744. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 75698/26, the reply to which stated that 193 graduates applied for Staff Bank Nurse General and Staff Bank Midwife posts in HSE South West, that 20 were deemed ineligible or withdrew, and that 176.50 full time permanent posts were accepted, how 176.50 posts were accepted by no more than 173 remaining applicants; the number of individual graduates, by headcount, who accepted posts; the number of those posts that are part time; the number of graduates deemed ineligible and the number who withdrew, respectively.

PQ80560/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

745. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ 24293/26, the framework or memo under which each non-entry level conversion was approved, given that HR Memo 035/2026 states the framework was extended to non-entry level grades only from 1 July 2026 (details supplied); and whether those posts were first offered to existing panels, in tabular form by health region.

PQ80650/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

746. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has obtained legal advice on whether the Section 3b process in HR Memo 035/2026 for Grades V to VII, under which a confined competition is open to HSE employees before eligible agency workers may apply, is consistent with section 11 of the Protection of Employees (Temporary Agency Work) Act 2012; and the number of WRC complaints under section 11 received against the HSE since 1 January 2024.

PQ80649/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Grade IV to Grade VII posts filled under HR Memo 035/2026 since 1 July 2026, by health region and by the stage at which each post was filled by, existing panel, confined regional competition, or wider HSE confined competition including agency workers; and the number of agency workers whose assignments ended as a result of their post being filled from a panel, in tabular form.

PQ80648/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

748. To ask the Minister for Health the number of drug and alcohol liaison midwives that are currently employed by the HSE, broken down by maternity unit and integrated healthcare area; the additional resources and funding that have been allocated to implement this action; and if the she will provide a timeline for completion of any outstanding elements.

PQ80654/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE remaining in the 960 WTE National Service Plan agency conversion allocation; whether the remaining allocation is available to health regions for non-entry level posts; and whether the review of the agency conversion framework due by 31 December 2026 will consider newly established posts that have been filled since creation by the same agency worker.

PQ80647/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

750. To ask the Minister for Health the specific training in fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) that is provided to drug and alcohol liaison midwives, including the content, duration and frequency of such training; the person or body that is responsible for developing and delivering this training, whether it is mandatory; and whether it is independently accredited.

PQ80653/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

751. To ask the Minister for Health if health regions may seek a derogation from the requirement to offer non-entry level posts to existing panels, or may use a bespoke job specification, where a newly established post requires specialist skills held by the agency worker currently in it; and the number of such requests made and approved since 1 July 2026, by health region.

PQ80646/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

752. To ask the Minister for Health if action 8 of the HSE position paper on FASD Prevention, published in September 2022, namely, "Develop the role of Drug and Alcohol Liaison Midwives to enhance the provision of evidence-informed alcohol interventions with pregnant women and their families", has been completed; the specific measures undertaken to develop and formalise this role since publication of the Position Paper; and whether a national role description, competency framework, training programme and standardised clinical pathway have been established.

PQ80652/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

753. To ask the Minister for Health if she has examined policy options to strengthen emergency care provision within the private sector in order to alleviate demand on emergency care provision in our public accident and emergency departments.

PQ80608/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

754. To ask the Minister for Health the number of publicly funded DEXA scanners currently in operation within Donegal; the average waiting time for a DEXA scan in Donegal; and the plans to expand capacity.

PQ80641/26 | CHARLES WARD

755. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nurse vacancies currently at Letterkenny University Hospital; and the timeframe for filling each of these vacancies, in tabular form.

PQ80638/26 | CHARLES WARD

756. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to improve services and capacity within public health neurosurgery.

PQ80640/26 | CHARLES WARD

757. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has issued any guidance to regional health areas concerning the procurement of specialist FASD services; whether any barriers currently prevent social workers, disability services or other HSE professionals from referring families to specialist FASD organisations; and the arrangements being put in place to ensure continuity of support for people living with FASD and their families following the withdrawal of previous funding arrangements.

PQ80610/26 | JEN CUMMINS

758. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE plans to commission, fund or procure specialist fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) support, assessment, education and family support services from specialist organisations operating in Ireland; and the current arrangements through which families can access specialist FASD expertise outside mainstream disability services.

PQ80609/26 | JEN CUMMINS

759. To ask the Minister for Health the current approximate waiting times for PMOS/PCOS assessment and specialist treatment in Ireland; the measures being taken to reduce these waiting times; the urgent-care pathways are available for patients experiencing severe PMOS/PCOS symptoms; and if additional resources are being provided to improve access to specialist PMOS/PCOS services.

PQ80661/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

760. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 77029/26, whether the HSE has used or considered sessional, agency or contracted podiatry services to provide Chronic Disease Programme podiatry in North Cork and East Cork while the posts there remain unfilled; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80569/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

761. To ask the Minister for Health further to the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 77029/26, which stated that all active diabetic patients are seen through the Acute Multidisciplinary Foot Team, the hospital or hospitals at which that team operates for patients from Community Healthcare Networks four, five and six in Cork; the number of patients from those networks seen by the team in 2025 and in 2026 to date; the average time from referral to first appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80568/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

762. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 77029/26, whether the area described as North Cork for the purposes of the Chronic Disease Programme corresponds to Community Healthcare Networks four, five and six; the arrangements in place for persons with chronic conditions other than diabetes in North Cork and East Cork who require podiatry under the programme, in the absence of programme podiatry staff; whether such persons are being placed on a waiting list; the number waiting; the length of time waited; and the number referred to services outside the area in 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ80567/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

763. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 77029/26, which stated that there are no podiatry staff employed under the Chronic Disease Programme in North Cork despite vacancies having been advertised and interviews conducted, the number of whole time equivalent podiatry posts approved for the Chronic Disease Programme in North Cork; the dates on which each post was advertised and interviews held; the reason no appointment was made; the steps being taken to fill these posts; the expected date by which they will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80566/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

764. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 75692/26, which stated that the Pinnacle Consulting audit report on the CORU Recognition Department was not presented to the Professional Regulation Unit of the Department, whether she will request a copy of that report; whether a copy will be placed in the Oireachtas Library; and the nature of each of the four housekeeping findings.

PQ80581/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

765. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 78060/26, which stated that 43 of the 45 actions in the CHI implementation plan arising from the external assurance review have been completed, the subject of each of the two remaining actions; the recommendation to which each relates; the target date for completing each; and whether completion of either is a condition of the decision to open the National Children's Hospital.

PQ80580/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

766. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has assessed the number of avoidable emergency department attendances by children with epilepsy at Cork University Hospital arising from the unavailability of the paediatric epilepsy nurse service; and if not, the reason.

PQ80598/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

767. To ask the Minister for Health whether Cork University Hospital has sought approval to fill vacant consultant or specialist nursing posts in its paediatric neurology and epilepsy service; the date of each request; and the status of each, in tabular form.

PQ80597/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

768. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a first appointment with the paediatric neurology and epilepsy service at Cork University Hospital, broken down by time waiting, at the end of each quarter in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ80596/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

769. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place at Cork University Hospital for parents and general practitioners of children with an established epilepsy diagnosis to obtain same day clinical advice from the paediatric neurology team following a breakthrough seizure, including advice on changes to medication dosage; whether a dedicated advice line exists; its hours of operation; and the target response time.

PQ80595/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

770. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent clinical nurse specialist and advanced nurse practitioner posts in the paediatric epilepsy service at Cork University Hospital; the number currently filled, vacant or unfilled due to leave; and whether the service is at present able to respond to telephone and email contact from families, in tabular form.

PQ80594/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

771. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent consultant paediatric neurologist posts funded at Cork University Hospital; the number filled; the number vacant; and the date each vacancy arose, in tabular form.

PQ80593/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

772. To ask the Minister for Health the number of review appointments for children with epilepsy at Cork University Hospital that were cancelled or postponed by the hospital in 2025 and to date in 2026, by month; and the main reasons recorded, in tabular form.

PQ80604/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

773. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the care of the paediatric neurology and epilepsy service at Cork University Hospital whose scheduled review appointment is overdue, broken down by length of time overdue, at the end of each quarter in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ80603/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

774. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite an urgent cardiology appointment at Ennis General Hospital for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80703/26 | CATHAL CROWE

775. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ73822/26, in which the HSE referred to the timeframe in which it was required to identify alternative residences for residents of unit 1 at St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, the body or official that set that timeframe, the date it was set and the deadline concerned, in view of the HSE's statement that the Mental Health Commission has set no timeline for the transfer of residents from floor 2 block 8; whether a cost estimate was prepared for the capital works needed to bring unit 5 to Mental Health Commission standards; and if so, the amount.

PQ80740/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

776. To ask the Minister for Health whether recruitment to the community neuro-rehabilitation team for HSE Dublin and north-east, covering Dublin north, Meath and Louth, has been paused, suspended or cancelled following the September 2026 recruitment campaign; whether this is related to HSE recruitment embargoes or financial controls; and when the advertised posts will be filled and the team become operational; and when and where on the ground in Meath will this service be established.

PQ80739/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

777. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 78542/26, the way in which her Department monitors the implementation of Dignity at Work, Circular 12/2026, across the Civil service in the absence of central statistics on formal complaints; whether she will request each Department and Office to provide aggregated annual returns of the records they are required to keep under paragraph 56 of the Circular, with no information that could identify any individual; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80730/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

778. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ73818/26, whether staffing levels were a factor in any decision to decline a referral (details supplied); the categories of care need that could not be met; the outcome of referrals that were not declined but did not result in admission; the cost of agency staffing in Unit 1 in 2025 and 2026 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80738/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

779. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 75917/26, the steps open to the HSE chief executive officer or national HR where a regional executive officer does not implement corrective action (details supplied); whether any such matter has been escalated since 2023; whether pre employment screening compliance is a measure in regional executive officers' performance agreements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80737/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

780. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ75917/26, the number of occasions since January 2023 on which national HR has required a health region to remediate pre-employment screening failures, by health region and year (details supplied); the specific governance or performance process used in each case; whether the remediation was completed and verified; and the document in which this power of National HR is stated.

PQ80736/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

781. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to expand mental health crisis cafes to County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80747/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

782. To ask the Minister for Health if the embargo on recruitment (details supplied) will impact or delay the delivery of this long-promised service to neuro disabled people in Meath; and if this embargo is impacting delivery of psychology services to people with epilepsy at Beaumont Hospital.

PQ80746/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

783. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the advertised CNRT posts that have been filled in Dublin north-east region; the number that remain vacant; if the 12.5 WTE approved posts have all been advertised; if the full multidisciplinary complement includes psychology/neuropsychology; when the Dublin north-east CNRT will be fully operational; and if it is intended to provide services to people with acquired neurological injury in Meath, rather than simply being administratively within the Dublin north-east region.

PQ80744/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

784. To ask the Minister for Health whether health regions may seek a derogation from the requirement to offer non-entry level posts to existing panels, or may use a bespoke job specification, where a newly established post requires specialist skills held by the agency worker currently in it; and the number of such requests made and approved since 1 July 2026, by health region.

PQ80725/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

785. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE remaining in the 960 WTE National Service Plan agency conversion allocation; if the remaining allocation is available to health regions for non-entry level posts; and whether the review of the agency conversion framework due by 31 December 2026 will consider newly established posts that have been filled since creation by the same agency worker.

PQ80724/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

786. To ask the Minister for Health the number of grade IV to grade VII posts filled under HR Memo 035/2026 since 1 July 2026, by health region and stage at which each post was filled (existing panel, confined regional competition, or wider HSE confined competition including agency workers); and the number of agency workers whose assignments ended as a result of their post being filled from a panel, in tabular form.

PQ80723/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

787. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has obtained legal advice on whether the section 3b process in HR Memo 035/2026 for Grades V to VII, under which a confined competition is open to HSE employees before eligible agency workers may apply, is consistent with section 11 of the Protection of Employees (Temporary Agency Work) Act 2012; and the number of WRC complaints under section 11 received against the HSE since 1 January 2024.

PQ80722/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

788. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ75917/26, the steps open to the HSE chief executive officer or national HR where a regional executive officer does not implement corrective action; whether any such matter has been escalated since 2023 (details supplied); and if pre-employment screening compliance is a measure in regional executive officers' performance agreements.

PQ80766/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

789. To ask the Minister for Health further PQ70666/26, the number of written updates or briefings the Minister has received on the implementation of the 2024 external assurance review of CHI's operational readiness since taking office, by date and by source, that is, the HSE, CHI or the Department; and if she will place those briefings in the Oireachtas Library.

PQ80768/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

790. To ask the Minister for Health further PQ70666/26, the number of meetings of the National Oversight Group for the NCHI Project and Programme at which the 2024 external assurance review of CHI's operational readiness, or the CHI implementation plan arising from it, has been tabled or discussed, by date; and whether the Secretary General of her Department, as chair of that Group, holds a copy of the review report.

PQ80767/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

791. To ask the Minister for Health further PQ 70666/26, the date on which the element of that PQ was referred to the HSE for direct reply, as set out in the Minister's letter to the Ceann Comhairle of 4 November 2026; the date on which the HSE issued its direct reply; and, if no reply has issued, the reason.

PQ80771/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

792. To ask the Minister for Health further PQ 70666/26, whether completion of the outstanding actions arising from the 2024 external assurance review of CHI's operational readiness is a precondition for a positive Go Live Readiness Assessment for the new children's hospital; and the number of outstanding actions that are such a precondition.

PQ80770/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

793. To ask the Minister for Health further PQ Nos. 70666/26 and 62012/26, the specific categories of information in the 2024 external assurance review of CHI's operational readiness that the HSE considers operationally sensitive and confidential in advance of the opening of the new children's hospital; whether her Department has independently assessed that claim; and if she will publish the text of the 13 recommendations on their own, separately from the full report, in the interim.

PQ80769/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

794. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ75917/26, in which the HSE stated that National HR may identify non compliance with pre employment screening requirements and require remediation through governance and performance processes, the number of occasions since January 2023 on which National HR has required such remediation, by Health Region; and the governance or performance process used in each case.

PQ80763/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

795. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ73823/26, which stated that each resident's clinical notes would capture any risk associated with a transfer, whether a documented transition plan has been prepared for each of the remaining five residents of Unit 1 at St Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire; whether the HSE has a policy or guideline governing the transfer of residents with dementia between residential centres; if so, its title and date; and whether any resident will be moved before 28 January 2027 without the agreement of their family.

PQ80761/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

796. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 73822/26, in which the HSE referred to the timeframe in which it was required to identify alternative residences for residents of Unit 1 at St Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, the body or official that set that timeframe; the date it was set and the deadline concerned, in view of the HSE's statement that the Mental Health Commission has set no timeline for the transfer of residents from floor 2 block 8; whether a cost estimate was prepared for the capital works needed to bring unit 5 to Mental Health Commission standards; and, if so, the amount.

PQ80760/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

797. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 73818/26, which confirmed that 8 of 12 referrals to Unit 1 at St Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire since July 2025 were declined due to care needs not been able to be met and that 7 of 13 WTE posts in the unit are vacant, whether staffing levels were a factor in any decision to decline a referral; the categories of care need that could not be met; the outcome of referrals that were not declined but did not result in admission; the cost of agency staffing in Unit 1 in 2025 and 2026 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80759/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

798. To ask the Minister for Health the location of day hospitals in the State, in view of the services they provide with regard to group therapy, skills training, and individual therapy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80750/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

799. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 35158/26, regarding to Over 30 Psychiatry Later Life Teams which are currently in operation in the community assessing and treating mental health issues for adults over the age of 65, the locations they are in operation; the roles that make up a team; and if there are plans for expansion in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80749/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

800. To ask the Minister for Health the allocated funding for the recruitment of additional SCAN Nurses in 2026; the number in total there are in the State; the number that are positioned in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80743/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

801. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 75917/26, in which the HSE stated that National HR may identify non compliance with pre employment screening requirements and require remediation through governance and performance processes, the number of occasions since January 2023 on which National HR has required such remediation, by health region; the governance or performance process used in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80742/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

802. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 77109/26, if she will make a statement on section 84(12A) of the Act referenced, requiring the Director to arrange for the review of advance healthcare directives notified under regulations, plus inspection rights for healthcare professionals, where such inspection is necessary to obtain information about a person’s treatment choices; the steps taken by her Department to progress those mechanisms since April 2023; and the position regarding section 86(3) and the lacunae in existence due to the absence of a register (details supplied).

PQ80681/26 | IVANA BACIK

803. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 73823/26, which stated that each resident's clinical notes would capture any risk associated with a transfer, whether a documented transition plan has been prepared for each of the remaining five residents of Unit 1 at St Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire; whether the HSE has a policy or guideline governing the transfer of residents with dementia between residential centres, if so, its title and date; and whether any resident will be moved before 28 January 2027 without the agreement of their family

PQ80741/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

804. To ask the Minister for Health in regards to crisis resolution teams, the roles that make up a team; the number of teams that are full; the duration of a pilot, if there are plans to expand to County Mayo or Connaught; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80726/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

805. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 35156/26, if the National Implementation and Monitoring Committee for Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone (2020-2030) that is currently overseeing a piece of work by the HSE Implementation Group, has adequate funding; if it is on track to be initiated before the end of 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80720/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

806. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 24293/26 (details supplied), which showed two grade IV, five grade V and one grade VII agency workers converted to direct employment in HSE mid west between January 2024 and March 2026, the framework or memo under which each non-entry level conversion was approved, given that HR Memo 035/2026 states the framework was extended to non-entry level grades only from 1 July 2026; and whether those posts were first offered to existing panels, in tabular form, by health region.

PQ80719/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

807. To ask the Minister for Health to review the cases of those frontline healthcare workers who contracted Covid who now have a diagnosis of long-Covid, and are deemed to be unfit for work by HSE assessors and their own GPs as their income is due to be reduced to 35% of normal pay from 31 December 2026, with a view to maintaining their current 50% rate of pay.

PQ80781/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

808. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to support engagement between service providers and service users and their families, to enhance the delivery of targeted supports, to service users, and provide a more impactful service overall in the matter of mental health; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80717/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

809. To ask the Minister for Health recognising the importance that private hospitals play in the healthcare system, the reason private hospitals are not required or incentivised to provide extended or 24-hour emergency services; the responsibility private health insurers have to ensure meaningful emergency access for their policyholders, and the arrangements that exist for patients who deteriorate after discharge outside a hospital's emergency opening hours.

PQ80786/26 | SEÁN KYNE

810. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to the introduction of a publicly funded osteoporosis screening programme for women aged over 50 years and other high-risk groups; the status of any review or assessment undertaken by her Department in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80774/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

811. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the Government's policy regarding osteoporosis screening; the number and location of DEXA scanning units currently available in the public health system; the number of DEXA scans carried out in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80773/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

812. To ask the Minister for Health further to action 1 of the HSE Position Paper on the Prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, published in September 2022 (details supplied), the reason such a strategy has not been developed; whether the Government intends to establish a national strategy covering prevention, diagnosis, clinical services, disability supports, education, social care and lifelong support; and if she will clarify that her Department will take overall responsibility for its development; and the timeframe for this strategy to be delivered.

PQ80695/26 | IVANA BACIK

813. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 77109/26, if she will address the need for cross-sectional preparations by her Department; and the reason the framework pertains only to health and social care, and not all sectors as recommended by the Law Reform Commission.

PQ80683/26 | IVANA BACIK

814. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated monetary value of the defibrillators damaged or stolen across the country in 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the cost of their repair or replacement; and whether the impact of such incidents on the availability of defibrillators in local communities has been assessed.

PQ80793/26 | TOM BRABAZON

815. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the eligibility criteria for the long-term illness scheme to include endometriosis; the steps being taken to reduce specialist waitlists and surgery times for patients in the mid-west; and if she will direct the HSE to ensure that access to multidisciplinary pain management, pelvic physiotherapy, and psychological support is allocated based on patient symptoms and pain severity rather than clinical disease staging.

PQ80682/26 | CATHAL CROWE

816. To ask the Minister for Health if data on the number of publicly accessible defibrillators that have been damaged, vandalised or stolen is collected by her Department; and if so, the breakdown of the number in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ80792/26 | TOM BRABAZON

817. To ask the Minister for Health further to Action 11 of the HSE Position Paper on FASD Prevention, if the standardised prenatal alcohol exposure resource pack, due for completion in Q2 2026, has been completed and distributed; the number who attended the September 2026 national webinar; the number of HSE healthcare and social care professionals who have completed FASD training since the 2022 survey, which found that over 86% of 702 respondents wanted further training; whether such training is mandatory; and the way in which it addresses the lifelong support needs of people living with FASD, as well as prevention.

PQ80788/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

818. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the location and successful tender for the planned new primary care centre at Gorey, County Wexford, which the HSE committed to announce in the first week of November 2026 at a meeting in October with elected representatives.

PQ80819/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

819. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an orthopaedic appointment in the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore.

PQ80829/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

820. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the introduction of a fully funded national DEXA screening programme for women aged over 50 years-of-age, in view of the increased risk of osteoporosis following menopause and evidence that low bone density often remains undiagnosed until a fracture occurs; her views on the estimate from an organisation (details supplied) that only 19% of people with bone density loss are diagnosed; her views the fact that approximately 90% of hip fractures are attributable to osteoporosis and that seven out of ten hip fractures occur in women;and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80825/26 | CATHAL CROWE

821. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people aged over 75 years that have been admitted to each acute hospital more than once during each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of times specific individuals aged over 75 years were readmitted during the three-year period; and whether or not those repeat admissions were related to previous admissions during the period.

PQ80823/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

822. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to introduce a chief midwifery officer at executive level in the HSE.

PQ80822/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

823. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients recorded as delayed transfers of care in acute hospitals nationally as of 8 November 2026; the total number of delayed bed-days accumulated by these patients; the average, median and longest duration of delay; the number waiting 0 to 30 days, 31 to 60 days, 61 to 90 days, 91 to 180 days and over 180 days; the breakdown by hospital and HSE health region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80805/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

824. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute hospital inpatients medically fit for discharge but delayed by a lack of disability-related residential, nursing, clinical, behavioural or community supports; to include those with intellectual, physical, sensory or multiple disabilities, former Section 38 or 39 residents whose needs have changed, and those needing a new residential placement or enhanced support package, by health region, with national and regional totals, showing those waiting under four weeks, weekly from four to 20 weeks, and 20 weeks or more since first deemed fit.

PQ80804/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

825. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE records and can identify people in acute hospital beds who are medically fit for discharge but whose discharge is delayed by a lack of disability-related residential, nursing, clinical, behavioural or community supports, including former residents of HSE-funded Section 38 or Section 39 residential services whose care needs have changed; if not, the data on this cohort that is available; and the measures that will be taken to identify and report on it, by HSE health region, and length of delay.

PQ80803/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

826. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in each hospital group for each of the past four years.

PQ80854/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

827. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's progress on establishing the National Adult Intestinal Failure Unit at St James's Hospital; and the timeline for when this unit will be operational.

PQ80853/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

828. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in the health service in total (in 2025) and for each of the previous four years.

PQ80852/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

829. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's policy on providing safe, standardised, care pathways for patients on Home Total Parenteral Nutrition.

PQ80851/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adverse incidents that were recorded in each CAHMS region; if she will detail the nature of all of the aforementioned adverse incidents; the number of health service related claims that have been lodged with the State Claims Agency for each of the past five years; and the amount in compensation that has been paid out by the State as a result of claims lodged against the health service.

PQ80855/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

831. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding has not been allocated for a dedicated community worker (details supplied) in the Sligo-Leitrim, despite an updated business case being submitted to the HSE in October 2025; whether the proposal remains under consideration; and if funding will be provided in 2027.

PQ80858/26 | EAMON SCANLON

832. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons the National Drugs Strategy 2026-2030 includes only passing reference to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) (details supplied); and if she will ensure FASD is explicitly recognised and addressed within the National Drugs Strategy, covering prevention, diagnosis and lifelong support.

PQ80874/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

833. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not received payment to date under the EU Cross Border Healthcare Directive.

PQ80871/26 | ALAN KELLY

834. To ask the Minister for Health is she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will review this specific case with HSE senior management to seek an expedited decision to allow treatment with the medicine, now that 20 months have passed since the rapid review process was first commissioned by the HSE.

PQ80876/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

835. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 64955/26, the engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to ensuring HSE regions have the necessary funding to provide care pathways for those with Huntington's disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80886/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

836. To ask the Minister for Health to increase funding to facilities (details supplied) in order that they can continue to provide their meals-on-wheels service for older people, given that due to the increased cost of living, they have had to reduce their service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80889/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

837. To ask the Minister for Health if she intends to review the conditions included in the long-term illness scheme.

PQ80896/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

838. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government will review the eligibility list for the long-term illness scheme and consider including endometriosis or establishing equivalent medication support; the concrete measures and timelines in place to reduce waiting times for specialist endometriosis care and surgery, particularly for women in the Mid-West; and the way in which multidisciplinary pain management, pelvic physiotherapy and psychological support be made accessible based on patients' needs and symptoms, rather than solely on disease stage.

PQ80902/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

839. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 54923/25; if not, whether the Department intends to set a firm deadline, given the ongoing development of wind energy projects and the associated public-health implications; whether the HSE has engaged with the Environmental Protection Agency as part of this review, particularly in relation to environmental noise, monitoring and the protection of public health; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80901/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

840. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for fibromyalgia to be classified as a specific, standalone disability and/or included in the long-term illness scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80912/26 | MARK WARD

841. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the implementation of a dedicated, publicly funded national brain tumour survivorship programme to address the severe lack of coordinated aftercare for patients living with the long term consequences of both malignant and benign brain tumour diagnoses; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ80911/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

842. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment undertaken by the HSE of the implications of its decision to re-tender the Community Substance Misuse Team service for young people in the Mid-West, including the impact on continuity of care, access to specialist services retention of experienced staff; if her Department has been briefed on the proposed changes the evidence underpinning the decision; and if consideration has been given to the potential wider impact on the CASP Clondalkin services arising from the loss of the existing CSMT contract, including the loss of approx €42k in management funding & implications.

PQ80909/26 | MARK WARD

843. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delays for a child (details supplied) who needs treatment; if a clear treatment and care plan will be discussed with the family; and if an investigation will be carried out into the delay in their diagnosis.

PQ80956/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

844. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently waiting to see a consultant paediatric neurologist at University Hospital Limerick for a first appointment.

PQ80952/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

845. To ask the Minister for Health the additional staffing and capacity that will be provided towards endometriosis services in 2027.

PQ80951/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

846. To ask the Minister for Health the screening pathways in the HSE for osteoporosis; the funding allocated to this screening in 2025 and 2026, in tabular form.

PQ80950/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

847. To ask the Minister for Health whether people living with FASD are eligible for disability services based on their individual functional needs irrespective of whether FASD is recognised as a standalone disability; the way in which the HSE ensures consistent access to services across all integrated healthcare areas; and the steps being taken to address the unmet needs of people living with FASD and their families.

PQ80948/26 | MARK WARD

848. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE maintains records of the number of children, young people and adults diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder who are receiving or awaiting services from children's disability network teams, primary care, adult disability services and other specialist services; and if these figures are not available, the reason the HSE does not record this information.

PQ80946/26 | MARK WARD

849. To ask the Minister for Health the discussions her Department has had with the HSE regarding the decision to re-tender the Community Substance Misuse Team service for young people in the Mid-West; the evidence, including service-user outcomes, local needs analysis and research, informed the decision to move towards a new service model; if her Department has assessed the potential impact of the proposed change (details supplied); and if she is satisfied that the proposed approach is consistent with the evidence-based and outcomes-focused principles of the NDS.

PQ80918/26 | MARK WARD

850. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address the case of a child (details supplied).

PQ80936/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

851. To ask the Minister for Health the number and nature of breaches identified during inspections of vape retailers in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the enforcement actions taken; and the number of prosecutions initiated.

PQ80989/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

852. To ask the Minister for Health the number of test-purchasing operations undertaken to detect sales of vaping products to under-18s in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number resulting in unlawful sales; and the enforcement action taken.

PQ80986/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

853. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently intervene and ensure that a residential place is made available for a person (details supplied).

PQ80983/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

854. To ask the Minister for Health the number of environmental health officers involved in enforcing vaping legislation in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and whether additional enforcement resources are planned.

PQ80991/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

855. To ask the Minister for Health the number of investigations carried out by the HSE into suspected breaches of restrictions on vaping-product advertising and promotion in 2025 and to date in 2026, and the enforcement action taken.

PQ80990/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inspections of premises selling vaping products carried out by the HSE in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by county; and the number of individual premises inspected.

PQ80988/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

857. To ask the Minister for Health the formal arrangements exist between the HSE, An Garda Síochána, Revenue and other relevant authorities for identifying and investigating products being sold illegally in vape shops.

PQ80993/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

858. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the introduction of a fully funded national DEXA (dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry) screening programme for women aged over 50 to enable the early detection of osteoporosis and low bone density; if she is concerned that osteoporosis frequently goes undiagnosed until a fracture occurs; the measures currently in place to improve access to bone-density testing; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81009/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

859. To ask the Minister for Health the number and the locations of publicly funded specialist lipid clinics currently operating across the six HSE health regions; and the referral pathways and waiting times for these services; in tabular form.

PQ81016/26 | MARTIN DALY

860. To ask the Minister for Health whether a dedicated specialist lipid clinic is currently in operation within HSE West and North West; the location and staffing arrangements of any such clinic; and whether referrals from general practitioners are currently being accepted.

PQ81014/26 | MARTIN DALY

861. To ask the Minister for Health the status of proposals and commitments made regarding the provision of an additional treatment room for the plastic surgery see-and-treat service at Roscommon University Hospital, following her engagement with the hospital; whether funding has been approved to increase the capacity and throughout of this service; and the anticipated timeframe for delivery.

PQ81033/26 | MARTIN DALY

862. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients transferred from the plastic surgery waiting list at RUH to a waiting list managed by UHG since 1 January 2025, by month and year, in tabular form.

PQ81036/26 | MARTIN DALY

863. To ask the Minister for Health whether any initiatives have been undertaken since 1 January 2025 to reduce the waiting list for the plastic surgery and skin lesion service at RUH; the details of each initiative; and the number of patients removed from the waiting list through each initative, in tabular form.

PQ81034/26 | MARTIN DALY

864. To ask the Minister for Health whether she plans to introduce a national childhood screening programme for familial hypercholesterolaemia, given the significant and increasing burden of cardiovascular disease in Ireland; and the anticipated timeline for consideration of a health technology assessment being undertaken by HIQA.

PQ81020/26 | MARTIN DALY

865. To ask the Minister for Health of the patients transferred from the plastic surgery waiting list at RUH to UHG since 1 January 2025, the number subsequently referred, transferred or directed to privately operated clinics in Galway for assessment or treatment; the names of the service providers concerned; whether such services were publicly funded and the total expenditure incurred by the HSE or National Treatment Purchase Fund, in tabular form.

PQ81044/26 | MARTIN DALY

866. To ask the Minister for Health of the patients transferred from the plastic surgery waiting list at RUH to UHG since 1 January 2025, the number who have subsequently been assessed or treated within the public HSE plastic surgery service at UHG; and the number who remain awaiting assessment or treatment, in tabular form.

PQ81040/26 | MARTIN DALY

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

PQ81046/26 | SEÁN CROWE

868. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71201/26, the reply to which made no reference to lipoedema, the number of patients holding a prior notification letter for lipoedema treatment under the Cross Border Healthcare Directive whose reimbursement claims since 1 October 2025 have been refused, reduced, or deferred pending clinical advice, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81053/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

869. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71501/26, the number of recommendations made in the 2019 HSE Internal Audit report on the treatment abroad scheme; the date on which each was implemented; whether that report will be released given that published listings of internal audit reports begin only in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81052/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

870. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 73154/26, the reply to which addressed only HSE national services and schemes, whether she or her Department has requested the Comptroller and Auditor General to conduct a value for money examination of the treatment abroad scheme since 2020; if not, whether she will now make such a request; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81050/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

871. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 73160/26, the date on which the operational audit of the governance and compliance arrangements for the treatment abroad scheme, the cross border directive and the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme, included in the HSE 2026 Internal Audit Plan, commenced; its expected completion date; whether its terms of reference include value for money; whether the final report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81049/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

872. To ask the Minister for Health to investigate the issuing of a long term illness card for a person (details supplied); to provide a full breakdown on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81061/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

873. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71496/26, the number of treatment abroad scheme applications received, approved and declined, and the cost of treatment and travel costs, for 2020, given the table supplied was headed 2020 to 2025 but contained no figures for 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81060/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

874. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a medical card for a person (details supplied).

PQ81059/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

875. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71496/26, which did not address the matter, whether treatment abroad scheme expenditure figures are recorded by year of approval, year of treatment or year of payment; the number of cases approved in 2021 with a final cost exceeding €250,000, noting the HSE confirmed in reply to Parliamentary Question No. 36020/26 that 23 S2 forms were issued in 2021 with an estimated cost above €250,000; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81058/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

876. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71496/26, the reason the treatment abroad scheme cost of treatment for 2021 is given as €27,226,732.42 when a previous reply from the HSE gave €21,061,731 for the same year, and the cost for 2025 is given as €28,342,605.83 when a previous reply gave approximately €15.8 million; which set of figures is correct; the basis on which each was compiled; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81057/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

877. To ask the Minister for Health whether the cautionary provisions set out on page two of prior notification letters issued under the Cross Border Healthcare Directive have been amended since 29 August 2025; if so, the date of each amendment; the change made; whether patients holding earlier letters were informed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81054/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

878. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing per WTE funded, and WTE filled, in each psychiatry of later life team.

PQ81113/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

879. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost per hour of agency staffing for a mental nurse versus the cost per hour of a graduate who is newly recruited.

PQ81103/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

880. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) is awaiting an appointment for an assessment of needs for ADHD.

PQ81109/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

881. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds currently closed in community nursing homes in Cork.

PQ81101/26 | THOMAS GOULD

882. To ask the Minister for Health where staff from the dementia unit in Sarsfield Court will transfer to work; and whether staffing was a factor in the decision to close the unit.

PQ81100/26 | THOMAS GOULD

883. To ask the Minister for Health the longest time a person currently on a list has been on the waiting list in Cork for a community nursing home bed.

PQ81099/26 | THOMAS GOULD

884. To ask the Minister for Health whether a nursing home (details supplied) is undergoing renovation; the purpose of these renovations; and whether new patients can be admitted during this process.

PQ81098/26 | THOMAS GOULD

885. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients admitted to a community nursing home in Cork in each of the past six months by nursing home facility, in tabular form.

PQ81097/26 | THOMAS GOULD

886. To ask the Minister for Health the original estimated opening date and cost of the dementia unit in Heather House; and the current estimated opening date and cost.

PQ81096/26 | THOMAS GOULD

887. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71496/26, the reasons treatment abroad scheme travel costs rose from €108,918.43 in 2024 to €346,077.88 in 2025; the number of patients and accompanying persons whose travel was funded in each year; the largest single travel reimbursement in 2025; and if a statement will be made on the matter.

PQ81063/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

888. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 71496/26, the reasons the average cost of treatment per approved treatment abroad scheme application rose from approximately €23,470 in 2023 to approximately €45,276 in 2025, based on figures supplied; the specialties or treatment types accounting for the increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81062/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

889. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing of each SCAN (Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse service) team per WTE funded and WTE filled.

PQ81077/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

890. To ask the Minister for Health the projected number of authorised officers that will be required upon the commencement of the Mental Health Act 2026; and the current number of authorised officers.

PQ81076/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

891. To ask the Minister for Health whether HSE policy requires a risk assessment, safeguarding review or notification to the relevant professional regulator before an employee whose dismissal concerning allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment is overturned on appeal returns to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81231/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

892. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 79965/26, in respect of the 2024 case not described as withdrawn, whether the National Dismissal Appeals Committee upheld the dismissal or the employee left HSE employment before a determination was made; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81230/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

893. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 79965/26, the total number of dismissal appeals referred to the National Dismissal Appeals Committee in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026 across all categories of allegation; the number in which the dismissal was upheld, overturned or the appeal withdrawn; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81228/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

894. To ask the Minister for Health whether HIQA plans to repeat its 2015 to 2016 monitoring programme on nutrition and hydration care in public acute hospitals; the date on which Cork University Hospital was last inspected by HIQA with a focus on nutrition and hydration; and the findings of that inspection.

PQ81223/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

895. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient safety incidents recorded on the National Incident Management System relating to nutrition, hydration or failure to assist a patient to eat or drink at each acute hospital in HSE South West in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ81222/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

896. To ask the Minister for Health the results for Cork University Hospital, Mercy University Hospital and Mallow General Hospital on the question regarding whether patients received enough help from staff to eat their meals, in each National Inpatient Experience Survey conducted since 2018 to date in 2026; the national result for each year, in tabular form.

PQ81221/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

897. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 79179/26, the way in which the HSE identifies patterns of complaints regarding inpatients not being assisted to eat or drink, given that such complaints cannot be identified on the Complaints Management System;

whether stage 1 complaints on this matter, resolved locally at ward level, are recorded anywhere; and if so, the number recorded at Cork University Hospital in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ81220/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

898. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 79179/26, in which the HSE confirmed that none of its 242 complaint sub-categories captures complaints regarding inpatients not being assisted to eat or drink, whether the HSE will add a dedicated sub-category for such complaints; when the complaints categorisation framework was last reviewed; and the body responsible for deciding on changes to it.

PQ81219/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

899. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 79179/26, to list the complaint sub-categories on the HSE Complaints Management System that relate to food, nutrition, hydration, mealtimes or assistance with personal care; and the number of stage 2 complaints recorded under each of those sub-categories in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, by HSE health region, with figures for HSE South West given separately, in tabular form.

PQ81218/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

900. To ask the Minister for Health the adoption rate of biosimilars across level four hospitals; the treatments that are now biosimilars per level four; and the length of time it takes for each level four hospital to adopt a biosimilar for all patients receiving a treatment once a decision is made to adopt a biosimilar per level four hospital.

PQ81106/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

901. To ask the Minister for Health the governance stream under which SCAN nurses will operate.

PQ81105/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

902. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 77985/26, which cited extended service hours and a move toward a six day consultant delivered service, the number of consultants in each hospital in HSE South West currently rostered for evening or weekend sessions under the Public Only Consultant Contract 2023; and the number of such sessions delivered in each hospital in 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ81217/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

903. To ask the Minister for Health further Parliamentary Question No. 77985/26, whether her Department or the HSE has carried out any review or survey since March 2023 of the reasons existing consultants have not transferred to the Public Only Consultant Contract 2023; the findings of any such review; and whether it will be published.

PQ81216/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

904. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals made by HSE hospitals and HSE-funded healthcare facilities to Tusla in each of the years 2021 to 2026, broken down by hospital and year; the number of such referrals involving children with disabilities, complex medical needs or additional needs; whether any referrals occurred following a formal complaint, disagreement over treatment or repeated requests by parents for further medical assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81235/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

905. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 77985/26, in which the HSE confirmed that HSE South West takes no measures of its own to increase transfers to the Public Only Consultant Contract 2023; whether her Department has set a target or timeline for the transfer of existing consultants to that contract, nationally and in each health region; and if not, the reason.

PQ81215/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

906. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently in hospital on a waiting list for a dementia specific bed

PQ81091/26 | THOMAS GOULD

907. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on a waiting list for a transfer from a nursing home to a dementia specific bed in Cork

PQ81090/26 | THOMAS GOULD

908. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE recognises the potential chilling effect on parental advocacy where families fear that challenging medical decisions or pursuing complaints could result in a referral to Tusla; whether any assessment of this issue has been undertaken; and the measures being considered to ensure that families of children with complex medical and additional needs can advocate for appropriate care without fear of unjustified repercussions.

PQ81250/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

909. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently on waiting lists for community nursing homes in Cork by facility.

PQ81088/26 | THOMAS GOULD

910. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for when she expects to commence the Mental Health Act 2026

PQ81087/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

911. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures that exist to ensure that failures or delays by the health service to provide appropriate assessments, treatment, disability supports or specialist care are not incorrectly attributed to parental neglect; and whether the HSE requires clinicians to consider unmet service needs and barriers to accessing healthcare before making a child welfare referral.

PQ81249/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

912. To ask the Minister for Health the overtime bill in mental health services in the years 2019-2026 YTD; the agency spending in mental health services from 2019 to 2026 YTD; and the budgeted overtime and agency bill for 2026.

PQ81084/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

913. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has received complaints from parents who consider that referrals to Tusla were made following their efforts to secure appropriate medical treatment, specialist assessment or disability supports for their children; the number of such complaints received since 2021; their outcomes; and whether she will commission a national review of hospital safeguarding referral practices involving children with additional needs.

PQ81248/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

914. To ask the Minister for Health if pre-registration contract nurses that have completed their internships in Letterkenny University Hospital will be offered permanent staff nurse contracts in Letterkenny University Hospital, when their current contracts expire on 31 December 2026.

PQ81260/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

915. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if the appointment will be expedited.

PQ81184/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

916. To ask the Minister for Health for an update in relation to the approval of a drug (details supplied); and whether compassionate or exceptional access mechanisms can be made available in the short-term.

PQ81082/26 | MÁIRE DEVINE

917. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals on panels awaiting appointment as community mental health nurses; and the average length of time an individual is on that panel awaiting appointment.

PQ81081/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

918. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community mental health nurses per each community mental health team in the years 2020 to date in 2026.

PQ81080/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

919. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the issue of newly qualified staff nurses, facing an unacceptable financial blow due to delayed administrative processing and approval requirements to transfer them from intern to pre-registration status (details supplied).

PQ81237/26 | ROBERT TROY

920. To ask the Minister for Health the mandatory training provided to hospital staff, including paediatricians, nurses, social workers and designated liaison persons, on distinguishing safeguarding concerns from the challenges experienced by families caring for children with disabilities, neurodevelopmental conditions and complex medical needs; and whether such training addresses the risk of misinterpreting parental advocacy, distress or disagreement as evidence of neglect or risk.

PQ81247/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

921. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 79343/26, which her Department declined to answer, and as the Minister responsible for acute hospitals and for the HSE's delayed transfers of care data, the number of patients with disabilities currently occupying beds in model 3 and model 4 hospitals who are clinically fit for discharge but whose transfer of care is delayed because an appropriate placement cannot be found, by hospital; and the number of acute bed days lost as a result in 2026 to date.

PQ81179/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

922. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff employed in Cork University Maternity Hospital, in September 2026 in medical/dental, nursing and midwifery, in tabular form.

PQ81246/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

923. To ask the Minister for Health the independent review mechanisms available to parents who consider a hospital made an inappropriate or unfounded referral concerning their child to Tusla; whether parents can request an examination of the circumstances and rationale for such a referral; the remedies that are available where procedures were not followed; and whether she will consider strengthening independent oversight of these decisions.

PQ81245/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

924. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has assessed the potential for child protection referral procedures to be misused, or perceived as being misused, in circumstances where parents challenge clinical decisions, seek second opinions, request specialist referrals or make formal complaints about the care provided to their children; and the protections that are in place to ensure that parents can exercise these rights without fear of adverse consequences.

PQ81242/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

925. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the national policies, clinical guidelines and decision-making procedures governing referrals by hospital staff to Tusla; whether a referral requires approval from a designated liaison person or senior clinician; the documentation that must be recorded; and the way in which hospitals ensure that the statutory threshold for reporting child protection concerns is appropriately applied.

PQ81239/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

926. To ask the Minister for Health the safeguards in place to ensure that parents advocating for children with disabilities, complex medical conditions or additional needs are not subjected to inappropriate child protection referrals arising from disagreements with healthcare professionals; whether hospitals are required to distinguish between genuine child protection concerns and parental dissatisfaction with medical care; and the independent oversight that exists in relation to such referrals.

PQ81238/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

927. To ask the Minister for Health the original estimated opening date and cost of the dementia unit in St Finbarrs; and the current estimated opening date and cost.

PQ81094/26 | THOMAS GOULD

928. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dementia patients registered in Cork and the number of dementia specific nursing home beds.

PQ81093/26 | THOMAS GOULD

929. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE intends to complete and publish the promised Model of Care for children and adults living with FASD; whether a dedicated national clinical pathway, diagnostic pathway and multidisciplinary service will form part of this model; whether the International Classification of Functioning framework will be incorporated; the budget has been allocated to this work; and the anticipated implementation date.

PQ81137/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

930. To ask the Minister for Health the number of licences granted by the HSE for the retail sale of nicotine inhaling products since the licensing system commenced on 2 February 2026, by county, with separate figures for nicotine inhaling products licences and combined tobacco and nicotine inhaling products licences; the number of applications refused and awaiting decision, by county; and the number of retailers of tobacco or nicotine inhaling products registered with or known to the HSE in 2024 and 2025, by county.

PQ81163/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

931. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of HSE corporate expenditure which is made up of agency fees paid to a company (details supplied) for consultancy work; and her views on whether the consultants have recouped this investment in saved costs/efficiencies.

PQ81147/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

932. To ask the Minister for Health the work her Department is undertaking to create clinical guidelines or to raise awareness regarding PANS PANDAS; and to clarify the HSE's position on the recommendation to exclude or rule out immune-mediated PANS/PANDAS in cases of specific acute-onset presentations.

PQ81296/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

933. To ask the Minister for Health the contingencies in place to manage the increase in winter demand for hospitals operating under the effective recruitment freeze brought about by the strengthened financial control framework, such as Cork University Hospital.

PQ81145/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

934. To ask the Minister for Health to list specialist outpatient clinics in public hospitals suspended or discontinued following staff retirement or departure since January 2024, identifying the hospital, service, date of suspension, number of patients affected, replacement arrangements and expected restoration date, including the mole mapping clinic at Cork University Hospital.

PQ81312/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

935. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days each CT and MRI scanner at Cork University Hospital was unavailable due to breakdown, maintenance or staffing shortages in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of scans cancelled, deferred or outsourced as a result; and the associated outsourcing expenditure by year and scanner, in tabular form.

PQ81313/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

936. To ask the Minister for Health the expected implementation timeline for each individual provision of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) (Amendment) Bill 2026 following its passage through the Houses of the Oireachtas; whether all provisions are intended to be commenced simultaneously or on a phased basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81378/26 | ANN GRAVES

937. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health service related claims that have been lodged with the State Claims Agency for each of the past five years; the amount in compensation that has been paid out by the State as a result of claims lodged against the health service; and if she will categorise the nature of all of the adverse incidents.

PQ81368/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

938. To ask the Minister for Health further to Action 12 of the HSE Position Paper on FASD Prevention, whether dedicated parenting and family supports for children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder have been developed; whether HSE-cited parenting programmes are FASD-specific or generic; how many affected families accessed dedicated supports in each of the past three years; whether specialist parent and carer organisations receive funding; and the plans that exist to provide appropriate supports through childhood, adolescence and adulthood.

PQ81395/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

939. To ask the Minister for Health the preparations being made for the introduction of the Smokefree Generation legislation in the North of Ireland if we fail to introduce similar legislation here.

PQ81396/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

940. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the need for the Minister for Health to ensure ongoing core funding for west Cork counselling and support services.

PQ81361/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

941. To ask the Minister for Health given that the Northern Ireland planned healthcare system has been integral to allowing citizens from this State access to timely medical care, the stage the legalisation to put this scheme on a statutory footing is at.

PQ81424/26 | MARK WALL

942. To ask the Minister for Health her views on home support hours (details supplied).

PQ81336/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

943. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied) in the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore, County Offaly.

PQ81431/26 | ROBERT TROY

944. To ask the Minister for Health to state the specific non clinical administrative mechanisms, including statutory corporate instructions or ministerial directives, available to ensure the HSE treatment abroad scheme can be accessed by a paediatric patient requiring complex orthopaedic intervention, in instances where local hospital administration has failed to progress the care path.

PQ81348/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

945. To ask the Minister for Health If she will reconsider the restrictions on recruitment of medical staff in public hospitals to address staffing shortages and improve patient safety.

PQ81441/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

946. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of vacancies in the roles of nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, radiography and secretarial/clerical staff; and the number of these roles are currently filled by private agency staff.

PQ81444/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

947. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the increase in the healthcare budget will address the healthcare staffing shortages; and her plans to reduce reliance on staffing from private agency firms.

PQ81442/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

948. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the south east regional drug and alcohol task force does not have a full time coordinator; the reason this has been the case for eight years; if she will confirm the action being taken to ensure that the full time position is filled; if the person that was in the full time position is still being paid by the HSE; if so, if she will resolve the issues preventing that person from returning work; if the answer to previous Parliamentary Questions on this matter will be examined for accuracy; to confirm if she stands over the replies; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81451/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

949. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider funding and implementing a DEXA screening programme for women over 50 years-of-age in order to ensure earlier diagnosis and improved health outcomes.

PQ81457/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

950. To ask the Minister for Health the funded and filled whole-time equivalent pelvic health physiotherapy posts, by maternity hospital and community service; the referrals received; the patients awaiting a first appointment; and the numbers waiting more than three, six and twelve months.

PQ81491/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

951. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons receiving products under the free HRT measure, monthly expenditure, the products covered; and whether an assessment has been undertaken of consultation costs as a barrier to accessing the measure.

PQ81490/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

952. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received and accepted, patients awaiting a first appointment, waiting-time bands, staffing vacancies and referral criteria, by specialist menopause clinic.

PQ81489/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

953. To ask the Minister for Health further to an engagement with the Taoiseach during Questions on Promised Legislation on 11 November 2026, if she will report on her engagements with his Department regarding a service provider in Castleblayney, County Monaghan (details supplied).

PQ81488/26 | MATT CARTHY

954. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will request the HSE accommodate this person in either Caherciveen Community Hospital or Kenmare Community Hospital.

PQ81569/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

955. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contracted dentists; the number submitting claims in each county; the number of patients treated; and the arrangements for patients unable to find a participating dentist.

PQ81485/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

956. To ask the Minister for Health if she will urgently appoint a social worker for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81484/26 | CATHAL CROWE

957. To ask the Minister for Health to account for the discrepancy in underspending on permanent staff versus the overspend of agency staff for Mayo University Hospital.

PQ81587/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

958. To ask the Minister for Health the number and total value of purchase orders submitted by Cork University Hospital under enhanced expenditure-approval arrangements in 2026; the number approved, refused, awaiting information or awaiting decision; the average processing time; and the number pending for more than seven, fourteen and thirty days.

PQ81566/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

959. To ask the Minister for Health whether any purchase or replacement of medicines, medical devices, diagnostic equipment, laboratory supplies, maintenance services or other clinically necessary goods at Cork University Hospital has been delayed or refused under expenditure controls in 2026; and the impact on clinical activity and patient safety.

PQ81565/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

960. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children due each scheduled developmental check; the number receiving it within the prescribed timeframe; and the number overdue by three and six months, by health region.

PQ81483/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

961. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinic or theatre sessions cancelled because of vacancies in 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ81482/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

962. To ask the Minister for Health whether expenditure ceilings, additional approval requirements for high-cost residential placements or savings measures within HSE disability services have delayed the provision of residential accommodation to any person with an intellectual disability in Cork or HSE south-west in 2026; and the number of placements affected and the steps being taken to ensure that families do not have to reach crisis point before a placement is provided.

PQ81564/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

963. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded clinical posts awaiting recruitment approval, by hospital, grade and length of time awaiting approval.

PQ81481/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

964. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no approval has been given to recruit the additional staff required to operate the 21 new acute hospital beds currently under development for Cork University Hospital due for completion by year end given the time needed to recruit new staff after approval; and if she will investigate and approve this request from CUH as a matter of urgency.

PQ81563/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

965. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has assessed the cumulative effect of financial, recruitment and purchasing controls on emergency department waiting times, bed availability, scheduled care, diagnostic capacity, delayed discharges and waiting lists at Cork University Hospital and across HSE south-west; whether the region's outcomes have been compared with the national position and other model 4 hospitals; and if she will publish the assessment.

PQ81561/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

966. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women currently aged 52, 53, 54 and over 54 years respectively who have not yet received their first BreastCheck screening invitation; the number awaiting invitation in each CHO area; and the measures being taken to eliminate delays in first-time screening appointments.

PQ81480/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

967. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent agency personnel currently working at Cork University Hospital who have been assigned continuously for more than three months, six months, one year and two years respectively; the staff categories concerned; the annual cost of these assignments; and their eligibility for conversion to full-time staff.

PQ81560/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

968. To ask the Minister for Health the number and value of savings initiatives being implemented by HSE south-west in 2026; the number for which an agreed baseline, calculation methodology, responsible officer and delivery date have been established; and the amount independently validated to date.

PQ81559/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

969. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients leaving emergency departments before treatment was completed; and the waiting-time performance, in the period 2021 to date in 2026 by hospital, in tabular form.

PQ81479/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

970. To ask the Minister for Health if she will approve the recruitment of replacement staff to cover temporary vacancies at Cork University Hospital (details supplied).

PQ81558/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

971. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons screened for cancer in the State in each of the past ten years; the types of cancer screened for; and the annual screening target in each of those years, in tabular form.

PQ81476/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

972. To ask the Minister for Health the savings target assigned to HSE south-west for 2026; the amount identified and delivered to date; and the amount that represents recurring savings, once-off savings, cost avoidance, deferred expenditure and delayed recruitment respectively.

PQ81555/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

973. To ask the Minister for Health the number of successful candidates for positions at Cork University Hospital whose commencement has been delayed or cancelled by the strengthened financial control framework; the grades concerned; the average and longest delay; the number of candidates subsequently lost; and the cost in terms of lost hours of work for the HR staff of Cork University Hospital.

PQ81554/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

974. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of the issues that are preventing the filling of 1053 WTE posts currently unfilled at Cork University Hospital.

PQ81553/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

975. To ask the Minister for Health the number of graduate nurses and midwives in HSE West North West who have been offered posts; the overall percentage of graduates who now have a contract offer; and when these contracts are due to begin.

PQ81552/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

976. To ask the Minister for Health if it is her Department or the HSE integrated health region that has control over recruitment, in terms of recruitment approval, at Mayo University hospital.

PQ81589/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

977. To ask the Minister for Health if she has been presented with documentation in the past six months in regard to staffing spend for Mayo University Hospital; if she will share that documentation with the House; and if that documentation will be published.

PQ81588/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

978. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the financial variance in HSE south-west in 2026 that is attributable to activity above the level provided for in the National Service Plan, medical and general inflation, agency premiums, overtime, unfunded staffing, medicines, diagnostics and other non-pay costs respectively.

PQ81557/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

979. To ask the Minister for Health whether expenditure controls in HSE south-west have resulted in any reduction, deferral or cancellation of planned clinical activity, service developments, equipment purchases or recruitment in Cork in 2026; the services affected; and the anticipated duration of each measure.

PQ81556/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

980. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of children on CAMHS waiting lists in 2025 and YTD 2026 per health region per those waiting under three months, greater than three months, six months, nine months, and 12 months.

PQ81503/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

981. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the prostate cancer pilot, lung cancer pilot and gastric cancer pilot commenced.

PQ81502/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

982. To ask the Minister for Health by symptomatic breast disease clinic and quarter, the number of urgent referrals received, the number assessed within the applicable target; the number assessed outside that target; and the median and longest waiting time.

PQ81487/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

983. To ask the Minister for Health of the 65 additional posts identified for endometriosis services in 2026, the number allocated; approved for recruitment; advertised; offered and filled, by location and grade, in tabular form; the whole-time equivalent staff currently in post; and the expected recruitment date for each outstanding post.

PQ81486/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

984. To ask the Minister for Health to list the genetics and genomics laboratories located outside of Ireland, in Europe and the United States being utilised by the health service, that are not accredited.

PQ81591/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

985. To ask the Minister for Health the share of the genetics and genomics laboratories located outside of Ireland, in Europe and the United States being utilised by the HSE, that are not accredited.

PQ81590/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

986. To ask the Minister for Health the action that has been taken to address the wait times for children's and adult dietitian services in the Louth Meath IHA.

PQ81604/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

987. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to address the capacity issues identified in children's dietitian services for the Louth Meath IHA.

PQ81601/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

988. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to provide a dedicated children's dietician for the Louth Meath IHA.

PQ81600/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

989. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved dietitian posts are vacant across the HSE, by health region and grade; the number the HSE has authorised for recruitment; of those, the number it has yet to advertise or seek to fill from a panel; the length of time those posts have been awaiting recruitment since authorisation; whether recruitment restrictions are causing delays; and the steps she is taking to fill vacancies and improve access to entry-level posts for newly qualified, CORU-registered dietitians.

PQ81599/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

990. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the dietitian hours delivered in the community; and the number of adult and child patients seen for the Louth Meath IHA for each of the years 2020 to 2026 respectively.

PQ81610/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

991. To ask the Minister for Health for reassurances on the continuation of funding for the WALK Peer Ability Programme; and if she will outline her intentions for same.

PQ81625/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

992. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of current dietitian services available to children and adults in the Louth Meath IHA.

PQ81606/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

993. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of current staffing levels and vacancies within dietician services in the Louth Meath IHA for each of the years 2020 to date in 2026 respectively.

PQ81605/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

994. To ask the Minister for Health the platforms, services or systems provided by her Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface.

PQ81622/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

995. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting a first appointment at the Symptomatic Breast Disease Clinic at Cork University Hospital, broken down by referral category of urgent referrals, early/semi-urgent referrals and routine referrals; the average waiting time; median waiting time; and longest waiting time for patients in each category; the number of patients seen within the clinically recommended timeframe for each category; the corresponding figures at year-end 2024, year-end 2025; the most recent date available in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81626/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

996. To ask the Minister for Health if there are or have been unexpected delays for plastic knee operations at the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh as result of changes to funding allocated to the hospital.

PQ81638/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

997. To ask the Minister for Health if a dedicated private waiting space can be provided at Cork University Maternity Hospital for women experiencing pregnancy loss, including ectopic pregnancies, who require emergency treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ81651/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

998. To ask the Minister for Health the number of transitional and rehabilitation beds operational at St Finbarr's Hospital in each month to date in 2026; the number withdrawn from service in recent months; the reasons for these reductions; the name and position of the official(s) who authorised a reduction in capacity; whether an assessment was undertaken of the impact on delayed discharges and overcrowding at CUH; and when full bed capacity will be restored.

PQ81640/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

999. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds at Riverstick Transitional Care Facility applied for through the national HSE tendering process; the number that received approval; the person or body that made and authorised this decision; the reason all beds applied for were not approved; the details of the assessment undertaken of impact on delayed discharges and overcrowding assessed; and whether funding will now be provided to approve all 33 beds.

PQ81639/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

1000. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will bring forward legislation in relation to the operation of vape stores to ensure the standard of product across such stores is maintained and that strong monitoring procedures are put in place to ensure vape stores cannot stock HHC products; and if she can engage with the HSE around a strong testing process to be put in place incorporating unannounced visits to stores nationwide.

PQ81118/26 | ROBERT TROY

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

1001. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who completed undergraduate nursing and midwifery programmes at universities (details supplied) in 2026, broken down by general nursing, mental health nursing, intellectual disability nursing, children's and general integrated nursing, and midwifery, respectively.

PQ80565/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1002. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether the forthcoming Remuneration Information and Pay Transparency Bill 2023 and Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 will provide protections against pay disparities affecting grant-capped workers in the community education sector; and whether the revised Local Training Initiative guidelines will provide for formal incremental salary scales aligned with comparable education and training board roles.

PQ80775/26 | EAMON SCANLON

1003. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps the Government will take to help ICOT students who paid for protection and received documents indicating they were covered, but whose enrolments were never registered with the insurer; if the students will be offered a transfer or a refund; and the person or body that was responsible for checking that the protection required under the Interim List of Eligible Programmes (ILEP) was in place for students.

PQ80884/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1004. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the issues that has arisen with the recognition of courses provided by a college (details supplied) which has resulted in significant difficulty for students who have paid significant sums of money and followed courses of study, sometimes of up to three years duration, to find out that the courses are not recognised by the Teaching Council or QQI, despite being assured that they were fully recognised; and if he will outline the steps he proposes to take to assist these affected students.

PQ81067/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

1005. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the future envisioned for further and higher education programmes currently being offered by community schools, with particular reference to capital and current expenditure.

PQ81176/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1006. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the serious delays in progression impacting apprentices on the wood manufacturing and finishing apprenticeship programme; if he will outline the reason there are only 16 phase 6 training places being offered to 101 waiting apprentices on the wood manufacturing and finishing apprenticeship programme; the action that will be taken to increase phase 6 capacity in the immediate term to prevent these apprentices losing a further year waiting to progress.

PQ81150/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

1007. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the risk assessments his Department has undertaken to determine vulnerability of AI tools in public bodies, in view of recent PHP hacks.

PQ81375/26 | IVANA BACIK

1008. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface.

PQ81623/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

1009. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if existing collaborations between Government Departments and State agencies in research projects under Horizon Europe involving Israeli government ministries, agencies, public bodies, research institutions or companies are being reviewed in line with the Government's stated position on Israel's participation in EU programmes and its support for a partial suspension of Israel's participation in Horizon Europe; and if public bodies will be permitted to participate in further Horizon Europe projects involving Israeli partners.

PQ81630/26 | IVANA BACIK

1010. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the basis on which Government Departments and State agencies are permitted to enter into or continue research projects under Horizon Europe involving Israeli government ministries, agencies, public bodies, research institutions or companies (details supplied); and if he will confirm whether guidelines, criteria or human rights due diligence procedures are in place to assess such collaborations against Ireland’s international humanitarian law and human rights obligations.

PQ81629/26 | IVANA BACIK

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

1011. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the measures that will be taken to ensure that an organisation (details supplied) receives equitable recognition and access to support; if he will consider providing sustainable core funding to meet ongoing operational costs beyond competitive grant schemes; if funding criteria will be reviewed to ensure that long-established voluntary organisations are not disadvantaged relative to newer initiatives providing similar activities; and the way in which they will be included in consultation and representation when relevant policies and funding are being decided.

PQ80813/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1012. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when announcements will be made on the Community Centres Investment Fund 2026 (details supplied).

PQ80859/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1013. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide an update on Kerry County Council's application under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme, project development measure in respect of the proposed walkway and active travel project from Gap Cross to Gortreagh Bridge, County Kerry; the current status of the application; and the date on which a decision is expected (details supplied).

PQ80891/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1014. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if an RRDF application has been received for a major sports and community centre in Ardrahan, County Galway; if this application will be approved given the pressing need for such facilities in the local area; and when a decision will be made on this application.

PQ80955/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1015. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to consider an application (details supplied) under the funding programme in his Department.

PQ81068/26 | SEAN FLEMING

1016. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the progress being made to achieve the target of 20% of public sector recruits being competent in Irish by the end of 2030.

PQ81583/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1017. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether, given the positive contribution of the dormant accounts fund sustaining social enterprise scheme, he would consider allocating additional funding to support social enterprises whose applications exceeded the required scoring threshold but were unsuccessful due to the limited funding available.

PQ81603/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1018. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the platforms, services or systems provided by his Department that are used by outside parties which have application programming interface.

PQ81624/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

1019. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if there are organisations on a reserve list for funding from the Dorant Accounts Fund - sustaining social enterprises scheme; and if so, the number of organisations.

PQ81612/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK