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Introduction

This bulletin provides a report of the Parliamentary Question (PQ) responses issued by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to members of Dáil Éireann during the relevant time period. Any Parliamentary Questions which contain personal data have been removed from this report.

Please note, you will need to review Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to some Parliamentary Questions.

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14/04/2026	811	Ref: 26307/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting times in each NCT centre serving the Dublin region, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Ms Emer Currie TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Re: Parliamentary Question Number 26307/26 Dear Deputy Currie, I write further to your Dáil Question Number 811 in relation to the National Car Testing Service (NCTS) waiting times. Please see the booking lead time for Dublin NCT centres as at the end of March 2026: Deansgrange 12.86 days Fonthill 15.78 days Greenhills 15.88 days Northpoint 1 15.66 days Northpoint 2 16.27 days For future reference, the average waiting times for all NCT test centres is published on the NCTS website and is available via the following link: https://www.ncts.ie/1328/ I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Chief Operations Officer	Emer Currie

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14/04/2026	853	Ref: 26699/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Eoin Hayes	To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts being taken by his Department to reduce the wait times for driving tests at the Dun Laoghaire test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Hayes, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 26699/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 853 In relation to Dail Question 853, to reduce the backlog in waiting times, the Department of Transport granted sanction at the start of September 2024 for additional permanent driver testers to be hired by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to bring the number of permanent driver testers up to 200. The recruitment campaign to hire these additional driver testers has continued throughout 2025 and there are one hundred and ninety-three (193) driver testers currently employed by the service as at the end of March 2026. While the RSA hired an unprecedented number of additional driver testers during 2025, a number of unforeseen retirements and resignations during the year means that recruitment is ongoing, with four (4) new testers having started their training in April. Recruitment efforts will continue so as to meet the sanctioned number of two hundred (200) testers and maintain it for the long term. In addition, driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. The RSA acknowledges that at 21 weeks, waiting time at the Dun Laoghaire test centre remains too high	Eoin Hayes

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				h. The situation has been exacerbated by very high traffic volumes in the area, which is restricting the number of tests that can be carried out, and a delay in opening a new centre in Sandyford, which would have alleviated the pressure on Dun Laoghaire. We are continuing to seek additional facilities in the area, fully recognising that an additional centre is eagerly awaited. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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14/04/2026	816	Ref: 26329/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the plan to expand the NCT test centres nationally; the timeframe to open the four additional locations in Clare, north Dublin, Cavan and Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Ms Emer Currie TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Re: Parliamentary Question Number 26329/26 Dear Deputy Currie, I write further to your Dáil Question Number 816 in relation to plans to expand the NCT test centres nationally; the timeframe to open the four additional locations in Clare, north Dublin, Cavan and Cork. The National Car Testing Service (NCTS) is required to meet the following service standard: Each National Car Test Centre shall be located within 50 kilometres of 90 per cent of the owners for whom it is the nearest National Car Test Centre, taking account of existing travel patterns and reasonable journey times. NCTS currently meets this standard. In recent Customer Satisfaction surveys conducted, customers are asked to rate the convenience of their nearest NCT to them. It was found that 84% of customers found that the location of the test centre to be very or quite convenient to them. The NCTS contract will be due for renewal in 2030 and the location and number of NCTS Test Centres will be reviewed again by the RSA ahead of this renewal. In relation to the four additional locations; there is planning permission pending for a site in Cork. There	Emer Currie

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				are potential sites under review in North Dublin after a recent advertising campaign. NCTS have not identified any suitable locations in Clare or Cavan. I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Chief Operating Officer Road Safety Authority (RSA)	

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14/04/2026	815	Ref: 26328/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the enhancement of the practical driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Currie, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 26328/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 815 In relation to Dail Question 815, we have spoken to the Chief Driver Tester Mr. Auler who is responsible for the enhancement of the driving test. Please see his response below regarding Dail Question 815: "The Road Safety Authority (RSA) has been progressing a programme of pilot initiatives aimed at enhancing the practical driving test. These pilots are examining a range of potential improvements, assessment methods, and the overall candidate experience. A number of pilot projects have already been completed, and further pilots are continuing throughout this year to ensure that any proposed changes are evidence-based, effective, and aligned with international best practice. At this stage, no final decisions have been made regarding the implementation of specific measures arising from these pilots, and no timeline has been set for any potential changes. The findings from the pilot programme will be carefully evaluated before any decisions are taken." Yours sincerely,	Emer Currie

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14/04/2026	759	Ref: 25661/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - John Brady	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road traffic accidents involving cyclists on a county basis for each year 2020- 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	PQ from Department of Transport received 14 April 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 1 January 2020-2026 to date. The data provided in this document for the years 2022 onwards is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. This PQ is regarding: Dail Question No: 759 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road traffic accidents involving cyclists on a county basis for each year 2020- 2026, in tabular form Response to PQ from Department of Transport Dail Question No: 759 Over the course of 1 January 2020- 13 April 2026, 62 cyclists were killed, 1,637 cyclists were seriously injured and 4,132 cyclists were minorly injured. Please see tables 1, 2 and 3 for figures on these injuries by county. Table 1, Cyclist fatalities 1 January 2020- 13 April 2026 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	John Brady

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				Table 2, Seriously injured cyclists 1 January 2020- 13 April 2026 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Caution is advised in interpreting 2025 and 2026 serious injury numbers vs previous years. The data is provisional and subject to change. There can be fluctuations in serious injury numbers for more recent collisions, given the provisional nature of the data. Table 3, Cyclist minor injuries 1 January 2020- 13 April 2026 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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				Appendix Definitions Fatality A fatality is one where death occurs within 30 days of the date of the collision and is not the result of a medical cause or that of a deliberate act (e.g. suicide). Serious injury A “serious injury” is an injury for which the person is detained in hospital as an ‘in-patient’, or any of the following injuries whether or not detained in hospital: fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushings, severe cuts and lacerations, or severe general shock requiring medical treatment. Minor injury: A “minor injury” is an injury of a minor character such as a sprain or bruise. Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	

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14/04/2026	692	Ref: 24840/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Michael Murphy	To ask the Minister for Transport the public information campaign that was undertaken to notify learner drivers of the new insurance requirements; whether text/email reminders or booking confirmations were updated to reflect the new requirements; and on what date.	Dear Deputy Murphy, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 24840/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 692 and 693 In relation to Dail Questions 692 and 693, since 9 March 2026, all learner drivers presenting for test need to show evidence that they are insured to drive the vehicle they will use for their test. This evidence will need to be shown, on the day, to the driver tester conducting their test and can be in the following format: • A certificate of insurance naming the learner driver as covered names or personal details of other people on documents can be redacted or covered, and • Where the learner driver is not named on the certificate of insurance, an email / letter (on headed paper) from their insurance company stating that the person is covered, for the vehicle registration, on the day of the test, or • Where the learner driver is using an Approved Driving Instructors or School of Motoring vehicle, a copy of the certificate of insurance (front and rear) showing that the appropriate insurance is in place for the purpose of a driving test. Where this information is not visible on the certificate, an accompanying letter on headed paper must be presented outlining this detail.	Michael Murphy

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				Evidence can be provided in electronic or paper format. This measure was being introduced to mitigate the risk of a driver tester being in a vehicle with an uninsured driver. Where this proof is not provided, then the test will not go ahead, and the test candidate will need to reapply for a new test. All impacted customers were notified of the change to requirements in advance with booking confirmation letters being updated on the 19 February 2026 for any new bookings and that same week an email and SMS was sent to all applicants who had a test booked after the 09 March 2026. In addition to this the RSA website was updated with the relevant information and there were a number of posts on the topic across our social media platforms. Dail Question 694 Regarding Dail question 694, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) are committed to ensuring that processes in use are effective and efficient and while there is no immediate plans for pre-verification by way of document upload, the driver testing service is considering ways in which this process could be streamlined. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh,	

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	693		To ask the Minister for Transport to set out clearly the documentation required to prove insurance eligibility for a driving test; whether digital insurance documents (e.g. app-based or emailed policies) are accepted uniformly across all test centres; whether discrepancies exist between different insurers' documentation formats; and the way in which candidates are expected to navigate these - Michael Murphy.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	694		To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will introduce a pre-verification system allowing candidates to upload insurance documents in advance of their test.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
14/04/2026	720	Ref: 25226/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Emer Currie

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14/04/2026	691	Ref: 24839/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Michael Murphy	To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of driving tests scheduled, completed, and cancelled in each of the past 12 weeks, broken down by test centre.	Dear Deputy Murphy, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 24839/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 691 In relation to Dail Question 691, attached please find a number of Excel files showing the number of driving tests that were scheduled, the number of driving tests delivered, and the number of driving tests cancelled by the customer and the Road Safety Authority (RSA) by test centre from 01 January to 31 March 2026 which is the extent of our records as our reporting is completed at month end. In relation to driving tests cancelled by the customer and the Road Safety Authority (RSA) excel file, the cancellation reason of 'Customer – Rescheduling their driving test' is also included in this data. * Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q1_Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Michael Murphy

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14/04/2026	810	Ref: 26286/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Michael Cahill	To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to providing a CVRT test centre in Cahersiveen town (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Details Supplied: to take into consideration the geographic spread of County Kerry and the locations of CVRT test centres around the county, along with other mitigating factors, by Just landed back from Dingle to Cahersiveen this evening around 6 for the 4th time this year...three tests (on three different vehicles) and one retest which failed on something small but there's another €50 retest fee to check it....was up with two jeeps and a van (two jeeps are my uncles) ...why exactly do commercial tax payers have to take four days off work to drive to Castleisland, Dingle, Rathmore, Tralee whatever...when there's a private car test centre in Cahersiveen?? Why can't there be a CVRT centre in Cahersiveen even if not totally private just subsidised? People could come from Killorglin to sneem ...Who decided that light vans and jeeps with no seats are different from private cars are the same and when? I understand trucks and bigger commercials having to go further afield ...but really a 2:L Caddy is the exact same as a Golf but with a higher roof...I wonder is the roof too low for a VW caddy below in the mart???	Dear Deputy Cahill, I refer to Parliamentary Question PQ 26286/26. The Minister referred the PQ to this office and the response is set out below. The arrangements for commercial vehicle testing in the State were comprehensively reviewed in 2007 and it was decided by Government that the model for delivery of testing by private operators should continue but, that the authorisation and supervision of commercial vehicle testing should be centralised under the auspices of the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to ensure consistency of testing across the country. Currently there are 146 authorised CVR test operators nationwide and all are privately owned businesses who employ authorised CVR testers to carry out testing on authorised testing lanes. It is not within the remit of the RSA to open a CVR testing Centre. Since taking over responsibility for the authorisation of commercial testing centres on 27th March 2013, the RSA has not received any application, for authorisation as a CVR testing centre, from any party in the Cahersiveen and surrounding areas of Co. Kerry. The setting up of a commercial vehicle (CVR) testing centre is a commercial decision for any operator interested in doing so. It is a matter for each applicant to determine the level of demand for testing and to source the necessary funding, premises, equipment and personnel to operate and manage a testing centr	Michael Cahill

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				e. The RSA will consider all applications it receives for a CVR testing centre in the Cahersiveen and surrounding areas of Co. Kerry. Each application will be considered having regard to the provisions of the Road Safety Authority (Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness) Act 2012 and the Authorisation of Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Test Operators and Testers Regulations 2013 (S.I. 107 of 2013). Details of the requirements and application form to become an authorised testing centre are available on the RSA website at www.rsa.ie/cvr Finally, you may consider it fruitful to contact Mr Brian Cooke, Chief Executive, Society of the Irish Motor Industry which acts in a representative capacity for the Irish motor industry including CVR test operators to establish if any of their members in the Cahersiveen and surrounding areas of Co. Kerry has an interest in operating a CVR test centre in that region. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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14/04/2026	670	Ref: 24352/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Michael Murphy	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities in each month of 2025, by county and road type.	PQ from Department of Transport received 14 April 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 2025. The data provided in this document is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. This PQ is regarding: Dail Question No: 670 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities in each month of 2025, by county and road type. Response to PQ from Department of Transport Dail Question No: 670 Please see tables below for requested information. Table 1, Fatalities by month 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Table 2a, Fatalities by county and month 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Table 2b, Fatalities by county and month 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	Michael Murphy

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				Table 3, Fatalities by county 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Table 4, Fatalities by month and road type 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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				PQ from Department of Transport received 14 April 2026 This PQ is regarding: Dail Question No: 671 To ask the Minister for Transport the primary contributory factors identified in fatal collisions each year for the past five years. Response to PQ from Department of Transport Dail Question No: 671 An Garda Síochána (AGS) collects data on Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) in Ireland. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) receives a subset of these collision records from AGS to form the RSA's road traffic collision database. While this data contains detailed information on the location of the location, the road users and vehicles involved, as well as the collision circumstances, it does not contain detailed information on contributory factors. Information on definitive contributory factors to fatal collisions is only available following the full investigation and completion of the inquest by coroners. The RSA receives this coroner data as outlined below. The RSA receives data on RTC fatalities from the Health Research Board (HRB). The HRB collects these data annually on behalf of the RSA from closed coronial files using the National Drug-Related Deaths Index (NDRDI) methodology. Data is collected only from closed coronial files, once the inquest has been completed. To allow time for inquests to be completed (which may be influenced by prosecutions	

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				), there is a lag in the time between year of death and year of data collection (typically up to 2 years). This process was significantly delayed during the Covid 19 pandemic however. The RSA's most recent analysis of available coronial data focuses on RTC fatalities that occurred during 2016-2020. Coronial files generally contain: An Garda Síochána Investigation Report, Forensic Collision Investigation (FCI) report, witness(es) deposition/statement(s), autopsy report, toxicology report, Coroner's Certification and the Coroner's Verdict. As such, they can provide detailed information on the contributory factors to RTC fatalities. In relation to driver fatalities, the RSA has coronial data for 340 of the 411 drivers (including motorcycle drivers) killed on Irish roads during 2016-2020 (83% coverage). Key findings include that: 26% of driver fatalities with a record of their actions available were exceeding a safe speed. 35% of driver fatalities with a toxicology result available, had a positive toxicology for alcohol. 14% of driver fatalities with a toxicology result available, had a positive toxicology for cocaine. 8% had a positive toxicology for cannabis. 21% of driver fatalities with a record of the condition of their vehicle available had at least one defect recorded by the Forensic Collision Investigator (FCI). 13% had a defect in relation to their tyres recorded. 4% had a defect in relation to their brakes recorded. The full report 'Contributory Fa	

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				ctors and Driver Fatalities: Examining 2016-2020 Coronial Data' is available on our website at: https://www.rsa.ie/docs/default-source/road-safety/r4.1-research-reports/safe-road-use/contributory-factors-and-d-river-fatalities-examining-2016-2020-coronial-data.pdf?sfvrsn=53ec8883_1 PQ from Department of Transport received 14 April 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 2021-2025 to date. The data provided in this document for the years 2022 onwards is provisional and subject to change until such time as the review of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. This PQ is regarding: Dail Question No: 672 To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of fatalities by age group and road user type (driver, passenger, pedestrian, cyclist) each year for the past five years. Response to PQ from Department of Transport Dail Question No: 672 Please see table 1 and 2 below for requested figures. Table 1, Fatalities by age 2021-2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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	671		To ask the Minister for Transport the primary contributory factors identified in fatal collisions each year for the past five years.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	672		To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of fatalities by age group and road user type (driver, passenger, pedestrian, cyclist) each year for the past five years.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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14/04/2026	665	Ref: 24334/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Mark Ward	To ask the Minister for Transport when the new driving test centre in Sandyford will be opened; when learner drivers can apply for a test at this centre; the reason for the delay in opening this test centre; the number of driving testers that will be based in the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Ward, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 24334/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 665 In relation to Dail Question 665, over the past few months, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) had been in the process of securing a new premises in the Sandyford area. Unfortunately, while in the final stages of lease negotiations, it has transpired that there was a significant risk that the location would not be tenable as a driver testing centre for the long term. Therefore, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) have decided not to proceed with procurement at this location and will continue the search for a suitable premises from which to conduct driving tests in the South Dublin area. We understand that this news is disappointing to those in the area who face a lengthy wait time for their driving test, particularly at our Dun Laoghaire / Deansgrange centre. However, it is important that when procuring a new premises, particularly on a long-term lease, that it fully meets with the requirements to enable it to operate effectively. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh,	Mark Ward

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14/04/2026	636	Ref: 24073/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Michael Healy-Rae	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Michael Healy-Rae

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14/04/2026	649	Ref: 24212/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are being taken at Mulhuddart test centre specifically to reduce driving test wait times from double the national target down to ten weeks, including provision of additional testers, and more test slots in the evenings or at weekends and bank holidays.	Dear Deputy Currie, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 24212/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Questions 649, 752, and 753 In relation to Dail Questions 649, 752, and 753, we have two driving test centres in the Mulhuddart area. One test centre (Maple House) has a shorter wait time than the Mulhuddart driving test centre. Both centres are within very close proximity, and the driving test is the same regardless of the centre the test is undertaken from. We have reached maximum physical capacity of the number of Driver Testers in the Mulhuddart driving test centre, this prohibits us placing any additional driver testers at that specific location. Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) are seeking to find a new facility in the Mulhuddart area to enable us to amalgamate both Mulhuddart and Mulhuddart (Maple House) test centres which will be fairer on all applicants wishing to complete a driving test in the Mulhuddart area. This will create a single waiting list for those wishing to sit their test in Mulhuddart. Each applicant will slot into the waiting list in line with their eligibility date. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh	Emer Currie

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	752		To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department are considering an additional driving test centre in Dublin West; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	753		To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department are considering any measures to increase driving test capacity in Dublin West; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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14/04/2026	655	Ref: 24247/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Peadar Tóibín	To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm the number of scheduled tests in the Navan test centre for January 2026 was at 820 and for February 2026 is 706; the number of tests actually performed in each of these months; and of these, the number who passed, failed, were paused and or were not eligible.	Dear Deputy Tóibín, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 24247/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 655, 657, 659, 660 and 661 In relation to Dail Questions 655,657,659,660, and 661, at end January 2026 there were 841 driving test applicants across all test categories scheduled to take a driving test in the Navan driving test centre, at the end of February 2026 this figure was 712. Where an application is at a status of 'Scheduled' it means that the driving test applicant has a test date and time secured for sometime over the following 30 days. During January 2026, 1,004 driving tests were delivered, across all categories, in the Navan driving test centre. For February 2026, this figure was 994. Of the 1,004 driving tests that were delivered in January, 891 went ahead and of these 473 (53.1%) passed and 418 failed. For February – of the 994 tests delivered, 922 went ahead and of these 486 (52.7%) passed and 436 failed. An application status of 'paused' or 'not eligible' would only arise before an applicant is scheduled for test. For clarity and by way of explanation, an applicant can apply for a test at any stage of their learning to drive journey, where they are eligible at the time of application they immediately move to a 'Waiting' stat	Peadar Tóibín

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				us. Where they are not eligible (i.e., they have not completed their EDT sessions or held their learner permit for 6 months) then they are at a status of 'not eligible'. Once we reach them in the 'waiting' queue, applicants are issued with an invitation, which they can use to book their driving test date and time. If that invitation is not used within 10 days to book a test, then the application moves to a status of 'paused'. The infographic below sets out an explanation of each status: <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> I can confirm that where a person is 'not eligible' they do not receive an invitation to book a test and are unable to book a test slot. Looking at the Navan example in particular: Jan 2026 Feb 2026 Mar 2026 ----- ----- Volume waiting end previous month 1615 1846 2054 Tests Delivered in month 1004 994 920 Applications received in month 1228 1089 1172 Volume waiting month end 1846 2054 2205	

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				While a straightforward calculation of – ‘Volume Waiting end previous month’ – ‘Tests delivered’ + ‘Applications received’ does not exactly = ‘Volume waiting month end’, it is a useful indicator in terms of throughput. The variation exists as an application will move through various status’ throughout its journey depending on the customer circumstances, point of eligibility etc. Any correlation to difference between months equating to ‘not eligible’ figures is coincidental, applicants who are not eligible to sit their test cannot be scheduled. With regards to ‘paused’ applications, these exist where a person has been invited to book a test but has not done so within 10 days. It is to allow a person to manage their own learning to drive journey as some who are invited are not yet ready to sit their test, are busy with exams etc. The ability to ‘pause’ an application means that the test candidate can opt when to ‘un-pause’ and resume their learning to drive journey. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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	657		To ask the Minister for Transport the additional net valid applications that were actually added to the wait list for Navan test centre for February 2026, and all other months for each of the past five years (details supplied).	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	659		To ask the Minister for Transport the current actual wait time from initial application to appointment date for B class driving test in the Navan test centre and also each year for the past five years (details supplied).	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	660		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of 10,320 scheduled appointments for a driving test from February 2025 to February 2026, that proceeded, were cancelled, not eligible and paused; of the 10,320 the number that passed and driving licences issued; and the number of fails (details supplied).	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	661		To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the additional figures quoted by CSO with regards to paused applications; the definition of a paused application; the main factors that contribute to a paused application; the breakdown of the reasons there are 1,654 paused applications as of February 2026 at the Navan test centre; and if a test is cancelled, if it is considered paused.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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14/04/2026	654	Ref: 24246/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Peadar Tóibín	To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 501 of 19 April 2025 if there has been an increase in the amount of tests held in the centre to date in 2026.	Dear Deputy Tóibín, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 24246/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 654 In relation to Dail Question 654, attached please find the number of tests delivered in March 2025 up to and including 31 March 2026 in all categories for the Navan test centre. You can see from the data provided that there has been an increase on the number of tests delivered over this timeframe. Please see below some of the reasons as to why there has been an increase in driving tests delivered in the Navan driving test centre: • There has been an increase in the number of Driver Testers assigned to the Navan driving test centre. • Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings and evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Peadar Tóibín

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14/04/2026	791	Ref: 25962/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Cathy Bennett	To ask the Minister for Transport the bodies which operate under his aegis which have a regulatory or enforcement remit which include provision for a person convicted of an offence to receive a fine upon summary conviction, the associated maximum amount and duration of any related potential imprisonment term; provision for a person convicted on indictment to receive a fine, the associated maximum amount and duration of any related potential imprisonment term; provision for fines predicated upon the turnover of an entity, the maximum percentage thereof and any associated imprisonment term; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Re: Dail Question No: 791 To ask the Minister for Transport the bodies which operate under his aegis which have a regulatory or enforcement remit which include provision for a person convicted of an offence to receive a fine upon summary conviction, the associated maximum amount and duration of any related potential imprisonment term; provision for a person convicted on indictment to receive a fine, the associated maximum amount and duration of any related potential imprisonment term; provision for fines predicated upon the turnover of an entity, the maximum percentage thereof and any associated imprisonment term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dear Deputy Bennett, I refer to your request for fines and prison sentence information which has been referred to me for direct reply. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) is responsible for enforcing EU road safety legislation pertaining to Vehicle Roadworthiness, Tachographs & Driver's Hours, Driver CPC and Operator Licensing. Where breaches are detected, prosecutions are initiated in the District Court whereby on summary conviction, a class A fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or both, may be imposed. For more serious fraud related offences, the legislation allows for conviction on indictment, whereby a fine not exceeding €100,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or bot	Cathy Bennett

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				h, may be imposed. For operator licensing related offences, the Road Transport Act 2011, allows, that where a conviction on indictment is merited, a fine not exceeding €500,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both, may be imposed. Please note that whilst the legislation provides for penalties on indictment, I am not aware of any such convictions. Also, please note that to the best of my knowledge the legislation which we enforce does not contain any provision for fines to be determined based on the turnover of any entity. We do publish details of convictions in respect of prosecutions taken by the RSA for breaches of Drivers Hours, Tachograph, Driver CPC & Operator Licensing legislation on our website at https://www.rsa.ie/services/business-operators/road-haulage-enforcement/prosecutions I trust this clarifies the situation for you. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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15/04/2026	676	Ref: 24465/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Naoise Ó Cearúil	To ask the Minister for Transport whether any artificial intelligence tools or systems are currently being used within his Department or in agencies under its remit; the purposes for which these tools are being used; whether any departmental guidance or governance structures have been developed to support their responsible use; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Ó Cearúil, I refer to Parliamentary Question PQ 24465/26. The Minister referred the PQ to this office and the response is set out below. The RSA currently follows the guidance from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) “Cyber Security Guidance on Generative AI for Public Sector Bodies” and have updated their ICT security policy to reflect the NCSC guidance. In addition, the updated guidelines on the use of AI from the Department of Public Expenditure (DPER) are followed. Please note that it is not possible for RSA staff to access AI tools on the RSA network. One exception is Microsoft Copilot Chat which is provided as part of the RSA’s existing Microsoft 365 enterprise environment and therefore governed by the same security, identity, compliance, and data protection controls already used across the RSA environment. The purpose of its use is primarily in the context of enhancing workplace productivity and supporting staff in routine knowledge-based tasks. It is used as a support tool, not a decision-making system. All outputs are required to be reviewed and validated by staff, and responsibility for decisions and official outputs remains entirely with staff. RSA has undertaken several staff awareness campaigns around AI usage as well as including in staff induction program. There is an intake process for AI related initiatives that requires a risk assessment to be completed, revi	Naoise Ó Cearúil

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				ewed and approved along with supporting business case. Yours sincerely, Gerry Gerry McGuire Director Technology, Platforms & Solutions	
15/04/2026	700	Ref: 25042/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Naoise Ó Cearúil	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of civil and public servants in his Department and agencies under its remit who have received training in AI, data literacy, or digital skills in the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Ref: PQ 25042/26 Dear Deputy Ó Cearúil, I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question: “Dail Question No: 700 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of civil and public servants in his Department and agencies under its remit who have received training in AI, data literacy, or digital skills in the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” Learning and Development can report the following information/training sessions activity completed during 2025, including both internal and external training, as well as information/training delivered organisation wide. In the past year, a total of 445 individual members of staff have completed courses across AI, data literacy, and digital skills, as follows: <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	Naoise Ó Cearúil

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				Throughout 2025, some staff participated in internal upskilling sessions (on the job shadowing programme) facilitated by the current OpEx (Operational Excellence) team. Training topics covered in 2025 included: • AI capabilities and practical use cases • Microsoft Copilot Studio • Emerging digital and automation tools relevant to process improvement Our OpEx team leads a network of approximately 20 Process Improvement Leaders (OpEx ambassadors) across multiple teams. In 2025, as part of the monthly Process Improvement Forums, OpEx delivered training to RSA staff across sessions covering • Outlook capabilities • Microsoft Planner • Microsoft To Do • Microsoft Teams • Microsoft Forms • Overview of Robotic Process Automation (RPA)Microsoft Lists • Power Apps In 2025, OpEx facilitated an organisation-wide Transformation Week under the theme: “Disconnect, Connect, Transform: Embracing Change Together.” The week focused on: • Digital transformation • Automation • AI enablement OpEx and other businesses, including Data, Custom	

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				er Care Centre, Driver Testing, Vehicle Standard, Digital Engagement teams, showcased a number of business cases associated with digitisation, automation and AI, helping teams understand practical applications and benefits. The agenda was designed to raise awareness, share learnings, and promote a culture of continuous improvement and change across the organisation. Please note that the sessions referred to above are designed to support knowledge sharing, awareness and capability building, and information exchange across the RSA. While these are extremely valuable in enhancing understanding and promoting best practice, they are not formal training programmes or accredited, certified courses. Staff from relevant areas and competencies across the organisation regularly attend external conferences, seminars, and industry events focused on digital, AI, and data. These events, which are hosted by government bodies, industry leaders, and key market participants, support ongoing awareness of emerging trends, best practices, and real-world applications. Participation in these forums enables staff to stay informed, share insights, and bring learnings back into the organisation to inform decision-making and continuous improvement, though they do not constitute formal or accredited training. Please note that it is not possible for RSA staff to access AI tools on the RSA network. One	

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				exception is Microsoft Copilot Chat which is provided as part of the RSA's existing Microsoft 365 enterprise environment and therefore governed by the same security, identity, compliance, and data protection controls already used across the RSA environment. RSA has undertaken several staff awareness campaigns around AI usage as well as including in staff induction program. The RSA Learning & Development team are currently organising formal training courses as part of RSA's overall approach to AI awareness in the Public Service. If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned. Yours sincerely, Alison Alison Coleman, Director People, Development and Culture	

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15/04/2026	679	Ref: 24573/26 For answer: 14/04/2026 Written from - Aidan Farrelly	To ask the Minister for Transport the value and duration of contracts and service provision arrangements his Department and all bodies under his aegis have or had with a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date in 2026; if he will clarify whether his Department was the beneficiary of professional work or services from the company over that same period; and the nature and value of same.	Dear Deputy Farrelly, I refer to the PQ24573/26 which was referred to the RSA for response by the Minister for Transport. Dail Question No: 679 To ask the Minister for Transport the value and duration of contracts and service provision arrangements his Department and all bodies under his aegis have or had with a company (details supplied) in the past ten years to date in 2026; if he will clarify whether his Department was the beneficiary of professional work or services from the company over that same period; and the nature and value of same. I confirm that the RSA had contractual arrangements in place with Aramark Workplace Solutions for the provision of facilities management services during the stated period, which ceased in October 2022. Total expenditure with this supplier over that period amounted to €7,545,528. Yours sincerely, Des Des O'Brien, Director Finance & Commercial Services	Aidan Farrelly
15/04/2026	192	Ref: 27502/26 For answer: 15/04/2026 Written from - Michael Healy-Rae	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Michael Healy-Rae

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20/04/2026	373	Ref: 27930/26 For answer: 21/04/2026 Written from - Pearse Doherty	To ask the Minister for Transport the current wait times for driving tests in Donegal, by test centre; if any plans are in place to bring the length of waiting times down; and if any consideration has been given to native Irish speakers in Gaeltacht areas who need a car for work but are being forced to move out of the area due to the long wait times and lack of public transport, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Doherty, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 27930/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Questions 373 Regarding Dail question 373, the table below shows the volume of persons waiting for a driving test invitation and the number of applicants scheduled for their driving test in Co. Donegal driving test centres as at the end of March 2026 which is the extent of our records as our reporting is completed at month end. Driving Test Centre Driving Test Applicants waiting Driving Test Applicants scheduled ----- ----- --- Buncrana Co. Donegal 285 97 Donegal Co. Donegal 486 159 Letterkenny Co. Donegal 1,021 297	Pearse Doherty

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				The estimated time to invite for a car test in the Buncrana driving test centre for a new eligible applicant was 11 weeks, in the Donegal driving test centre it was 13 weeks and, in the Letterkenny, driving test centre it was 13 weeks as at the end of March 2026. Please note that all our data is publicly available on the CSO database each month. It can be found here https://data.cso.ie/product/RSADTS 'Road Safety Authority of Ireland', 'Driver Testing Service'. To reduce the backlog in waiting times, the Department of Transport granted sanction at the start of September 2024 for additional permanent driver testers to be hired by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to bring the number of permanent driver testers up to 200. The recruitment campaign to hire these additional driver testers has continued throughout 2025 and there are one hundred and ninety-three (193) driver testers currently employed by the service as at the end of March 2026. While the RSA hired an unprecedented number of additional driver testers during 2025, a number of unforeseen retirements and resignations during the year means that recruitment is ongoing, onboarding and training of new driver testers will continue in 2026 and into the future to meet the sanctioned number of two hundred (200) testers and maintain it for the long term. Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test.	

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20/04/2026	405	Ref: 28524/26 For answer: 21/04/2026 Written from - Roderic O'Gorman	To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting time for driving tests as the Killester test centre; the reason some applicants have been waiting significantly longer for a test date than the publicly listed waiting time of ten weeks; the efforts being made to reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy O'Gorman, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 28524/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Questions 405 Regarding Dail question 405, the table below shows the volume of persons waiting for a driving test invitation and the number of applicants scheduled for their driving test in the Killester driving test centre as at the end of March 2026 which is the extent of our records as our reporting is completed at month end. Driving Test Centre Driving Test Applicants waiting Driving Test Applicants scheduled ----- Killester Co. Dublin 1,554 246	Roderic O'Gorman

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				The estimated time to invite for a car test in the Killester driving test centre for a new eligible applicant was 17 weeks as at the end of March 2026. Please note that all our data is publicly available on the CSO database each month. It can be found here https://data.cso.ie/product/RSADTS 'Road Safety Authority of Ireland', 'Driver Testing Service'. The driver testing estimate time to invite for an individual waiting for their driving test is personalised and dependent on a number of factors specific to that applicant's circumstances. In short, it looks at the date of eligibility with a person joining the invitation queue from the time they become eligible to sit a test. An applicant can also pause their application, reschedule or cancel their test and each of these actions will have an impact on their overall waiting time for an invitation. In addition, where a person sits in the queue is relative to all other applicants in that queue who are also assigned based on their eligibility and personal circumstances. The time to invite is calculated based off an estimation of available capacity over the coming weeks and months to deal with all applicants in the queue. Unfortunately, it can be the case that driver testers who were planned for are not available in a particular centre, this could be due to a variety of reasons including illness, bereavement or other types of leave. While the service seeks to keep the estimations as accurate as possible, it can be the case that estimations can move out. They can also pull back where there is more capacity than anticipated. Another factor that can cause an estimation to shift is	

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				where an applicant, who has a test booked, cancels that test and retains their fee, or where the test cannot go ahead due to inclement weather, in these instances, those customers are issued with another invite to enable them to book another test. To reduce the backlog in waiting times, the Department of Transport granted sanction at the start of September 2024 for additional permanent driver testers to be hired by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to bring the number of permanent driver testers up to 200. The recruitment campaign to hire these additional driver testers has continued throughout 2025 and there are one hundred and ninety-three (193) driver testers currently employed by the service as at the end of March 2026. While the RSA hired an unprecedented number of additional driver testers during 2025, a number of unforeseen retirements and resignations during the year means that recruitment is ongoing, onboarding and training of new driver testers will continue in 2026 and into the future to meet the sanctioned number of two hundred (200) testers and maintain it for the long term. Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Chief Operations Officer	

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20/04/2026	404	Ref: 28513/26 For answer: 21/04/2026 Written from - Marie Sherlock	To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to urgently address the situation of increasing roads deaths in Ireland; the steps he is taking to increase enforcement; the number of individuals who have received serious injuries from all forms of traffic collisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	PQ from Department of Transport received 20 April 2026 Dail Question No: 404 To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to urgently address the situation of increasing roads deaths in Ireland; the steps he is taking to increase enforcement; the number of individuals who have received serious injuries from all forms of traffic collisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Response to PQ from Department of Transport Dail Question No: 404 The below analyses have been provided to respond to the section of the PQ which has been highlighted in bold above, as the other parts of the PQ have been separately addressed by the Minister's response. The RSA has access to data on serious injuries from the collision database and also from hospital data. Both sources of information have been provided here. 1. Collision data The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 1 January 2020-2026 to date. Over the course of 1 January 2016- 31 December 2025, there were 14,071 road users seriously injured as per the collision data. The data for the years 2022 onward in Table 1 below is provisional and subject to	Marie Sherlock

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				change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. A “serious injury” is an injury for which the person is detained in hospital as an ‘in-patient’, or any of the following injuries whether or not detained in hospital: fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushings, severe cuts and lacerations, or severe general shock requiring medical treatment. Table 1, road users seriously injured <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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				2. Hospital data For reporting on serious injuries, the RSA complements the collision data from AGS with hospital records from the Hospital In-Patient Enquiry database, managed by the HSE. The use of hospital data for serious injury reporting has been recommended by the European Commission to overcome the limitations of police-based data. It is well recognised internationally that police-based data will understate the number of serious injuries. In Ireland, RSA research indicates that the number of casualties from road traffic collisions recorded in hospital data is estimated to be consistently higher than the number of serious injuries recorded by AGS. Over 2016-2024, the RSA estimated a total of 19,648 hospitalised casualties with injuries from road traffic collisions. A 'hospitalised casualty' refers to a person admitted to hospital as an in-patient, on an emergency basis, with at least one injury from a road traffic collision. Table 2, hospitalised casualties <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	
				Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	

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22/04/2026	44	Ref: 28947/26 For answer: 22/04/2026 Written from - Barry Ward	To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the flexible working and remote working policies in place for staff that work for any agencies under the remit of this Department; if there is any discrepancy in these policies based on seniority; if this policy is under the control of the agency itself or if it is directed by the Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Deputy Barry Ward, Dail Eireann, Dublin 4. 27 April 2026 Ref: PQ 28947/26 Dear Deputy Ward, I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question: "Dail Question No: 44: To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the flexible working and remote working policies in place for staff that work for any agencies under the remit of ; if there is any discrepancy in these policies based on seniority; if this policy is under the control of the agency itself or if it is directed by the Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter." In accordance with Government Circular 11/2013, flexible working hours are available to staff up to and including Higher Executive Officer grade. Staff serving at Assistant Principal grade and above may also avail of flexible working hours, but without the accumulation of flexi leave. Flexible working arrangements are subject at all times to operational requirements and are implemented at the discretion of management. In line with the Civil Service Blended Working Framework, published on 31 March 2022, the Road Safety Authority implemented its own Blended Working Policy in February 2023. These arrangements are based on the nature of the r	Barry Ward

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				ole and operational necessity, and there are no discrepancies in the application of the policy based on seniority. The blended working policy is operated by the Authority within the parameters of Government policy and the Civil Service framework. If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned. Yours sincerely, Alison Coleman Director People, Development and Culture	

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22/04/2026	320	Ref: 29457/26 For answer: 23/04/2026 Written from - Denise Mitchell	To ask the Minister for Transport the actions being taken to reduce driving test waiting times across the State; his views that current waiting times of over 15 weeks in order to sit a test in Killester and Raheny driving test centres are far too long; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Mitchell, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 29457/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 320 Regarding Dail question 320, to reduce the backlog in waiting times, the Department of Transport granted sanction at the start of September 2024 for additional permanent driver testers to be hired by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to bring the number of permanent driver testers up to 200. There are one hundred and ninety-one (191) driver testers currently employed by the service as at the end of April 2026. Ongoing recruitment is necessary to replace retirees and leavers. Four (4) new testers started their training in April, and six (6) more have started in May 2026 and will continue in 2026 and into the future to meet the sanctioned number of two hundred (200) testers and maintain it for the long term. Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. In relation to the wait time for Killester and Raheny, it is our operational priority to pursue every possible avenue to improve the service and shorten delays, including continued recruitment, and expanding capacity.	Denise Mitchell

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				Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
22/04/2026	315	Ref: 29398/26 For answer: 23/04/2026 Written from - Michael Healy-Rae	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Michael Healy-Rae

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22/04/2026	327	Ref: 29554/26 For answer: 23/04/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner permit holders who failed to show up for their scheduled driving test appointment in February and March 2026, by driving test centre.	Dear Deputy Currie, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 29554/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 327 Regarding Dail question 327, attached please find the number of applicants who did not show for their scheduled driving test in all categories broken down by driving test centre for February and March 2026. * Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q1_Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question Please note that all our data is publicly available on the CSO database each month. It can be found here https://data.cso.ie/product/RSADTS 'Road Safety Authority of Ireland', 'Driver Testing Service'. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Emer Currie

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22/04/2026	321	Ref: 29462/26 For answer: 23/04/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport if the Road Safety Authority (RSA) has reached its agreed complement of 200 permanent driver testers under its Service Level Agreement Plan in May 2025; the current number of testers in each driving test centre; the average waiting time in each driving test centre for a driver to receive an invitation from the RSA to apply to sit a driving test.	Dear Deputy Currie, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 29462/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 321 Regarding Dail question 321, attached please find the number of Driver Testers and the number of applicants waiting for a driving test invitation by test centre as at the end of April 2026. Please note that all our data is publicly available on the CSO database each month. It can be found here https://data.cso.ie/product/RSADTS 'Road Safety Authority of Ireland', 'Driver Testing Service'. As a national service, the RSA seeks to manage its capacity to meet demand and therefore while a driver tester may be assigned to one centre, testers routinely and regularly move between centres to meet various demands. The placement of driver testers is determined by demand for the service and existing backlogs as well as being informed by internal movement / redeployment of existing staff. To reduce the backlog in waiting times, the Department of Transport granted sanction at the start of September 2024 for additional permanent driver testers to be hired by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to bring the number of permanent driver testers up to 200.	Emer Currie

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				The recruitment campaign to hire these additional driver testers has continued throughout 2025 and there are one hundred and ninety-one (191) driver testers currently employed by the service as at the end of April 2026. While the RSA hired an unprecedented number of additional driver testers during 2025, a number of unforeseen retirements and resignations during the year means that recruitment is ongoing, onboarding and training of new driver testers is continuing in 2026 and into the future to meet the sanctioned number of two hundred (200) testers and maintain it for the long term. Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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22/04/2026	312	Ref: 29280/26 For answer: 23/04/2026 Written from - Louis O'Hara	To ask the Minister for Transport the methodology in how NCT waiting times are calculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Mr Louis O'Hara Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Re: Parliamentary Question Number 29280/26 Dear Deputy O'Hara, I write further to your Dáil Question Number 312 in relation to the National Car Testing Service (NCTS) waiting times. The National Car Testing Service (NCTS) carried out over 1.7 million full test inspections in 2025. Quarter 1 is always our busiest time of year, due to high volumes of vehicles being registered/sold in the January to March timeframe. 2025 Customer surveys, with responses for over 16,000 customers show an 87% satisfaction rating for how long the customer had to wait for an appointment. Quarter 1 2026 Customer surveys, with responses of almost 4,000 customers show an 90% satisfaction rating for how long the customer had to wait for an appointment. The booking lead is calculated based on the following methodology. • All bookings for a full test, within the date range that is being reported, are in scope and the average of each individual booking is aggregated. • If the customer makes a booking (regardless of source: Call Centre, Test Centres, Website, etc), then the difference is between the point of first contact to the first/second available appointment.	Louis O'Hara

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				• If the customer opts to go on the waiting list, then the earlier of the first/second available appointment is used for that booking. The NCTS try to ensure anybody who goes on the waiting list (there is no charge to be added to the list, and any vehicle can be added to it) is given an appointment date within 28 days. The RSA is assisted by Deloitte as the Supervision Services Contractor (SSC) in monitoring the NCTS. During the ongoing supervision process, particular attention is paid to ensuring that the various performance standards and acceptable standards of the NCTS are achieved continuously. These standards apply to the Booking Lead Time calculation as well as premises, test equipment, staff, test arrangements, facilities management, financial management, information technology infrastructure and operations, customer service and provision of public information. I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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27/04/2026	372	Ref: 30235/26 For answer: 28/04/2026 Written from - Barry Ward	To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the provision of a new driving test centre in Sandyford, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Ward, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 30235/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Questions 372 and 373 In relation to Dail Questions 372 and 373, over the past few months, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) had been in the process of securing a new premises in the Sandyford area. Unfortunately, while in the final stages of lease negotiations, it has transpired that there was a significant risk that the location would not be tenable as a driver testing centre for the long term. Therefore, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) have decided not to proceed with procurement at this location and will continue the search for a suitable premises from which to conduct driving tests in the South Dublin area. We understand that this news is disappointing to those in the area who face a lengthy wait time for their driving test, particularly at our Dun Laoghaire / Deansgrange centre. However, it is important that when procuring a new premises, particularly on a long-term lease, that it fully meets with the requirements to enable it to operate effectively. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh,	Barry Ward

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	373		To ask the Minister for Transport the basis for the delays to date regarding the provision of a new driving test centre in Sandyford, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
28/04/2026	399	Ref: 30822/26 For answer: 28/04/2026 Written from - Conor D. McGuinness	To ask the Minister for Transport the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form.	Dear Deputy McGuinness, I acknowledge receipt of your request regarding the total spend on consultancy firms, broken down by allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past fifteen years, in tabular form. Given the extensive request and the requirement to retrieve archived historical data across multiple years, I would be grateful for additional time to compile a complete and accurate response. I propose to revert to you with the requested information by 20 May 2026. I trust this timeline is acceptable. Yours sincerely, Des Des O'Brien, Director Finance & Commercial Services	Conor D. McGuinness

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28/04/2026	66	Ref: 31370/26 For answer: 29/04/2026 Written from - Barry Ward	To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the mechanisms in place to support agencies under his remit with the increased costs of employing staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Ref: PQ 31388/26, 31370/26 & 31406/26 Dear Deputy Ward, I refer to your recent Parliamentary Questions below: “Dail Question No: 66 To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the mechanisms in place to support agencies under his remit with the increased costs of employing staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” “Dail Question No: 67 To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the mechanisms in place to support agencies under his remit to manage the increase in the minimum wages in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” “Dail Question No: 68 To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the mechanisms in place to support agencies under his remit to manage increasing operating costs including insurance, energy and fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” We have prepared a composite response to your three recently received parliamentary question. I wish to advise that governance matters, including financial management and budgetary issues, are considered on an ongoing basis. The increase in cost	Barry Ward

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				s related to employing staff are considered as part of the Road Safety Authorities annual budgetary estimates process and also factored into business cases for requesting sanction headcount increases from our parent department. In relation to the increase in minimum wages, RSA staff are paid in line with the civil service payscales & public service pay agreements, which have been sanctioned by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The RSA considers all operating costs actively and prudently through regular cost review, budget management, and competitive procurement processes. Any additional cost pressures are considered through engagement with the Dept of Transport and our Board as part of the budgetary process. Yours sincerely, Alison Alison Coleman, Director People, Development and Culture	

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30/04/2026	239	Ref: 31727/26 For answer: 30/04/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of permanent driver testers the RSA has fully trained since his Department sanctioned an additional 70 in September 2024; the current number of driver testers working in each driving test centre; the number of overtime tests delivered each month in 2025 and to date in 2026, by driver testers; and the number of car driving test centres currently in operation.	Dear Deputy Currie, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 31727/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 239 Regarding Dail question 239, we need time to collate the figures you require for your query on the number of permanent driver testers the Road Safety Authority (RSA) has fully trained since the Department sanctioned an additional seventy (70) in September 2024 and the number of overtime tests delivered each month in 2025 and to date in 2026. Once the figures are collated, we will respond to this part of the query. However, please find attached the number of driver testers by test centre and the number of car driving test centres as at the end of April 2026. Please note that the number of driving test centres that conduct Category B (Car) test are outlined in bold and in black font on the attached spreadsheet. As a national service, the RSA seeks to manage its capacity to meet demand and therefore while a driver tester may be assigned to one centre, testers routinely and regularly move between centres to meet various demands. The placement of driver testers is determined by demand for the service and existing backlogs as well as being informed by internal movement / redeploy	Emer Currie

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				ent of existing staff. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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30/04/2026	238	Ref: 31707/26 For answer: 30/04/2026 Written from - Carol Nolan	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving licences issued or renewed in each year from 2017 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Nolan I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Questions 31707/26 Dail Question No: 238 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving licences issued or renewed each year from 2017 to date and if he will make a statement on the matter The Minister has referred to the Parliamentary Question to my Office for response, and the details are set out below. <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Carol Nolan

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06/05/2026	124	Ref: 31875/26 For answer: 06/05/2026 Written from - Barry Ward	To ask the Minister for Transport if any assessment has been carried out into the number of the 190 people killed on Irish roads in 2025 that were driving for work; whether he considers the current reporting framework adequate, given that not all such deaths are reported to the Health and Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	PQ from Department of Transport received 14 May 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 2025. The data provided in this document is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. Dail Question No: 124 To ask the Minister for Transport if any assessment has been carried out into the number of the 190 people killed on Irish roads in 2025 that were driving for work; whether he considers the current reporting framework adequate, given that not all such deaths are reported to the Health and Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Response to 124: With respect to Dail Q 124, the RSA can only provide a response to the first part of the question regarding the number of fatalities in 2025 who were driving for work. The RSA has no role in reporting such incidents to the HSA. Any queries in relation to reporting of such incidents should be directed to the HSA. In 2025, there were 183 fatalities on public roads. Of these fatalities 19 were recorded with a trip purpose of "For work". Of these 19 road users, 15 were drivers, 1 was a passenger, 1 was a pedal cyclist and 2 were pedestrians.	Barry Ward

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				Of the 74 driver fatalities in 2025, 20% (15) were driving for work at the time of the collision. Of these 15 driver fatalities, 6 were driving a car, 3 were driving an agricultural tractor, 2 were driving a van, 2 were driving a HGV and 2 were driving other vehicle classes. Table 1, Fatalities recorded with a trip purpose of “For work” in 2025. <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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				Dail Question No: 125 To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the issue that not all road collisions involving a person in the course of work are reported to the Health and Safety Authority; his views on whether this is a deficit in existing reporting requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Response to Q 125. Employers are legally obliged to report road collisions involving a person in the course of work to the HSA. The RSA has no role in this process. The RSA recommends that the HSA be contacted for further information with respect to this PQ. Appendix Definitions Fatality A fatality is one where death occurs within 30 days of the date of the collision and is not the result of a medical cause or that of a deliberate act (e.g. suicide). Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	

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	125		To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the issue that not all road collisions involving a person in the course of work are reported to the Health and Safety Authority; his views on whether this is a deficit in existing reporting requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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06/05/2026	168	Ref: 32493/26 For answer: 06/05/2026 Written from - Pádraig O'Sullivan	To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of driving licences suspended in the State in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by reason for suspension, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy O'Sullivan, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Questions 32494/26 and 32493/26 Dail Question No: 169 To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of driving licences cancelled or revoked in the State in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by reason for cancellation or revocation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dail Question No: 168 To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of driving licences suspended in the State in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by reason for suspension, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Questions to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. There is a differentiation between the revoking of a licence and the disqualification of a person from holding a driving licence. A person can be disqualified from holding a licence for a period of time as a result of an offence committed while driving. A licence would be revoked where the eligibility criteria for holding a driving licence is no longer met, such as when the holder of the licence does not have, or no longer has, a right to reside in the State, or the licence was obtained fraudulently and subsequent to the issue of the licence this was established.	Pádraig O'Sullivan

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				The right to revoke a driving licence was provided for in S.I. No. 193 of 2025 and commenced on 19 May 2025. Since then, there has been less than five revoked invalid. Licences can be cancelled for various reasons, such as licence issued incorrectly in the first instance and then cancelled and corrected licence issued, a licence cancelled maybe because a new category was added on etc. The status of cancelled is not used where a person is disqualified and we are not sure if that is what you mean. Can you, therefore, clarify what you mean by cancelled and what data you are looking for. Suspension is not a term used in relation to driving licences in Ireland, can you please clarify what data you are looking for, is it where a person is disqualified on accumulation of penalty points, disqualified in court and/or disqualified on payment of a fixed charge for drink driving. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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	169		To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of driving licences cancelled or revoked in the State in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by reason for cancellation or revocation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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06/05/2026	143	Ref: 32169/26 For answer: 06/05/2026 Written from - Ken O'Flynn	To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm whether the designated email account (details supplied) remains active and monitored for correspondence from public representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy O'Flynn, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Questions PQ 32169/26, PQ 32170/26, PQ 32171/26, PQ 32172/26 and PQ 32173/26. Dail Question No: 143 To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm whether the designated email account (details supplied) remains active and monitored for correspondence from public representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dail Question No: 144 To ask the Minister for Transport the average response time for appeals and queries received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. Dail Question No: 145 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of emails received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 remained unanswered after ten working days and after 20 working days. Dail Question No: 146 To ask the Minister for Transport whether an automatic acknowledgement is issued for emails received through the designated email account (details supplied); and if not, the reason. Dail Question No: 147 To ask the Minister for Transport whether he accepts that delays or failure to respond to public representative appeals through the designated email	Ken O'Flynn

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				account (details supplied) obstructs constituency casework and may result in individuals being left without valid driving licences, permits or access to essential services; and the steps being taken to ensure timely responses. The email account details supplied: tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie is unknown to the NDLS. There is no known record of the email address and accordingly there is no record of response times, volumes of emails received or responded to with specific timelines, or automated acknowledgements. Where public representatives raise driver licensing matters on behalf of their constituents the RSA is committed to responding to those queries within the standard response timelines. The dedicated RSA email address for public representative queries is Reps@rsa.ie Drivers choosing the Online Contact Form option on the NDLS Contact Us page https://www.ndls.ie/help/contact.html receive an acknowledgement of their query. Driving licence applications are processed in accordance with road safety regulations and applicants are communicated with throughout the process. We endeavour to clearly advise applicants of the requirements of the licensing process through our website www.ndls.ie The current typical time from driver making application to when driver receives licence in the post is 5 – 8 working days. Where there is incomplete doc	

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				umentation submitted by driver in the application this will increase the time. Unfortunately, where a person is exchanging a foreign licence there can be delays as we await confirmation of equivalences and entitlements from the relevant foreign licensing authority. When a driver makes an application to NDLS they are advised of application status checker on NDLS website where they can check the status of the application and see when it has been approved. The driver is also advised by text/email when their application is approved. Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
	144		To ask the Minister for Transport the average response time for appeals and queries received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	145		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of emails received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 remained unanswered after ten working days and after 20 working days.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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	146		To ask the Minister for Transport whether an automatic acknowledgement is issued for emails received through the designated email account (details supplied); and if not, the reason.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	147		To ask the Minister for Transport whether he accepts that delays or failure to respond to public representative appeals through the designated email account (details supplied) obstructs constituency casework and may result in individuals being left without valid driving licences, permits or access to essential services; and the steps being taken to ensure timely responses. Details Supplied: tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
06/05/2026	140	Ref: 32078/26 For answer: 06/05/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Emer Currie

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06/05/2026	137	Ref: 32015/26 For answer: 06/05/2026 Written from - Robert O'Donoghue	To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting times for Dundalk driving test centre; to seek clarification for the ongoing delays and cancellations at this centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy O'Donoghue, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 32015/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Questions 137 Regarding Dail question 137, the table below shows the volume of persons waiting for a driving test invitation and the number of applicants scheduled for their driving test in the Dundalk driving test centre as at end of April 2026 which is the extent of our records as our reporting is completed at month end. Driving Test Centre Driving Test Applicants waiting Driving Test Applicants scheduled ----- Dundalk Co. Louth 2,027 705	Robert O'Donoghue

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				The estimated time to invite for a car test in the Dundalk driving test centre for a new eligible applicant was 11 weeks as at the end of April 2026. Please note that all our data is publicly available on the CSO database each month. It can be found here https://data.cso.ie/product/RSADTS 'Road Safety Authority of Ireland', 'Driver Testing Service'. To reduce the backlog in waiting times, the Department of Transport granted sanction at the start of September 2024 for additional permanent driver testers to be hired by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to bring the number of permanent driver testers up to 200. There are one hundred and ninety-one (191) driver testers currently employed by the service as at the end of April 2026. Ongoing recruitment is necessary to replace retirees and leavers. Four (4) new testers started their training in April, and six (6) more have started in May 2026 and will continue in 2026 and into the future to meet the sanctioned number of two hundred (200) testers and maintain it for the long term. Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. In relation to cancellations in the Dundalk test centre, where an applicant's test is cancelled by the RSA their payment is retained. One of the reasons a test can be cancelled by the RSA is due weather conditions, road traffic conditions and tester unavailability which can be due to illness. We apologize	

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				se for the inconvenience this causes an applicant given the preparation they would have made for their driving test. All applicants whose driving tests are cancelled by the RSA at short notice are added to the waiting list as a priority, and once slots become available, they are invited to book a new driving test free of charge. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that any scheduled driving tests will go ahead as there are a number of factors that are taken into account before a driving test can be completed e.g. weather conditions, tester availability, and road traffic conditions. Applicants can also cancel or reschedule their driving test ten (10) days before their booking date without losing their fee unless it is their third or subsequent cancellation or reschedule. Where an applicant cancels their test, any other eligible applicant can see this vacant test slot on their MyRoadSafety portal up to five (5) days before the driving test date and select it at short notice. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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06/05/2026	161	Ref: 32486/26 For answer: 06/05/2026 Written from - Pádraig O'Sullivan	To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of road fatalities recorded in the State for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by road user category (driver, passenger, pedestrian, cyclist, motorcyclist), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	PQ from Department of Transport received 7 May 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 2023-2025. The data provided in this document is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. This PQ is regarding: Dail Question No: 161 To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of road fatalities recorded in the State for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by road user category (driver, passenger, pedestrian, cyclist, motorcyclist), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Please see tables below for requested information. Table 1, Fatalities by road user type 2023 to 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	Pádraig O'Sullivan

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				PQ from Department of Transport received 7 May 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 2023-2025. The data provided in this document is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. Dail Question No: 162 To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of road fatalities recorded in the State for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Please see tables below for requested information. Table 1, Fatalities by county 2023 to 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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				Appendix Definitions Fatality A fatality is one where death occurs within 30 days of the date of the collision and is not the result of a medical cause or that of a deliberate act (e.g. suicide). Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	
	162		To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of road fatalities recorded in the State for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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06/05/2026	218	Ref: 33942/26 For answer: 07/05/2026 Written from - Pádraig Rice	To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he or his Department have considered reviewing the exam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Details Supplied: · A qualified driving instructor has expressed concerns that the current format of the theory test and that learner drivers are engaged in rote learning rather than having an understanding of the material.	Dear Deputy Rice, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question 33942/26 Dail Question No: 218 To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he or his Department have considered reviewing the exam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Details Supplied: · A qualified driving instructor has expressed concerns that the current format of the theory test and that learner drivers are engaged in rote learning rather than having an understanding of the material. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Questions to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. A comprehensive republication of the driver theory test question bank was completed in 2024. This process involved a detailed review of all questions to ensure they accurately reflect the Rules of the Road and are designed to assess not only knowledge, but also the application of that knowledge in practical driving contexts. All recommended Driver Theory test preparation materials include a rationale which explains to the learner the reasoning behind the correct answer to ensure the learner has an understanding of the correct answer and they are memorizing the correct r	Pádraig Rice

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				esponse. In light of this recent work, there are currently no plans to undertake a further review of the exam. Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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06/05/2026	208	Ref: 33800/26 For answer: 07/05/2026 Written from - Michael Cahill	To ask the Minister for Transport the supports currently available to individuals who have literacy difficulties, including those who cannot read or write, when undertaking the driver theory test and the practical driving test; if alternative formats such as oral or assisted theory tests are available; the extent to which reasonable accommodations are provided during the practical driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Cahill, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question 33800/26 Dail Question No: 208 To ask the Minister for Transport the supports currently available to individuals who have literacy difficulties, including those who cannot read or write, when undertaking the driver theory test and the practical driving test; if alternative formats such as oral or assisted theory tests are available; the extent to which reasonable accommodations are provided during the practical driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Questions to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) is committed to ensuring that all learners have fair and equitable access to driver education and testing. As part of the most recent revision of the Driver Theory Test question bank in 2024, the RSA worked with the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) to incorporate plain language principles across the exam wherever possible. This included simplifying phrasing and improving clarity, while recognising that certain technical or vehicle related terminology must remain to ensure accuracy and safety standards. In addition, a lexicon of driver theory terms has been developed to provide explanations and alternative phrasing to support learner understanding.	Michael Cahill

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				A range of supports is available for candidates with additional needs, including those with literacy difficulties or dyslexia. These include: An automated reader, which reads questions and answers aloud Additional time to complete the test Dyslexia support tools available on a self-service basis The option of a separate room An in-person reader and In-person dyslexia support These supports are available in test centres nationwide. Where in person assistance is required, such as a reader or dyslexia support, a separate room is provided to facilitate this. Candidates who wish to avail of these supports must request them in advance at the time of booking, including by contacting the Driver Theory Test service. Once arranged, the appropriate support is applied to the candidate's test booking." In relation to the practical driving test, driver testers are trained to provide reasonable assistance to applicants with literacy difficulties. This includes reading the declaration form aloud to the applicant at the beginning of the test and using standardised sign cards and visual aids during the course of the test where appropriate. Instructions given during the test are communicated clearly and verbally by the tester. The Road Safety Authority, which has statutory responsibility for the administration of driving tests, keeps these supports under ongoing review to ensure that applicants are afforded appropriate and reasonable accommodations while maintaining the integrity and safety standards of the driver testing process	

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				Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
06/05/2026	204	Ref: 33574/26 For answer: 07/05/2026 Written from - Ciarán Ahern	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving licence suspensions in each of the years from 2018 to 2025; the number of suspended driving licences received by the National Driver Licence Service in each year from 2018 to 2025; the number of fines collected in each of the years from 2018 to 2025, for the failure to surrender a driving licence following a court order to do so, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Ahern, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question 33574/26 Dail Question No: 204 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving licence suspensions in each of the years from 2018 to 2025; the number of suspended driving licences received by the National Driver Licence Service in each year from 2018 to 2025; the number of fines collected in each of the years from 2018 to 2025, for the failure to surrender a driving licence following a court order to do so, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Questions to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	Ciarán Ahern

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				The RSA do not have any detail in relation to the number of fines collected. This information should be requested from An Garda Síochána and the Courts. Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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06/05/2026	211	Ref: 33885/26 For answer: 07/05/2026 Written from - Pádraig Rice	To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if his Department is aware of these concerns; the engagement his Department has had with the Road Safety Authority in respect of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Details Supplied: · I recently met with a constituent who is a qualified driving instructor, he raised concerns about reports that other driving instructors are signing off on lessons that have not been completed. He asked that the Minister was made aware of these concerns.	Under the Road Safety Authority Act 2006, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) has statutory responsibility for the National Driver Testing Service, including regulation of Approved Driver Instructors (ADIs). Essential Driver Training (EDT) is a structured training programme for learner drivers consisting of 12 mandatory driving sessions with an Approved Driving Instructor (ADI). Completing EDT is a necessary requirement to become a competent and safe driver. The RSA has a voluntary code of practice for Approved Driving Instructors (ADIs) that sets standards for professional, ethical, and safe instruction. ADIs are assessed or check tested bi-annually as part of the ADI re- registration process. During this check test, copies of training records from the Essential Driver Training Logbook (EDT) are inspected to ensure that all entries and information is accurate and properly maintained. Additionally, ADIs who upload EDT sessions are monitored to ensure compliance and to detect any irregular or potentially illegal activity. The RSA Data Analysis team oversees this process and can review training volumes and ADI activity levels. This oversight allows the RSA to identify unusual patterns or volumes of training sessions that may indicate non-compliant or unlawful activity. If a learner driver has any concerns in relation to the uploading of their EDT sessions they should contact the RSA directly for this matter to be investigated.	Pádraig Rice

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				Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	
07/05/2026	206	Ref: 33730/26 For answer: 07/05/2026 Written from - Aidan Farrelly	To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company.	Dear Deputy Farrelly, I refer to your Parliamentary Question. Dail Question No: 206 To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. I can confirm that my Department does not use software or any products from the company details supplied in the parliamentary question. Yours sincerely, Gerry Gerry McGuire Director Technology, Platforms & Solutions	Aidan Farrelly

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12/05/2026	353	Ref: 34452/26 For answer: 12/05/2026 Written from - Johnny Guirke	To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time to receive an NCT date in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Mr Johnny Guirke Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Re: Parliamentary Question Number 34452/26 Dear Deputy Guirke, I write further to your Dáil Question Number 353 in relation to the National Car Testing Service (NCTS) waiting times in County Meath. The booking time for County Meath NCT centres as of April 2026 are as follows: Navan 16 days Kells 17 days I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Johnny Guirke
12/05/2026	354	Ref: 34453/26 For answer: 12/05/2026 Written from - Johnny Guirke	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Johnny Guirke

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12/05/2026	363	Ref: 34480/26 For answer: 12/05/2026 Written from - Niamh Smyth	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Niamh Smyth
12/05/2026	409	Ref: 35030/26 For answer: 12/05/2026 Written from - Peadar Tóibín	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities which occurred in County Mayo in each of the last ten years broken down by the nature of the collisions/accidents, such as cyclists, pedestrians, commuters, and so on.	PQ from Department of Transport received 12 May 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 2016-2025. The data provided in this document for 2022 onwards is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. Dail Question No: 409 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities which occurred in County Mayo in each of the last ten years broken down by the nature of the collisions/accidents, such as cyclists, pedestrians, commuters, and so on Please see table below for requested information. Table 1, Fatalities in Mayo by road user type, 2016-2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	Peadar Tóibín

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				Figures for 2022 onwards are provisional and subject to change. PQ from Department of Transport received 7 May 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 2016-2025. The data provided in this document for 2022 onwards is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. Dail Question No: 410 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people killed on Irish roads in each of the past ten years; and if he will detail the number of persons who were passengers, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Please see table below for requested information. Table 1, Fatalities by road user type 2016 to 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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				Notes: Figures for 2022 onwards are provisional and subject to change. The e-scooter category is part of the data from 2020 onwards. Other/unknown' includes one mobility scooter user, and one vehicle occupant of unknown position in the vehicle (driver/passenger). PQ from Department of Transport received 12 May 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 2016-2025. The data provided in this document for 2022 onwards is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. Dail Question No: 411 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers or passengers killed on Irish roads in the past decade; and the number of which who were not wearing their seatbelts. Please see table below for requested information. Table 1, Number of vehicle occupant (driver and passenger) fatalities in seat belt equipped vehicles by seat belt status 2016 to 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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				Table 2, Vehicle occupant (driver and passenger) fatalities in seat belt equipped vehicles by seat belt status (%) 2016 to 2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Appendix Definitions Fatality A fatality is one where death occurs within 30 days of the date of the collision and is not the result of a medical cause or that of a deliberate act (e.g. suicide). Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	
	410		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people killed on Irish roads in each of the past ten years; and if he will detail the number of persons who were passengers, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians - Peadar Tóibín.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	411		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers or passengers killed on Irish roads in the past decade; and the number of which who were not wearing their seatbelts.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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12/05/2026	432	Ref: 35258/26 For answer: 12/05/2026 Written from - John Clendennen	To ask the Minister for Transport the countries/states that are currently being considered for addition to the list of designated recognised states for the purpose of driving licence exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Clendennen, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Questions 35258/26,35259/26, 35260/26 and 35261/26 The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Questions to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. Dail Question No: 432 To ask the Minister for Transport the countries/states that are currently being considered for addition to the list of designated recognised states for the purpose of driving licence exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The countries/states that are currently being considered for addition to the list of designated recognised states for the purpose of driving licence exchange are as follows: Bosnia-HerzegovinaNorth MacedoniaNova ScotiaUS states of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts The RSA is at varying stages of examination and engagement with these countries and states and will continue engagements over the coming years. Dail Question No: 433 To ask the Minister for Transport if the state of New Jersey is currently being considered for addition to th	John Clendennen

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				e list of designated recognised states for the purpose of driving licence exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) is the Irish driver licensing authority, and it recommends, following a detailed examination of the licensing system in a third country, whether or not to enter into a licence exchange agreement with that country. Ireland does not have a licence exchange agreement with the USA. The RSA has previously explored reaching agreement on exchange with the USA. However, US driver licensing operates at state rather than federal level, meaning that there are 50 licensing systems with widely varying standards and road safety performance. Agreement with any one state would mean taking into account the licence exchange arrangements between that state and the other 49. The RSA determined that this would not be feasible. However, in July 2025 the RSA was directed by Minister Daragh O' Brien to investigate a license agreement with New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey, the RSA is at varying stages with these 3 states and will continue engagements over the coming years. The 4th EU Driving Licence Directive provides that the EU Commission may examine and decide that a third country has a road transport framework in place that wholly or partially guarantees a level of road safety that is comparable to that of the Union, in orde	

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				r for the driving licences issued by that third country to be exchanged. Then member States could exchange with that country. Dail Question No: 434 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of foreign driving licence exchange applications which were made by their country/state of origin, in each of the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Dail Question No: 435 To ask the Minister for Transport the average processing time for the exchange of foreign driving licences, broken down by licence category such as those from EU/EEA member states or recognised states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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				Licence exchanges are not always straightforward, as eligibility criteria and verification requirements can vary considerably between jurisdictions. In some countries, the rules and documentation needed for exchange differ from state to state, meaning that NDLS must confirm compliance with multiple regional licensing authorities before an application can be finalised. For context, the majority of delays in the NDLS foreign licence–exchange process arise from the need to verify information with the relevant overseas licensing authorities. In 2025, several additional factors contributed to longer processing times. Enhanced verification checks were introduced for South African licences following concerns of fraudulent activity. The associated investigation which was time and resource intensive over a period of 8 months, resulted in delays across all foreign licence exchanges. As a further example, further checks are now also required for Australian licences, as Australia no longer distinguishes between manual and automatic driving tests on the face of the licence, necessitating extra confirmation. In addition, applicants frequently have held licences in more than one Australian state, requiring NDLS to conduct verification with each state licensing authority. These factors contribute to delays in processing foreign licence exchanges.	

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				Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
	433		To ask the Minister for Transport if the state of New Jersey is currently being considered for addition to the list of designated recognised states for the purpose of driving licence exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	434		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of foreign driving licence exchange applications which were made by their country/state of origin, in each of the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	435		To ask the Minister for Transport the average processing time for the exchange of foreign driving licences, broken down by licence category such as those from EU/EEA member states or recognised states; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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12/05/2026	398	Ref: 35000/26 For answer: 12/05/2026 Written from - Paul Lawless	To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Car Testing Service operates under any pass or fail rate targets or key performance indicators linked to test outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Mr Paul Lawless Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Re: Parliamentary Question Number 35000/26 Dear Deputy Lawless, I write further to your Dáil Question Numbers 398-406 in relation to the National Car Testing Service (NCTS). Dáil Question No: 398 The test outcomes resulting in pass or fail rates are not linked to any targets or key performance indicators. The NCT is provided in line with the requirements of EU Directive 2014/45/EU. This Directive is reflected in Statutory Instrument 415 of 2017, the Road Traffic (National Car Test) Regulations. These Regulations also prescribe the reasons for failure during a test. The items to be tested and the method of testing are set down in the National Car Test (NCT) Manual 2023 which all Vehicle Inspectors must abide by. Dáil Question No: 399 The NCT pass and fail rates for each year are publicly available on the RSA website at https://www.rsa.ie/road-safety/statistics/nct-statistics-and-annual-reviews Additional NCT pass and fail rates are also publicly available on the NCTS website at https://www.ncts.ie/	Paul Lawless

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				1155/ Dáil Question No: 400 The NCT pass and fail rates are reported on a monthly basis and are publicly available on the NCTS website at https://www.ncts.ie/1155/ There are a large number of factors that can affect the rate of test failure. However, it is worth remembering that the focus of a good testing service is not on attaining a common pass rate in every test centre, but on ensuring that each test is conducted to the required standard. Some of the most significant factors include: The age-mix of vehicles tested in one location compared with anotherThe mileage that a car has undergone also has a marked effect on pass rates, with larger mileage vehicles more prone to failure. This particularly affects some rural locations.The prevalence of particular makes and models of vehicles tested makes a marked difference to pass rates.Differing profiles of use of vehicles and impacts of the different environments e.g. rural, coastal, urban.Differences in the condition of the roads in a particular locality, which can lead to the prevalence of particular failure items such as brakes or suspension components, for example.Further analysis is conducted on failures by vehicle make and model and the report is publicly available at https://www.rsa.ie/road-safety/statistics/nct-statistics-and-annual-reviews Dáil Question No: 401 As outlined above	

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				Dáil Question No: 402 NCT inspectors are paid a single monthly team-based bonus dependent on three aspects of their duties, the quality of their testing as measured by internal and external auditing teams, operational efficiency, and attendance at work. NCT inspectors are in no way incentivised (or penalised) based on inspection results. Last year, the external auditing body carried out almost 7,000 audits on NCT Inspectors and confirmed a 99% test. Dáil Question No: 403 The NCT is provided in line with the requirements of EU Directive 2014/45/EU. This Directive is reflected in Statutory Instrument 415 of 2017, the Road Traffic (National Car Test) Regulations. These Regulations also prescribe the reasons for failure during a test. The items to be tested and the method of testing are set down in the National Car Test (NCT) Manual 2023 which all Vehicle Inspectors must abide by. NCT inspectors are in no way incentivised (or penalised) based on inspection results. Dáil Question No: 405 The RSA is assisted by Deloitte as the Supervision Services Contractor (SSC) and the Technical Inspection Services Provider (TISP) in monitoring the National Car Testing Service (NCTS). During the ongoing supervision process, particular attention is paid to ensuring that the various performance standards and acceptable standards of the NCTS are achieved continuously. These standards apply to pre	

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				mises, test equipment, staff, test arrangements, facilities management, financial management, information technology infrastructure and operations, customer service and provision of public information. The NCTS is subject to a stringent regime of independent audits and inspections carried out by the TISP. All NCT test centres and Vehicle Inspectors are subject to a very rigorous audit system. In 2025, greater than 99% of tests reviewed were deemed to be fairly and correctly assessed. Consistently high vehicle testing standards are key to the success of the NCTS. The measures in place that focus on on-going assessment of test accuracy and vehicle tester performance include: Check tests which involve vehicles just tested being immediately re-inspected to make sure the result is correct; all test centres are visited on a frequent basis to observe tests being conducted as part of unannounced inspection visits. Equipment consistency checks are run across the test centre network 4 times a year and are conducted by testing a single vehicle on all test lanes in the 50 NCT test centres. This ensures that equipment results are consistent and within acceptable tolerances, so that the public can have confidence that test equipment standards are the same in all centres. Operational audits, including structured checks of premises, test equipment, staff, tests arrangements, and facilities management. A dedicated internal audit team is in place to manage allegations, investigations, and complaints. This involves random surprise audits to review vehicles that have just completed a test. NCTS auditors repea	

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				t critical elements of the test and identify if there are any discrepancies with the original test result. To support this process, the results from each NCT centre are statistically analysed to detect any abnormal trends or profiles.Dáil Question No: 406 As outlined above I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Chief Operations Officer Road Safety Authority (RSA)	
	399		To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a breakdown of NCT pass and fail rates on a monthly basis for each of the last three years, disaggregated by test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	400		To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a breakdown of NCT pass and fail rates by day of the month for each of the last three years, disaggregated by test centre, in order to establish whether fail rates are higher at particular points in the monthly cycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	401		To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or the Road Safety Authority has analysed whether NCT fail rates vary by time of month or time of year in a statistically significant way; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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	402		To ask the Minister for Transport if the contract between the State and (details supplied) the company operating the National Car Testing Service, contains any provisions governing technician pay structures, bonus schemes, or performance-related pay linked to test outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	403		To ask the Minister for Transport if there is any independent oversight mechanism in place to ensure that the company operating the NCT system are not incentivised to fail vehicles in order to generate retest revenue for the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	405		To ask the Minister for Transport when the current NCT operating contract with a company (details supplied) was last reviewed; the oversight arrangements in place to ensure compliance with that contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	406		To ask the Minister for Transport if the Road Safety Authority conducts any audits of NCT test centres to ensure consistency and impartiality in test outcomes across centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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12/05/2026	377	Ref: 34632/26 For answer: 12/05/2026 Written from - Michael Cahill	To ask the Minister for Transport to provide further testing staff to the drivers licence test centre in Killarney given the wait time is over four months currently (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Cahill, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 34632/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 377 In relation to Dail Question 377, the table below outlines the number of driver tester assigned to the Tralee and Killarney driving test centres in Co. Kerry. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) do not have an operational driving test centre in Castleisland. Driving Test Centre Number of Driver Testers ----- --- Tralee (Co. Kerry) 3 Killarney (Co. Kerry) 4	Michael Cahill

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				As a national service, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) seeks to manage its capacity to meet demand and therefore while a driver tester may be assigned to one centre, testers routinely and regularly move between centres to meet various demands. The placement of driver testers is determined by demand for the service and existing backlogs as well as being informed by internal movement or redeployment of existing staff. Dail Question 378 Regarding Dail question 378, attached please find the number of applicants waiting for a driving test invitation in all categories and test centres in Co. Kerry (Tralee, Tralee (HGV) and Killarney Driving Test Centres) from January 2023 up to and including April 2026. To reduce the backlog in waiting times, the Department of Transport granted sanction at the start of September 2024 for additional permanent driver testers to be hired by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to bring the number of permanent driver testers up to 200. There are one hundred and ninety-one (191) driver testers currently employed by the service as at the end of April 2026. Ongoing recruitment is necessary to replace retirees and leavers. Four (4) new testers started their training in April, and six (6) more have started in May 2026 and will continue throughout 2026 and into the future to meet the sanctioned number of two hundred (200) testers and maintain it for the long term.	

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				Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
	378		To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed waiting time for driver licence tests in Kerry, by area, as in Killarney, Tralee, Castleisland and so on, for each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Details Supplied: Email forwarded 09:58 LC	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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12/05/2026	399	Ref: 30822/26 For answer: 28/04/2026 Written from - Conor D. McGuinness	To ask the Minister for Transport the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form.	Dear Deputy McGuinness, I refer to my previous email of 12 May in relation to Dail Question No: 399 To ask the Minister for Transport the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. Consultancy costs incurred by the RSA were first disclosed within the 2017 Annual Financial Statements, with 2016 being the first reporting year. The attached table outlines the requested data from 2016 to 2024 inclusive. The audit of the Authority's 2025 Annual Financial Statements has not yet concluded and therefore consultancy expenditure for the period is not available currently. <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Yours sincerely, Des Des O'Brien, Director Finance & Commercial Services	Conor D. McGuinness
13/05/2026	21	Ref: 35393/26 For answer: 13/05/2026 Written from - Niamh Smyth	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Niamh Smyth

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13/05/2026	221	Ref: 36202/26 For answer: 14/05/2026 Written from - Ken O'Flynn	To ask the Minister for Transport whether any public representatives, Oireachtas offices, constituency offices or public bodies were previously provided with or directed to use the email address tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie ; and if so, by whom and during what period.	Dear Deputy O'Flynn, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Questions PQ 36202/26, PQ 36203/26, PQ 36204/26, PQ 36205/26, PQ 36206/26, PQ 36207/26, PQ 36208/26 PQ 36209/26, PQ 36210/226 and PQ 36211/26 The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Question to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below Dail Question No: 221 To ask the Minister for Transport whether any public representatives, Oireachtas offices, constituency offices or public bodies were previously provided with or directed to use the email address tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie; and if so, by whom and during what period. As previously advised the email account details supplied: tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie is unknown to the RSA/NDLS. There is no known record of the email address. Dail Question No: 222 To ask the Minister for Transport whether the RSA or NDLS has undertaken any internal review to determine whether correspondence from public representatives may have been sent to an inactive or unmonitored email address; and if he will provide details of such review.	Ken O'Flynn

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				As advised above we have no record of email address provided and therefore no further information can be provided in relation to this. Where public representatives raise driver licensing matters on behalf of their constituents the RSA is committed to responding to those queries within the standard response timelines. The dedicated RSA email address for public representative queries is Reps@rsa.ie Drivers choosing the Online Contact Form option on the NDLS Contact Us page https://www.ndls.ie/help/contact.html receive an acknowledgement of their query. Dail Question No: 223 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received from public representatives regarding delayed or unanswered driver licensing representations in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. We have no record of any complaints from public representatives regarding delayed or unanswered driver licensing representations, or any other representations in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. Dail Question No: 224 To ask the Minister for Transport whether the RSA maintains formal service-level targets for responding	

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				to correspondence from public representatives; and if so, to provide those targets. The SLA for response times for correspondence from Public Representatives is 10 working days. However, some more complex queries where the response must be coordinated with several departments or information relevant to query may take longer to access can extend the waiting times. The RSA is committed to upholding our SLA for queries from Public Representatives. Dail Question No: 225 To ask the Minister for Transport the average response time for correspondence received through reps@rsa.ie in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. The SLA for queries received to reps@rsa.ie is 10 working days. This SLA is consistent with SLA for queries from Public Representatives across all Departments. Year Total Number of Queries Average Response Time % SLA Met ----- ----- 2024 1409 6 days 89% 2025 2609 7 days 86% Up to end April 2026 667 5 days 97%	

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				Dail Question No: 226 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of emails received through reps@rsa.ie in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 that remained unanswered after ten working days and after twenty working days. Year Total Number of Queries Open >10 days Open >20 days ----- ----- 2024 1409 158 32 2025 2609 522 81 To End April 2026 667 64 2	

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				Some more complex queries where the response must be coordinated with several departments or information relevant to query may take longer to access can extend the waiting times. The RSA is committed to upholding our SLA for queries from Public Representatives. For context, the majority of delays arise from the need to verify information with the relevant parties. Dail Question No: 227 To ask the Minister for Transport whether automated acknowledgement systems are in operation for all correspondence received through reps@rsa.ie; and if not, the reason. Yes, we can confirm all emails received to email address reps@rsa.ie are issued with an automatic response. Dail Question No: 228 To ask the Minister for Transport whether any audit trail exists to confirm whether emails sent to tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie were ever received, forwarded or monitored by the RSA or NDLS. As previously advised the email account details supplied: tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie is unknown to the NDLS. There is no known record of the email address. Dail Question No: 229	

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				To ask the Minister for Transport whether the RSA has assessed the risk posed to applicants where delays in processing driver licensing applications affect employment, education, healthcare access or family caring responsibilities. Driving licence applications are processed in accordance with road safety regulations and applicants are communicated with throughout the process. We endeavour to clearly advise applicants of the requirements of the licensing process through our website www.ndls.ie The current typical time from driver making application to when driver receives licence in the post is 5 – 8 working days. Where there is incomplete documentation submitted by driver in the application this will increase the time. Unfortunately, where a person is exchanging a foreign licence there can be delays as we await confirmation of equivalences and entitlements from the relevant foreign licensing authority. When a driver makes an application to NDLS they are advised of application status checker on NDLS website where they can check the status of the application and see when it has been approved. The driver is also advised by text/email when their application is approved. Dail Question No: 230 To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration has been given to establishing a dedicated tracked escalation system for public representative licensing queries to ensure constituent	

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				cy representations are responded to within defined timelines. All queries received and issued by the RSA are uploaded to RSA Query Management Solution SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management) which manages and tracks all correspondence received and issued by the RSA. Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
	222		To ask the Minister for Transport whether the RSA or NDLS has undertaken any internal review to determine whether correspondence from public representatives may have been sent to an inactive or unmonitored email address; and if he will provide details of such review.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	223		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received from public representatives regarding delayed or unanswered driver licensing representations in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	224		To ask the Minister for Transport whether the RSA maintains formal service-level targets for responding to correspondence from public representatives; and if so, to provide those targets.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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	225		To ask the Minister for Transport the average response time for correspondence received through reps@rsa.ie in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	226		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of emails received through reps@rsa.ie in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 that remained unanswered after ten working days and after twenty working days.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	227		To ask the Minister for Transport whether automated acknowledgement systems are in operation for all correspondence received through reps@rsa.ie; and if not, the reason.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	228		To ask the Minister for Transport whether any audit trail exists to confirm whether emails sent to tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie were ever received, forwarded or monitored by the RSA or NDLS.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	229		To ask the Minister for Transport whether the RSA has assessed the risk posed to applicants where delays in processing driver licensing applications affect employment, education, healthcare access or family caring responsibilities.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	230		To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration has been given to establishing a dedicated tracked escalation system for public representative licensing queries to ensure constituency representations are responded to within defined timelines.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
14/05/2026	243	Ref: 36498/26 For answer: 14/05/2026 Written from - John Clendennen	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	John Clendennen

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14/05/2026	218	Ref: 35875/26 For answer: 14/05/2026 Written from - Aidan Farrelly	To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or any bodies and agencies under its aegis use, or have in the past used, software and or products from a company (details supplied); the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company.	Dear Deputy Farrelly, I refer to your Parliamentary Question. Dail Question No: 218 To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or any bodies and agencies under its aegis use, or have in the past used, software and or products from a company (details supplied); the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. The RSA does not have and has never had a contract or any expenditure with Passwork or Passwork Europe SL. Yours sincerely, Des Des O'Brien, Director Finance & Commercial Services	Aidan Farrelly
18/05/2026	PQ 37785/26	Ref: 37785/26 For answer: 19/05/2026 Written from - Niamh Smyth	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Niamh Smyth
18/05/2026	367	Ref: 37313/26 For answer: 19/05/2026 Written from - Michael Healy-Rae	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Michael Healy-Rae
18/05/2026	369	Ref: 37346/26 For answer: 19/05/2026 Written from - Colm Burke	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Colm Burke

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18/05/2026	366	Ref: 37290/26 For answer: 19/05/2026 Written from - Niamh Smyth	To ask the Minister for Transport the supports available to elderly persons who wish to sit the driver theory test; if he will address the difficulties faced by those who are not familiar with technology or computers in accessing or completing the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Minister Smyth I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question PQ 37290/26 Dail Question No: 366 To ask the Minister for Transport the supports available to elderly persons who wish to sit the driver theory test; if he will address the difficulties faced by those who are not familiar with technology or computers in accessing or completing the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Questions to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below: "There are a number of supports and reasonable accommodations available for candidates undertaking the Driver Theory Test, including elderly persons who may require additional assistance or who may not be familiar with digital systems. These supports are designed to ensure that all candidates can access and complete the test in an appropriate and comfortable manner. They are available across Driver Theory Test centres nationwide and include: A reader/recorder service, where a staff member reads questions aloud and records the candidate's answers An automated reader function Additional time to complete the test Dyslexia supports (including self-service options) A separate room where required In-person reader assistance In-person dyslexia supp	Niamh Smyth

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				ort In relation to candidates who may experience difficulty with technology or online systems, including some elderly applicants, supports are available to assist with the booking and accommodation process. Candidates or their representatives are encouraged to contact the Driver Theory Test support line on 0818 606 106 in advance of booking. Once arrangements are made, the relevant accommodations will be added to the candidate's test booking. The official Driver Theory Test revision materials are available in both hardcopy and digital formats to suit different learning preferences and individual needs. The availability of assisted testing options and direct telephone support reflects this commitment in practice." Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
18/05/2026	355	Ref: 37107/26 For answer: 19/05/2026 Written from - Michael Healy-Rae	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Michael Healy-Rae

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20/05/2026	59	Ref: 38437/26 For answer: 20/05/2026 Written from - Pádraig O'Sullivan	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities in which alcohol was identified as a contributory factor in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	PQ from Department of Transport received 21 May 2026 The below analyses have been conducted by the RSA of coronial data provided by the Health Research Board (driver fatalities, 2016-2020), and the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 1 Jan 2024-20 May 2026. The collision data provided in this document is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. This PQ is regarding: Dail Question No: 59 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities in which alcohol was identified as a contributory factor in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dail Question No: 60 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities in which drugs or controlled substances were identified as a contributory factor in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dail Question No: 61 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities on rural roads in which excessive speed or speeding was identified as a contributory factor in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement	Pádraig O'Sullivan

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				on the matter. Dail Question No: 62 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities involving male drivers aged between 16 and 25 in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Please see tables below for requested information. Response to Dail Question No:59 An Garda Síochána (AGS) collects data on Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) in Ireland at the early stages of the investigation. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) receives a subset of these collision records from AGS to form the RSA's road traffic collision database. While this data contains detailed information on the location of the collision, the road users and vehicles involved, as well as the collision circumstances, it does not contain detailed information on contributory factors. Information on definitive contributory factors to fatal collisions is only available following the full Garda investigation and completion of the inquest by coroners. The RSA receives this coroner data as outlined below. The Health Research Board (HRB) collects RTC fatalities data annually on behalf of the RSA from closed coronial files using the National Drug-Related Deaths Index (NDRDI) methodology. Data is collected only from closed coronial files. To allow time for inquests to be completed (which may be influenced by prosecutions), there is a lag in the time between year of death and year of data collection (typically up to 2 years). This process was delayed du	

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				ring the pandemic however. Coronial files typically contain: An Garda Síochána Investigation Report, Forensic Collision Investigation (FCI) report, witness(es) deposition/statement(s), autopsy report, toxicology report, Coroner's Certification and the Coroner's Verdict. The RSA has coronial data for 340 of the 411 drivers (including motorcycle drivers) killed on Irish roads during 2016-2020 (83% coverage). 316 of the 340 driver fatalities (2016-2020) had a toxicology result available.35% (n = 112) of the 316 driver fatalities with a toxicology result available had a positive toxicology for alcohol. A positive toxicology for alcohol was recorded where the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of the deceased was >20mg alcohol per 100ml blood (or equivalent in urine/vitreous humour). While the above PQ relates to the role of alcohol in fatalities, note that the RSA has published a report on alcohol test results among surviving drivers involved in fatal and serious injury collisions over the period 2021-2025 and this report is published here. Response to Dail Question No: 60 An Garda Síochána (AGS) collects data on Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) in Ireland at the early stages of the investigation. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) receives a subset of these collision records from AGS to form the RSA's road traffic collision database. Whil	

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				ve toxicology for cannabis.6% (n = 20) of the 316 driver fatalities with a toxicology result available had a positive toxicology for at least one opioid. 6% (n = 18) of the 316 driver fatalities with a toxicology result available had a positive toxicology for at least one z-drug. Please note, a positive toxicology for a drug does not imply impairment. Driver fatalities may have had a positive toxicology for more than one drug category, and more than one drug within one category. Seven drug categories were examined in total. Response to Dail Question No: 61 An Garda Síochána (AGS) collects data on Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) in Ireland at the early stages of the investigation. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) receives a subset of these collision records from AGS to form the RSA's road traffic collision database. While this data contains detailed information on the location of the location, the road users and vehicles involved, as well as the collision circumstances, it does not contain detailed information on contributory factors. Information on definitive contributory factors to fatal collisions is only available following the full Garda investigation and completion of the inquest by coroners. The RSA receives this coroner data as outlined below. The Health Research Board (HRB) collects RTC fatalities data annually on behalf of the RSA from closed coronial files using the National Drug-Related Deaths Index (NDRDI) methodology. Data is collected only from closed coronial files. To allow time for inquests to be completed (which may be influenced by prosecutions), there is a lag in the time	

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				between year of death and year of data collection (typically up to 2 years). This process was delayed during the pandemic however. Coronial files typically contain: An Garda Síochána Investigation Report, Forensic Collision Investigation (FCI) report, witness(es) deposition/statement(s), autopsy report, toxicology report, Coroner's Certification and the Coroner's Verdict. The RSA has coronial data for 340 of the 411 drivers (including motorcycle drivers) killed on Irish roads during 2016-2020 (83% coverage). 313 of the 340 driver fatalities (2016-2020) had a record of their action(s) prior to the fatal collision. 26% (n = 80) of the 313 driver fatalities with a record of their action(s) were exceeding a safe speed. 70% of these 80 fatal collisions (with a driver fatality exceeding a safe speed) occurred on rural roads (limits ≥80km/h). Please note, up to ten actions can be recorded per driver fatality. Response to Dail Question No: 62 Table 3 below shows all fatalities for each year where at least one male driver aged 16-25 was involved in the fatal collision. Table 3, Fatalities involving male drivers aged 16-25, 1 Jan 2024- 20 May 2026 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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				Note, the data above is provisional and subject to change Table 4 below shows male driver fatalities aged 16-25. Table 4, male driver fatalities aged 16-25, 1 Jan 2024- 20 May 2026 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Note, the data above is provisional and subject to change Appendix Definitions Fatality A fatality is one where death occurs within 30 days of the date of the collision and is not the result of a medical cause or that of a deliberate act (e.g. suicide). Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	
	60		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities in which drugs or controlled substances were identified as a contributory factor in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Please see response to this Dail Question above	

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	61		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities on rural roads in which excessive speed or speeding was identified as a contributory factor in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	62		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities involving male drivers aged between 16 and 25 in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	63		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities occurring during night-time hours and at weekends in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
20/05/2026	182	Ref: 38465/26 For answer: 21/05/2026 Written from - Malcolm Byrne	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Malcolm Byrne

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25/05/2026	395	Ref: 39394/26 For answer: 26/05/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities in each of the years 2016 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	PQ from Department of Transport received 25 May 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 1 Jan 2016- 25 May 2026. The data provided for 2022 onwards in this document is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. This PQ is regarding: Dail Question No: 395 To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities in each of the years 2016 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter Response to Dail Question No: 395 Please see table below. Table 1, Road Traffic fatalities, 1 Jan 2016- 25 May 2026 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	Emer Currie

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				Note, incidents that occur in carparks and other non-public roads are not reported in the RSA official figures per convention and consistent with all EU member states. However, AGS may include these collisions as they record incidents that have occurred in public places. This means RSA and AGS collision figures may differ. Appendix Definitions Fatality A fatality is one where death occurs within 30 days of the date of the collision and is not the result of a medical cause or that of a deliberate act (e.g. suicide). Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	

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25/05/2026	399	Ref: 39542/26 For answer: 26/05/2026 Written from - Peadar Tóibín	To ask the Minister for Transport if the RSA has contracted a university (details supplied) to undertake a survey into truck driving in Ireland; the reason a British university has been contracted to do the survey; if it is the case that 50% of those surveyed must have had to have a driving offence in the last five years; and if so if this will skew or bias the results of this survey. Details Supplied: Leeds Beckett University	PQ from Department of Transport received 25 May 2026 This PQ is regarding Dáil Question no. 399. Dail Question No: 399 To ask the Minister for Transport if the RSA has contracted a university (details supplied) to undertake a survey into truck driving in Ireland; the reason a British university has been contracted to do the survey; if it is the case that 50% of those surveyed must have had to have a driving offence in the last five years; and if so if this will skew or bias the results of this survey. Details Supplied: Leeds Beckett University Response The RSA issued an Invitation to Tender to four academics in September 2025 to conduct a qualitative study with Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) drivers. This research study includes a literature review and in-depth interviews with 40 HGV drivers, and does not involve a survey. The RSA received three research proposals as part of the Tender Competition, and Leeds Beckett University (LBU) was identified as the Successful Tenderer following the Evaluation. One of the aims of this research study is to identify ways of improving road safety for HGV drivers. As such, it was initially proposed that approximately half of interview participants (i.e., the HGV drivers) would have engaged in a form of risky driving in the last five	Peadar Tóibín

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				years. This would allow the interviewers to discuss with these drivers why they had engaged in any of these risky behaviours, and identify what could prevent them, to improve HGV driver safety going forwards. An initial consultation on the proposed project plan was conducted by the LBU team with key Irish road safety stakeholders. The stakeholders expressed concerns about this approach to recruitment. The RSA and LBU considered and agreed with these concerns, and as such, this criterion was removed from the participant recruitment strategy. As such, this will not skew or bias the results of this qualitative interview study in any way. Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	

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25/05/2026	397	Ref: 39497/26 For answer: 26/05/2026 Written from - Grace Boland	To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the number of motorcycle related fatalities recorded in 2025 and to date 2026; if incidents involving pedestrians where motorcycles were a contributing factor are recorded separately; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	PQ from Department of Transport received 25 May 2026 The below analyses have been taken from the RSA collision database based on collision records transferred from AGS to the RSA for 1 Jan 2021- 25 May 2026. The data provided in this document for 2022 onwards is provisional and subject to change until such time as the validation of these collisions has been completed by the RSA. This PQ is regarding: Dail Question No: 397 To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the number of motorcycle related fatalities recorded in 2025 and to date 2026; if incidents involving pedestrians where motorcycles were a contributing factor are recorded separately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dail Question No: 398 To ask the Minister for Transport the proportion of motorcycle related fatalities relative to other categories of road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Response to Dail Question No: 397 In 2025 there were 30 motorcyclist fatalities, and in 2026 to date (up to 25 May) there were 4 motorcyclist fatalities. In 2025 there was 1 pedestrian killed where a motorcycle was involved in the collision. To date in 2026, there have been no pedestrians killed where a	Grace Boland

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				motorcycle was involved in the collision. Response to Dail Question No: 398 Over the past five years, there have been 117 motorcyclists killed. These 117 motorcyclists represent 14% of all fatalities during this time (see Tables 1 and 2). Table 1, road user fatalities, 2021-2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Table 2, road user fatalities as % of total, 2021-2025 <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	
				Appendix Definitions Fatality A fatality is one where death occurs within 30 days of the date of the collision and is not the result of a medical cause or that of a deliberate act (e.g. suicide). Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	

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	398		To ask the Minister for Transport the proportion of motorcycle related fatalities relative to other categories of road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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25/05/2026	365	Ref: 39251/26 For answer: 26/05/2026 Written from - Ken O'Flynn	To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Road Safety Authority has completed any internal review, audit or ICT assessment concerning the status, monitoring or operational history of the email address tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie; whether such review identified any periods during which the address was inactive, unmonitored or not subject to routine oversight; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy O'Flynn, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Questions PQ 39251/26 PQ 39252/26 PQ 39254/26 PQ 39256/26 PQ 39257/26 PQ 39259/26 The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Question to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below Dail Question No: 365 To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Road Safety Authority has completed any internal review, audit or ICT assessment concerning the status, monitoring or operational history of the email address tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie; whether such review identified any periods during which the address was inactive, unmonitored or not subject to routine oversight; and if he will make a statement on the matter. As previously advised the email account details supplied: tdrepsappeals@ndls.ie is unknown to the RSA/NDLS. There is no known record of the email address. Dail Question No: 366 To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Road Safety Authority maintains any formal service-level agreement or response-time target governing correspondence received from Oireachtas members, constituency offices or public representatives relating	Ken O'Flynn

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				to driver licensing matters The SLA for queries received to reps@rsa.ie is 10 working days. This SLA is consistent with SLA for queries from Public Representatives across all Departments. Dail Question No: 367 To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Road Safety Authority operates a formal case-management, tracking or ticketing system for correspondence received from public representatives concerning driver licensing applications; whether each representation is assigned a unique reference number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. All queries received and issued by the RSA are uploaded to RSA Query Management Solution SugarCRM (Customer Relationship Management) which manages and tracks all correspondence received and issued by the RSA. Dail Question No: 369 To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Road Safety Authority has undertaken any assessment of the impact of delayed driver licensing decisions on employment, education, healthcare access, disability supports, caring responsibilities or rural transport dependency	

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				No, the NDLS and the Road Safety Authority as licensing authority do not capture the reason why a person requires a driving licence. Driving licence applications are processed in accordance with road traffic regulations and applicants are communicated with throughout the process. We endeavour to clearly advise applicants of the requirements of the driving licence process through our website www.ndls.ie The current typical time from driver making application to when driver receives licence in the post is 5 – 8 working days. Where there is incomplete documentation submitted by driver in the application this will increase the time. Unfortunately, where a person is exchanging a foreign licence there can be delays as we await confirmation of equivalences and entitlements from the relevant foreign licensing authority. When a driver makes an application to NDLS they are advised of application status checker on NDLS website where they can check the status of the application and see when it has been approved. The driver is also advised by text/email when their application is approved. Dail Question No: 370 To ask the Minister for Transport whether any automated acknowledgement system applies to all co	

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				responsibility channels used for driver licensing representations from Oireachtas members and constituency offices; whether delivery failure monitoring is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Yes, we can confirm all emails received to email address reps@rsa.ie are issued with an automatic response. Dail Question No: 372 To ask the Minister for Transport whether any consideration has been given to establishing a dedicated tracked escalation channel for urgent driver licensing representations involving employment loss, medical necessity, disability supports or exceptional hardship circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Where public representatives raise driving licence matters on behalf of their constituents the RSA is committed to responding to those queries within the standard response timelines. The dedicated RSA email address for public representative queries is Reps@rsa.ie Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh	

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				Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
	366		To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Road Safety Authority maintains any formal service-level agreement or response-time target governing correspondence received from Oireachtas members, constituency offices or public representatives relating to driver licensing matters - Ken O'Flynn.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	367		To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Road Safety Authority operates a formal case-management, tracking or ticketing system for correspondence received from public representatives concerning driver licensing applications; whether each representation is assigned a unique reference number; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	369		To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Road Safety Authority has undertaken any assessment of the impact of delayed driver licensing decisions on employment, education, healthcare access, disability supports, caring responsibilities or rural transport dependency - Ken O'Flynn.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	370		To ask the Minister for Transport whether any automated acknowledgement system applies to all correspondence channels used for driver licensing representations from Oireachtas members and constituency offices; whether delivery failure monitoring is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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	372		To ask the Minister for Transport whether any consideration has been given to establishing a dedicated tracked escalation channel for urgent driver licensing representations involving employment loss, medical necessity, disability supports or exceptional hardship circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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25/05/2026	348	Ref: 38729/26 For answer: 26/05/2026 Written from - Pa Daly	To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the number of NCT failures from 2015 to date, broken down by test centre; the breakdown of the top five most common failures from 2015 to date overall, by test centre, in tabular form.	Mr PA Daly Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 Re: Parliamentary Question Number 38729/26 Dear Deputy Daly, I write further to your Dáil Question Numbers 348, 350 and 351 in relation to the National Car Testing Service (NCTS). Dáil Question No: 348 The NCT pass and fail rates for a chosen specified date range are publicly available on the RSA website at https://www.rsa.ie/road-safety/statistics/nct-statistics-and-annual-reviews The top 5 total of visual and non-visual defects are publicly available on the NCTS website at https://www.ncts.ie/statistics/annual-statistics/ There are a large number of factors that can affect the rate of test failure. However, it is worth remembering that the focus of a good testing service is not on attaining a common pass rate in every test centre, but on ensuring that each test is conducted to the required standard. Some of the most significant factors include: The age-mix of vehicles tested in one location compared with anotherThe mileage that a car has undergone also has a marked effect on pass rates, with larger mileage vehicles more prone to failure. Thi	Pa Daly

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				s particularly affects some rural locations. The prevalence of particular makes and models of vehicles tested makes a marked difference to pass rates. Differing profiles of use of vehicles and impacts of the different environments e.g. rural, coastal, urban. Differences in the condition of the roads in a particular locality, which can lead to the prevalence of particular failure items such as brakes or suspension components, for example. Further analysis is conducted on failures by vehicle make and model and the report is publicly available at https://www.rsa.ie/road-safety/statistics/nct-statistics-and-annual-reviews Dáil Question No: 350 NCT inspectors are paid a single monthly team-based bonus dependent on three aspects of their duties, the quality of their testing as measured by internal and external auditing teams, operational efficiency, and attendance at work. Dáil Question No: 351 The NCT is provided in line with the requirements of EU Directive 2014/45/EU. This Directive is reflected in Statutory Instrument 415 of 2017, the Road Traffic (National Car Test) Regulations. These Regulations also prescribe the reasons for failure during a test. The items to be tested and the method of testing are set down in the National Car Test (NCT) Manual which all Vehicle Inspectors must abide by. Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Testing is totally separate from the NCT testing system and therefore are guided by their own CVRT Testing Manuals which are relevant to the category of vehicles that fall under the CVRT testing system.	

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				I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
	350		To ask the Minister for Transport if a bonus is offered to NCT staff based on the number of tests they complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	351		To ask the Minister for Transport if commercial vehicles are subject to the same number of item checks as private cars as part of the NCT; if not, the reasons for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
25/05/2026	352	Ref: 38757/26 For answer: 26/05/2026 Written from - James Geoghegan	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	James Geoghegan

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27/05/2026	50	Ref: 40785/26 For answer: 27/05/2026 Written from - Seán Crowe	To ask the Minister for Transport the length of time it takes for a foreign driving licence to be exchanged from a recognised state; his views on whether a waiting time of one to three months places a serious obstacle to accessing education, employment and childcare for those entering or returning to the country from abroad; the measures that will be put in place to reduce this waiting period; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Crowe, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question PQ 40785/26 Dail Question No: 50 To ask the Minister for Transport the length of time it takes for a foreign driving licence to be exchanged from a recognised state; his views on whether a waiting time of one to three months places a serious obstacle to accessing education, employment and childcare for those entering or returning to the country from abroad; the measures that will be put in place to reduce this waiting period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Question to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. The NDLS strives to process licence and permit applications within 5 – 8 working days excluding exchanges of foreign licences, if everything is in order with the application. Unfortunately, where a person is exchanging a foreign licence there can be delays as we await confirmation of equivalences and entitlements from the relevant foreign licensing authority. We endeavour to clearly advise applicants of the req	Seán Crowe

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				uirements of the licensing process through our website www.ndls.ie Please see below link https://www.ndls.ie/licensed-driver/exchange-my-foreign-driving-licence.html#recognised-states A list of recognised states is provided, and you are requested to click on your country to check for any special requirement to exchange your licence for an Irish License. As advised above, the average processing times for foreign exchanges is currently 26 days, as we must verify the license presented is valid for exchange, however if all documents as advised per website are forwarded in a timely manner this will help with the timeline. Licence exchanges are not always straightforward, as eligibility criteria and verification requirements can vary considerably between jurisdictions. In some countries, the rules and documentation needed for exchange differ from state to state, meaning that NDLS must confirm compliance with multiple regional licensing authorities before an application can be finalised. For context, the majority of delays in the NDLS foreign licence–exchange process arise from the need to verify information with the relevant overseas licensing authorities. These factors contribute to delays in processing foreign licence exchanges.	

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				Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Officer	

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28/05/2026	226	Ref: 40962/26 For answer: 28/05/2026 Written from - John Lahart	To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the delays in the processing of applications to exchange foreign driving licences, which can take from one to three months; the reasons for the delays; the number of applications currently awaiting processing; the measures being taken to reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Lahart, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question PQ 40962/26 Dail Question No: 226 To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the delays in the processing of applications to exchange foreign driving licences, which can take from one to three months; the reasons for the delays; the number of applications currently awaiting processing; the measures being taken to reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Question to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. The NDLS strives to process licence and permit applications within 5 – 8 working days excluding exchanges of foreign licences, if everything is in order with the application. Unfortunately, where a person is exchanging a foreign licence there can be delays as we await confirmation of equivalences and entitlements from the relevant foreign licensing authority. We endeavour to clearly advise applicants of the requirements of the licensing process through our website www.ndls.ie	John Lahart

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				Please see below link https://www.ndls.ie/licensed-driver/exchange-my-foreign-driving-licence.html#recognised-states A list of recognised states is provided, and you are requested to click on your country to check for any special requirement to exchange your licence for an Irish License. As advised above, the average processing times for foreign exchanges is currently taking 26 days, as we must verify the license presented is valid for exchange, however if all documents as advised per website are forwarded in a timely manner this will help with the timeline. Licence exchanges are not always straightforward, as eligibility criteria and verification requirements can vary considerably between jurisdictions. In some countries, the rules and documentation needed for exchange differ from state to state, meaning that NDLS must confirm compliance with multiple regional licensing authorities before an application can be finalised. For context, the majority of delays in the NDLS foreign licence–exchange process arise from the need to verify information with the relevant overseas licensing authorities. These factors contribute to delays in processing foreign licence exchanges. Please let me know if you need additional information.	

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				Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Officer	

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28/05/2026	256	Ref: 41375/26 For answer: 28/05/2026 Written from - Pa Daly	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of resit applications for the driver tests in each month in each of the years 2020 to 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Daly, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 41375/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Questions 256, 257, and 258 Regarding Dail questions 256, 257, and 258, I am attaching a number of spreadsheets detailing the information requested as follows: • The number of retest car driving tests by month from 2020 up to and including May 2026. • The number of applicants waiting for a driving test invitation in all categories and all test centres as at the end of May 2026. • The total number of applications received by test centre in all categories as at the end of May 2026. • The number of Driver Testers by Test centre at Year end from December 2020 to May 2026. * Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q1_Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh	Pa Daly

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	257		To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the driver test waiting times, by test centre; the breakdown of new applications, by test centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	258		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of employed driving testers, per driving test centre in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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05/06/2026	239	Ref: 31727/26 For answer: 30/04/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of permanent driver testers the RSA has fully trained since his Department sanctioned an additional 70 in September 2024; the current number of driver testers working in each driving test centre; the number of overtime tests delivered each month in 2025 and to date in 2026, by driver testers; and the number of car driving test centres currently in operation.	Dear Deputy Currie, Further to previous email sent on 14/05/2026, please see below additional information in response to Parliamentary Question 31727/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 239 Regarding Dail question 239, we have spoken to the Training and Standards Manager Mr. Fogarty who is responsible for the training and upskilling of driver testers. Mr. Fogarty has confirmed to us that there have been sixty-four (64) new driver testers trained in 2025 and there are currently nine (9) new driver testers being trained. In relation to your question on the number of overtime tests delivered each month in 2025 and to date in 2026, please see the below table which outlines capacity of overtime tests in 2025 up to and including April 2026. <table><tr><th>Month</th><th>2025</th><th>2026</th></tr><tr><td>January</td><td>568</td><td>524</td></tr><tr><td>February</td><td>1683</td><td>3074</td></tr><tr><td>March</td><td>2654</td><td>3665</td></tr><tr><td>April</td><td>2011</td><td>4525</td></tr><tr><td>May</td><td>2345</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>June</td><td>4772</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>July</td><td>4227</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>August</td><td>5711</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>September</td><td>2701</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>October</td><td>2430</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>November</td><td>3226</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>December</td><td>231</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>34584</td><td>13814</td></tr></table>	Month	2025	2026	January	568	524	February	1683	3074	March	2654	3665	April	2011	4525	May	2345		June	4772		July	4227		August	5711		September	2701		October	2430		November	3226		December	231		Total	34584	13814	Emer Currie
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08/06/2026	399	Ref: 41549/26 For answer: 09/06/2026 Written from - Ged Nash	To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to staffing issues at the recently opened driving test centre leading to appointments being delayed or cancelled; the number of testers available at the test centre; if there are plans to increase the number of testers available; the average number of tests being taken at the centre on a daily basis since it opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Nash, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 41549/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Questions 399 In relation to Dail question 399, initially, two (2) driving testers were assigned to the new driving test centre in Drogheda with another tester moving there from the 6 July 2026 and three (3) new testers to be assigned from next tranche of new recruits who are to start their training in July. Unfortunately, one (1) of the driver testers assigned to Drogheda recently sustained an injury and is currently off work. This led to some tests being cancelled but testers from other centres will be redeployed to minimise the impact to those waiting for a test in the area. To date, two hundred and one (201) driving tests have taken place in the Drogheda test centre as at the end of May 2026. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Ged Nash

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08/06/2026	400	Ref: 41741/26 For answer: 09/06/2026 Written from - Sorca Clarke	To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the delay citizens returning from Australia are facing in exchanging their driving licences; the impact this is having on their ability to secure employment; the steps he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Clarke I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question PQ 41741/26 Dail Question No: 400 To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the delay citizens returning from Australia are facing in exchanging their driving licences; the impact this is having on their ability to secure employment; the steps he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Question to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. The National Driver Licence Service (NDLS) strives to process driving licence and learner permit applications within 5 – 8 working days excluding foreign licence exchange applications, if everything is in order with the application. Unfortunately, where a person makes a foreign licence exchange application there can be delays in processing the application as NDLS await confirmation of licence category entitlements from the relevant foreign licensing authority. We endeavor to clearly advise applicants of the requirements of the licensing process through our website www.ndls.ie Please see below link https://www.ndls.ie/licensed-driver/exchange-my-foreign-driving-licence.html#recognised-states	Sorca Clarke

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				How to Exchange a Foreign Driving Licence - National Driver Licence Service A list of recognised states is provided, and you are requested to click on relevant Australian State to check for any special requirements to exchange your licence for an Irish Licence. The average processing times for foreign exchanges is currently 26 days, as we must verify the licence presented is valid for exchange, however if all supporting documents are provided in a timely manner this will help with the timeline. Licence exchanges are not always straightforward, as eligibility criteria and verification requirements can vary considerably between jurisdictions. In some countries, the rules and documentation needed for exchange differ from state to state, meaning that NDLS must confirm compliance with multiple regional licensing authorities before an application can be finalised. For context, most delays in the NDLS foreign licence exchange process arise from the need to verify information with the relevant overseas licensing authorities. These factors contribute to delays in processing foreign licence exchanges. Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely,	

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08/06/2026	501	Ref: 43778/26 For answer: 09/06/2026 Written from - Pa Daly	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Pa Daly

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09/06/2026	430	Ref: 42295/26 For answer: 09/06/2026 Written from - Peadar Tóibín	To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount spent on IT systems and related projects by his Department and agencies under its remit in each of the past five years; to provide a detailed breakdown of all such projects, including original budget, final cost, and delivery timelines; the number and value of projects that exceeded their original budget or timeline; the number and total cost of projects that were cancelled, abandoned, or failed to go live; the current status of all ongoing ICT projects with a value of €100,000 or greater, excluding routine operational spend (details supplied); and the governance, oversight, and risk management processes in place to prevent cost overruns and project failures.	Dear Deputy Tóibín, I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question (PQ); Dáil Question No: 430: To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount spent on IT systems and related projects by his Department and agencies under its remit in each of the past five years; to provide a detailed breakdown of all such projects, including original budget, final cost, and delivery timelines; the number and value of projects that exceeded their original budget or timeline; the number and total cost of projects that were cancelled, abandoned, or failed to go live; the current status of all ongoing ICT projects with a value of €100,000 or greater, excluding routine operational spend (details supplied); and the governance, oversight, and risk management processes in place to prevent cost overruns and project failures. Please see table below setting out the Road Safety Authority (RSA)'s response in relation to this PQ. <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	Peadar Tóibín

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				<i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely, Nessa Kelly Director of Strategy, Performance and Transformation	

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09/06/2026	40	Ref: 44408/26 For answer: 10/06/2026 Written from - John Connolly	To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of third-party software or commercial services which, for a fee, automatically monitor and book driving test cancellations through the Road Safety Authority (RSA) online booking system; whether his Department or the RSA has examined the operation of such services; if such services are considered compliant with the RSA's terms and conditions of use; whether he has concerns regarding the potential unfair advantage these services may confer on those who are able to pay for them; and the measures being considered to ensure equitable access to driving test appointments (details supplied). Details Supplied: details sent to dept 10:35 05/06/26 CK	Dear Deputy Connolly, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 44408/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 40 In relation to Dail Question 40, the Road Safety Authority is aware of some third-party applications that are purporting to offer driving test candidates cancelled appointments. However, the only official site for booking of a driving test slot remains the RSA operated MyRoadSafety portal and there have been no changes in this regard. The RSA is not affiliated with any such booking systems. The official Road Safety Authority (RSA) system has not been compromised, however, it would appear that some driving test customers are providing their log in details to third parties which then enables those parties to see short notice available test slots (five (5) days out). The Road Safety Authority (RSA) would advise against this practice as such sites or parties may not be secure. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) do not charge any additional fee to customers availing of slots that become available at short notice. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) ICT department are working closely with our partners to ensure that such sites or third parties are restricted in their ability to operate with a view to limiting their ability to be able to access the booking portal. Where a person opts to book a test using a third-part	John Connolly

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09/06/2026	28	Ref: 44221/26 For answer: 10/06/2026 Written from - Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving test applicants currently waiting longer than the RSA target waiting time for a driving test in each test centre; and the measures being taken to reduce waiting times.	Dear Deputy Ní Raghallaigh, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 44221/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 28 In relation to Dail Question 28, attached please find the estimated time to invite for cat B (Car) driving test by test centre as at the end of May 2026 which is the extent of our records as our reporting is completed at month end. For non-car categories (e.g. for Bus/Truck/Motorbike/CPC tests) the current estimate time to invite is 10 weeks. Please note this is longer in some centres with particularly high demand. Regarding your question on the measures being taken to reduce the backlog in waiting times, the Department of Transport granted sanction at the start of September 2024 for additional permanent driver testers to be hired by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to bring the number of permanent driver testers up to two hundred (200). There are one hundred and ninety (190) driver testers currently employed by the service as at the end of May 2026. Ongoing recruitment is necessary to replace retirees and leavers. Four (4) new testers started their training in April, and six (6) more have started in May 2026 recruitment and training will continue in 2026 and into the future to meet the sanctioned number of two hundred (200) testers and	Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh

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				maintain it for the long term. Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
09/06/2026	42	Ref: 44430/26 For answer: 10/06/2026 Written from - Pádraig Rice	To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 211 of 7 May 2026, the number of approved driver instructors who have had their licence revoked by the Road Safety Authority for fraudulent practices between 2020-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	The Road Safety Authority has a remit to set standards and regulate the provision of driver training in Ireland in so far as it relates to the instruction provided. The RSA has not revoked any ADI permits for fraudulent practices. If the RSA receives a complaint of suspected fraud, they encourage the individual to contact An Garda Síochána who are best placed to investigate such cases. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Pádraig Rice

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09/06/2026	47	Ref: 44502/26 For answer: 10/06/2026 Written from - Naoise Ó Cearúil	To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration is being given to Leixlip as a potential location for a new driving test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Ó Cearúil, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 44502/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 47 In relation to Dail Question 47, we have spoken to the Chief Driver Tester Mr. Auler who is responsible for all technical aspects of the driving test. Please see his response below: "Yes, consideration is being given to Leixlip as a potential location for a new driving test centre. We are currently at an advanced stage and are close to finalising a lease agreement with a landlord in the Leixlip area. Further updates will be provided in due course as the process progresses." Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Naoise Ó Cearúil

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10/06/2026	40	Ref: 44408/26 For answer: 10/06/2026 Written from - John Connolly	To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of third-party software or commercial services which, for a fee, automatically monitor and book driving test cancellations through the Road Safety Authority (RSA) online booking system; whether his Department or the RSA has examined the operation of such services; if such services are considered compliant with the RSA's terms and conditions of use; whether he has concerns regarding the potential unfair advantage these services may confer on those who are able to pay for them; and the measures being considered to ensure equitable access to driving test appointments (details supplied). Details Supplied: details sent to dept 10:35 05/06/26 CK	Dear Deputy Connolly, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 44408/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 40 In relation to Dail Question 40, the Road Safety Authority is aware of some third-party applications that are purporting to offer driving test candidates cancelled appointments. However, the only official site for booking of a driving test slot remains the RSA operated MyRoadSafety portal and there have been no changes in this regard. The RSA is not affiliated with any such booking systems. The official Road Safety Authority (RSA) system has not been compromised, however, it would appear that some driving test customers are providing their log in details to third parties which then enables those parties to see short notice available test slots (five (5) days out). The Road Safety Authority (RSA) would advise against this practice as such sites or parties may not be secure. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) do not charge any additional fee to customers availing of slots that become available at short notice. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) ICT department are working closely with our partners to ensure that such sites or third parties are restricted in their ability to operate with a view to limiting their ability to be able to access the booking portal. Where a person opts to book a test using a third-part	John Connolly

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				y app there is a high likelihood that this test will be cancelled. Customers are advised of this on the MyRoadSafety portal. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
15/06/2026	342	Ref: 45871/26 For answer: 16/06/2026 Written from - Malcolm Byrne	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Malcolm Byrne

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15/06/2026	332	Ref: 45735/26 For answer: 16/06/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver testers who delivered additional driving tests across the extended timeframes, each month in 2026 to meet urgent demands; and the number of driving tests carried out under the overtime scheme, in each driving test centre in 2026.	Dear Deputy Currie, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 45735/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 332 Regarding Dail question 332, please see the below table which outlines capacity of overtime tests in 2026 up to and including May 2026. Unfortunately, this data is not available by driving test centre. In relation to your question on the number of driver testers who availed of overtime testing, overtime is not compulsory and figures with regards to the specific number of driver testers opting in to overtime are not readily available. However, there has been and continues to be a substantial take up of overtime by driver testers throughout the country. Month 2026 ----- January 524 February 3,074 March 3,665 April 4,525 May 4,047 Total 15,835	Emer Currie

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15/06/2026	335	Ref: 45782/26 For answer: 16/06/2026 Written from - Maurice Quinlivan	To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the current delays in the issuing of driving licences by the National Driver Licence Service; the steps being taken to address the backlog of pending licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Quinlivan I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question PQ 45782/26 Dail Question No: 335 To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the current delays in the issuing of driving licences by the National Driver Licence Service; the steps being taken to address the backlog of pending licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter The Minister has referred to the Parliamentary Questions to my Office for response, and the details are set out below: The National Driver Licence Service (NDLS) experienced a short-term delay in the production and issuance of driving licences due to a technical issue within the licence production process. The issue was identified and addressed promptly, and licence production has since returned to normal operational levels. The NDLS is currently processing applications in line with its standard service commitments. As a result, customers are now receiving their driving licences within the normal delivery timeframe of approximately 5 to 7 working days from the completion of their application. The NDLS continues to monitor processing volumes closely to ensure that service standards are maintained and that any outstanding applications are dealt with as quickly as possible.	Maurice Quinlivan

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				I am advised that there is currently no significant backlog in licence production, and the service remains committed to providing an efficient and timely service to all customers. Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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15/06/2026	325	Ref: 45697/26 For answer: 16/06/2026 Written from - Jennifer Whitmore	To ask the Minister for Transport whether he is aware of ongoing delays in the renewal process for approved driving instructor (ADI) permits administered by the RSA; the average timeframe for completion of ADI renewals over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	The Road Traffic (Approved Driving Instructors) Regulations require driving instructors whose names are contained on the register of Approved Driving Instructors (ADI) to a test of continuing ability to instruct, this test is commonly known as a “Check Test” and is part of the re-registration process before an ADI permit expires. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) will contact the ADI giving a date and time at which they should attend at a test centre of their choice, with a student who holds a Licence/Learner Permit to drive the vehicle that the ADI has brought along to the appointment. The ADI receives an appointment via email not less than 28 days in advance to give enough time to make the necessary arrangements. This check test is a formal assessment of an instructor’s performance and their continuing ability to instruct and remain on the register. The ADI examiner on the day of the check test will offer feedback and updates which is designed to assist with the continuing quality of instruction provided by the ADI. To accommodate the high volume of ADIs currently on the register, invitations by email can be sent for their check test up to 3 months in advance of their permit expiring and once completed does not affect their expiry date. ADIs sometime cancel or not turn up for their check test at short notice, and this puts extreme pressure on the system as an ADI examiner will have been scheduled for this check test appointment up to 6 weeks in advance. The RSA will always accommodate these ADIs even i	Jennifer Whitmore

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				f they have not communicated with the ADI unit and their permit about to expire having received up to 3 expiry notice emails. However, they must have fulfilled the re registration process of paying the renewal fee, providing a tax clearance number, Garda vetting completed and passing a check test. The ADI unit operates a cancellation list to try facilitating these ADIs, and appointments are arranged as soon as possible for check tests or Garda validation if needed. The RSA appreciates and values all ADIs in their work of providing safe and socially responsible drivers on our roads. The ADI unit is constantly communicating with ADIs by providing updates on driver testing services or changes in procedures through the ADI Stakeholders forum. This forum was established by the RSA to function as the official two-way communication channel between ADIs and the government. This forum meets 4 times per year and has a working group which also meet 4 times per year. The democratically elected representatives from 11 regions are constantly in contact with the Chief ADI Examiner. The ADI unit provide updates through the minutes of these meetings and the ADI newsletters to all ADIs. ADIs can contact the ADI unit at any time, and a member of the ADI unit will work and support the ADI if they have issues uploading EDT sessions or access to the EDT portal.	

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				Currently the ADI unit is working on a text messaging service to remind ADIs along with the current email reminders of the importance of completing check tests and the re registration process in time before their expiry date. Yours sincerely, Michael Michael Rowland, Director Research, Standards & Assurance.	
	326		To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has assessed the impact on independent driving instructors of delays in the issuing of renewed ADI permits, particularly where instructors are prevented from accessing the essential driver training portal following the expiry of a permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	327		To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that approved driving instructors can be locked out of the EDT portal before the RSA has completed the renewal process for their permits; whether he is considering introducing contingency arrangements to allow instructors to continue uploading mandatory learner driver lessons during processing delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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15/06/2026	288	Ref: 45141/26 For answer: 16/06/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of permanent driver testers in each driving test centre; and the current average waiting time in each car test centre for a learner driver to receive an invitation from the RSA to apply to sit their driving test.	Dear Deputy Currie, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 45141/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 288 Regarding Dail question 288, attached please find the number of Driver Testers and the estimated time for a car test applicant to receive an invitation by test centre as at the end of May 2026 which is the extent of our records as our reporting is completed at month end. All driver testers at present that are employed by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) are employed on a permanent basis. As a national service, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) seeks to manage its capacity to meet demand and therefore while a driver tester may be assigned to one driving test centre, testers routinely and regularly move between test centres to meet various demands. The placement of driver testers is determined by demand for the service and existing backlogs as well as being informed by internal movement and the redeployment of existing staff. Please note that all our data is publicly available on the CSO database each month. It can be found here https://data.cso.ie/product/RSADTS 'Road Safety Aut	Emer Currie

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15/06/2026	280	Ref: 45077/26 For answer: 16/06/2026 Written from - Michael Healy-Rae	To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details on media campaigns (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Details Supplied: Minister, with regard to the RSA and there media advertising I would like details of the following;That they would please give a breakdown of how much money has been spent on media awareness campaigns in the years 2024 and 2025.Please provide details on each individual campaign, how much was spent on producing the adverts, how much has been spent on it to date, where the campaign was advertised, online, TV, radio and how much was given to outlets in order to advertise it and name the outlets in which they were advertised and at what cost.	Re: Parliamentary Question 45077/26 for answer 22/05/2026 Dear Deputy Healy-Rae I write further to your Parliamentary Question No. 280 regarding your request for a breakdown of expenditure by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) on media awareness campaigns in 2024 and 2025. The request also included how much was given to outlets and for the outlets to be named. Please find attached at Appendix 1 a detailed breakdown of the RSA's advertising expenditure for 2024 and 2025. The tables provided set out total spend by year, by campaign, by medium and by production. Production costs include pre-campaign research (such as focus groups), as well as licensing costs which allow the RSA to reuse campaign materials over time. These costs also cover elements such as actors' fees, voiceover work and associated production expenses. A separate table is also included outlining total expenditure by media outlet for 2024 and 2025. It is not possible to provide a further breakdown of expenditure by campaign at outlet level, as this information is considered commercially sensitive. Media buying and creative production services are delivered by suppliers appointed through frameworks established by the Office of Government Procurement.	Michael Healy-Rae

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				All RSA advertising campaigns are subject to robust performance monitoring. Mid- and post-campaign analyses are undertaken to assess reach, effectiveness and value for money across key metrics, and these insights are used to inform future campaign development. In addition, all television-led campaigns are independently evaluated to assess message clarity and perceived impact, and overall media expenditure is audited annually by an external auditing body. I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours sincerely, Nuala Carey Interim Director Partnerships and External Affairs Road safety Authority <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i>	

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15/06/2026	289	Ref: 45142/26 For answer: 16/06/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date by the RSA to update the 12 IT systems required for the new learner driver regulations coming into effect on 1 November 2026.	Dear Deputy Currie, I refer to Parliamentary Question PQ 45142/26. The Minister referred the PQ to this office and the response is set out below. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) is on track to deliver the required changes to all systems required for the new learner permit changes for 1 November 2026. Changes have been made to some systems already which are ready to be deployed to live which can later be turned on and others are in design phase. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Emer Currie

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15/06/2026	287	Ref: 45140/26 For answer: 16/06/2026 Written from - Emer Currie	To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner permit holders who failed to show up for their scheduled driving test appointment in March, April and May 2026, by driving test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Currie, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 45140/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 287 In relation to Dail question 287, attached please find the number of applicants who did not present at their chosen driving test centre on the day of their scheduled driving test in all categories, by test centre from March 2026 up to and including May 2026. Please note that all our data is publicly available on the CSO database each month. It can be found here https://data.cso.ie/product/RSADTS 'Road Safety Authority of Ireland', 'Driver Testing Service'. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Emer Currie

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15/06/2026	277	Ref: 45041/26 For answer: 16/06/2026 Written from - Seán Crowe	To ask the Minister for Transport the total service volume of each driving test centre, in tabular form.	Dear Deputy Crowe, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 45041/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 277 Regarding Dail question 277, please find application volumes and the estimated time for an applicant to receive an invitation for cars only by test centre as at the 31 May 2026. <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> <i>* Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question</i> Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	Seán Crowe

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17/06/2026	172	Ref: 46352/26 For answer: 18/06/2026 Oral from - Rose Conway-Walsh	To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Irish citizens returning home from Australia are experiencing long delays with drivers' license exchanges; if anything can be done to improve the turnaround times; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Conway Walsh, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question PQ 46352/26 Dail Question No: 172 To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Irish citizens returning home from Australia are experiencing long delays with drivers' license exchanges; if anything can be done to improve the turnaround times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Question to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. The NDLS strives to process licence and permit applications within 5 – 8 working days excluding exchanges of foreign licences, if everything is in order with the application. Unfortunately, where a person is exchanging a foreign licence there can be delays as we await confirmation of equivalences and entitlements from the relevant foreign licensing authority. Where the applicant held an Irish licence in the previous 10 years then the turnaround time is faster where the applicant has not gained any categories in Australia. We endeavour to clearly advise applicants of the requirements of the licensing process through our website www.ndls.ie	Rose Conway-Walsh

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				Please see below link https://www.ndls.ie/licensed-driver/exchange-my-foreign-driving-licence.html#recognised-states A list of recognised states is provided, and you are requested to click on your country to check for any special requirement to exchange your licence for an Irish License. Processing times for foreign exchanges is currently averaging 26 days as we must verify the licence presented is valid for exchange, however if all documents as advised per website are forwarded in a timely manner this will help with the timeline. Licence exchanges are not always straightforward, as eligibility criteria and verification requirements can vary considerably between jurisdictions. In some countries, the rules and documentation needed for exchange differ from state to state, meaning that NDLS must confirm compliance with multiple regional licensing authorities before an application can be finalised. For context, the majority of delays in the NDLS foreign licence–exchange process arise from the need to verify information with the relevant overseas licensing authorities. These factors contribute to delays in processing foreign licence exchanges. Please let me know if you need additional information.	

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17/06/2026	185	Ref: 46309/26 For answer: 18/06/2026 Oral from - Paula Butterly	To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing for driver licence renewal services at the National Driver Licence Service (NDLS) test centre in Dundalk, County Louth, in order to improve accessibility for constituents in the surrounding area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Butterly, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question PQ 46309/25. Dail Question No: 185 To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing for driver licence renewal services at the National Driver Licence Service (NDLS) test centre in Dundalk, County Louth, in order to improve accessibility for constituents in the surrounding area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Question to my Office for response, and the detail is set out below. There are 34 regional NDLS centres with 95% of the population residing within 50km of a centre. We are committed to providing the driving licence service equally to all customers, either by attending one of our 34 NDLS centres in person or assisting postal or online applicants. With the launch of the complete NDLS online service in 2020, all drivers can now quickly and easily complete their driving licence application from home. No need to make appointments or visit an NDLS centre in person. All applicant needs is a Public Services Card and verified MyGovID account. Customers over 70 years are facilitated to apply by post.	Paula Butterly

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				Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
22/06/2026	216	Ref: 47717/26 For answer: 23/06/2026 Written from - Colm Burke	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Colm Burke
22/06/2026	191	Ref: 47512/26 For answer: 23/06/2026 Written from - Michael Healy-Rae	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Michael Healy-Rae

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23/06/2026	193	Ref: 47551/26 For answer: 23/06/2026 Written from - Cian O'Callaghan	To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that applicants at a test centre(details supplied) have to wait up to six months for an invite to apply for a driving test; the action his Department is taking to tackle the extremely long wait times for driving tests at the test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Details Supplied: Raheny	Dear Deputy O'Callaghan, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 47551/26 regarding your question on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 193 Regarding Dail question 193, to reduce the backlog in waiting times, the Department of Transport granted sanction at the start of September 2024 for additional permanent driver testers to be hired by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) to bring the number of permanent driver testers up to two hundred (200). There are one hundred and ninety (190) driver testers currently employed by the service as at the end of May 2026. Ongoing recruitment is necessary to replace retirees and leavers. Four (4) new testers started their training in April, and six (6) more started in May 2026 this recruitment and training of driver testers will continue in 2026 and into the future to meet the sanctioned number of two hundred (200) testers and maintain it for the long term. Driver testers continue to conduct overtime tests in the mornings, evenings, and on Saturdays to reduce the waiting time for a driving test. In relation to the wait time for Raheny driving test centre, it is our operational priority to pursue every possible avenue to improve the service and shorten delays, including continued recruitment, and expanding capacity.	Cian O'Callaghan

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23/06/2026	157	Ref: 46796/26 For answer: 23/06/2026 Written from - Sorca Clarke	To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties experienced by some learner driver applicants with literacy challenges when undertaking the driver theory test; the supports and reasonable accommodations available for individuals who have difficulty reading and/or writing leading to difficulty in understanding the test questions; if additional supports are available or being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Clarke, I am writing to you concerning your Parliamentary Question PQ 46796/26. Dail Question No: 157 To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties experienced by some learner driver applicants with literacy challenges when undertaking the driver theory test; the supports and reasonable accommodations available for individuals who have difficulty reading and/or writing leading to difficulty in understanding the test questions; if additional supports are available or being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The Minister has referred the Parliamentary Questions to my Office for response and the detail are set out below. The options currently available to accommodate candidates who require special assistance to take their Driver Theory Test (DTT) are as follows: Availability of an inbuilt lexicon on the theory test which offers alternative words for common driving phrases. Additional option to request a dyslexic support professional to support candidates during their theory test. The in-person dyslexia support provider can read questions and possible answers out loud when asked. They can also replace a phrase or word with an alternative word from the approved list (lexicon).	Sorca Clarke

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				Dyslexia Support: Candidates can book self-service dyslexia support, which includes a PDF of alternative words and phrases and an English voiceover. In-person dyslexia support is also available at selected test centres. Reader Recorder Service (Scribe): A staff member reads the questions and answers aloud to the candidate and records their responses on the computer. This service is particularly beneficial for candidates who cannot use a touchscreen or standard computer. In-Person Reader Service: A physical reader sits beside the candidate throughout the exam, reading aloud the questions and answers from the screen. The reader cannot operate any equipment or answer questions during the test. Extra Time: Additional time can be allocated for the test upon request. Separate room: All services requiring a personal assistant will be allocated a separate room. Candidates also have the option to request a separate room if they prefer. Candidates can combine some of these services dep	

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				ending on their needs. This service can be requested directly via the Driver Theory Test Service (DTTS) contact centre at 0818 606 106 and is approved by the DTTS. This service requires a separate room and additional/extended time appointment slot which the Driver Theory Test Service will arrange for you. A Driver Theory Test App is available to purchase on www.theorytest.ie which may benefit customers and provide assistance in preparing for the test and for candidates to familiarise themselves on the DTT questions and answers, language and format of the test. The app also has a voiceover which reads out the questions and answers as it does on the day of the test if voiceover option has been selected on booking. Please let me know if you need additional information. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	

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23/06/2026	206	Ref: 47662/26 For answer: 23/06/2026 Written from - Cormac Devlin	To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the case of a person (details supplied); if he will investigate the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data. Dail Question 207 In relation to Dail question 207, there have been four thousand six hundred and twenty-eight (4,628) driving tests that did not proceed between 9th March to 15th June 2026 due to an issue with insurance or insurance documentation. This is reflective of six percent (6%) of all tests during the period. Attached file 'Volume tests not conducted 9 March - 15 June 2026' shows breakdown across all test centres. It should be noted that it is not possible to separate out figures further to only identify those cases where motor insurance documentation was deemed insufficient or not presented and so these figures would include also those who presented with expired insurance certificates or with no insurance in place. Dail Question 208 Regarding Dail question 208, Please see the attached file 'Not conducted by Year – documentation'. The information in this file covers the period 1 January 2022 to Saturday 27 June 2026. It should also be noted that not all centres were operational during the period covered with some opening in recent years (e.g. Mitchelstown) and others closing (e.g. Cork – St. Finbar's). Information regarding tests not conducted in this file are limited to those reasons relating to documentation. It should also be noted that some centres deal with very small volumes (e.g., Clifden) and some conduct higher category tests only (e.g., Cork Ballincollig).	Cormac Devlin

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				Dail Question 209 In relation to Dail question 209, complaints related specifically to insurance over the period 9 March to 15 June 2026, 132 complaints were received. It is not possible to provide further information with regards to these complaints, i.e., breakdown by centre or outcome. Dail Question 210 Regarding Dail question 210, all applicants whose tests were non-conducted for reason of no insurance between the period 09 March to 19 April 2026 were issued with a service credit to use in their next test booking and were prioritised for a refund. Two thousand four hundred and twenty-nine (2,429) credits were given amounting to €206,760. See attached 'Volume tests not conducted 9 March - 19 April 2026' for breakdown of volume per test centre. Dail Question 211 In relation to Dail question 211, as each test applicant books their own test using the MyRoadSafety.ie portal directly, it is not possible to provide the information requested. However, all applicants whose test did not go ahead due to an issue with insurance between 9 March 2026 and 19 April 2026 were prioritised for a new invitation which would have issued to them within a matter of days. Since 20 April 2026 any applicant whose test has been non-conducted due to an issue with insurance has had to reapply and join the waiting list queue. Dail Question 212	

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				Regarding Dail question 212, these measures, on the introduction of the additional proof of insurance from driving test candidates, were brought in as an operational measure and as part of a resolution to a workplace dispute between driver testers and the RSA to mitigate the risk driver testers taking strike action and so ensuring continuity of the service. This is an interim measure until the necessary legislative requirements are enacted to enable the Driver Testing Service to access the Irish Motor Insurance Database at which time it is expected that insurance will be verified via that system rather than by applicants bringing additional documentation. Dail Question 213 In relation to Dail question 213, below is a copy of the relevant section of the standard operating procedure used by driver testers which was updated to take account of new measures: As an interim measure and from 9 March 2026, the driver tester should ask the candidate to produce a certificate of insurance for the vehicle they will be using for their test. The Driver Tester must review the certificate of insurance, at the desk and prior to the commencement of the driving test to confirm that the applicant is insured to drive the vehicle presented for test. Names or personal details of other people on documents may be redacted or covered. The documents will be viewed by the Driver Tester and returned to the applicant.	

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				In the event that an applicant is not named on the presented Certificate of insurance, an email or letter (on headed paper) from the insurance company stating that the applicant is insured to drive the vehicle presented shall be accepted. Driver Testers must not photograph, copy, or retain insurance certificates, personal information or related documentation. Where a test candidate is using a vehicle from a school of motoring or an Approved Driving Instructor then the driver tester should ask the candidate for a copy of the certificate of insurance. This evidence should show that the vehicle is covered for driving test purposes. To note, this may be presented in different wording on certificates but generally is visible on the reverse of the certificate at Paragraph 6. (Z). Where this information is not visible on the reverse of the certificate, an accompanying letter on headed paper outlining this detail should be accepted. The driver tester records the vehicle registration on the tablet (or marking sheet) and on reaching the vehicle checks that it matches the registration number on the vehicle and disc (not A1, A2, A, AM or W). For any State-owned vehicles presented for test, the test applicant will not be required to present a certificate. If the evidence provided does not show that the candidate has valid insurance, the driving test will not proceed and the driver tester will record the test as n	

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				on-conducted with code N2 and record the specific reason (e.g., test candidate name not included on the insurance certificate and / or no email / letter presented from insurance company) in the notes section. Where there is a change of vehicle after the review of the Certificate of Insurance, the Driver Tester must repeat the insurance verification process. The vehicle change must be recorded in the notes section. If the applicant is unable to provide valid proof of insurance at this point, the test must not proceed. The Driver Tester must record the test as non-conducted (Code N2) and include the specific reason in the notes 9 Standard procedures for conducting driving tests section (e.g., candidate's name not listed on the insurance certificate and/or no email or letter from the insurance company confirming cover) * Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question * Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question * Please see Appendix 1 Parliamentary Question Bulletin Q2_2026 for the full response to this Parliamentary Question Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh	

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	207		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving tests that did not proceed because a candidate's motor insurance documentation was deemed insufficient or was not presented, in respect of the requirement introduced on 9 March 2026, in the period from 9 March 2026 to 15 June 2026, disaggregated by test centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	208		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving tests that did not proceed on the day of test owing to issues with a candidate's documentation, by year and by test centre, in the period from 1 January 2022 to 15 June 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	209		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received by the RSA in respect of driving tests that did not proceed on insurance documentation grounds, in the period from 9 March 2026 to 15 June 2026, disaggregated by test centre; the number of those complaints upheld, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	210		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving test fee refunds issued; the total monetary value of same, in respect of tests that did not proceed on insurance documentation grounds, in the period from 9 March 2026 to 15 June 2026, disaggregated by test centre, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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	211		To ask the Minister for Transport the number of candidates who, having been unable to proceed with a driving test on insurance documentation grounds since 9 March 2026, who have been offered a further test free of charge; the average waiting time between the original test date and the rescheduled test for such candidates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	212		To ask the Minister for Transport the legal or administrative basis on which the requirement that driving test candidates present proof of insurance was introduced on 9 March 2026; whether this requirement was introduced by statutory instrument or as an operational measure of the RSA; the role of the agreement between the RSA and the third party stakeholders; whether the operation of the requirement will be amended or reviewed in light of the number of tests that did not proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
	213		To ask the Minister for Transport the guidance issued to driving testers on the assessment of insurance documentation under the requirement introduced on 9 March 2026, in particular in respect of candidates who are named drivers but not policyholders on the certificate presented; the steps taken to ensure consistency of application across test centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	

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23/06/2026	214	Ref: 47685/26 For answer: 23/06/2026 Written from - Mark Ward	To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a proposed new driving test centre in south Dublin; if a site has been secured; the timeline for when this will be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	Dear Deputy Ward, Thank you for your email. I refer to your Parliamentary Question 47685/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Question 214 Regarding Dail question 214, we have spoken to the Chief Driver Tester Mr. Auler who is responsible for all technical aspects of the driving test. Please see his response below: “The Road Safety Authority (RSA) is actively progressing plans to increase driving test capacity in the south Dublin area. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) continues to examine a number of potential locations for a new driving test centre. While no site has yet been secured, work is ongoing to identify a suitable premises that meets the operational, safety and accessibility requirements necessary for the delivery of the driving test service. It is not possible at this stage to provide a definitive timeline for a new test centre. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) will provide further updates as the project progresses. The establishment of additional testing capacity remains a priority as part of the Road Safety Authority's (RSA) ongoing efforts to improve customer access to driving test services and reduce	Mark Ward

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				waiting times.” Dail Question 215 In relation to Dail question 215, we have spoken to the chief Driver Tester Mr. Auler also regarding this Dail question. Please see his response below: “The introduction of overflow testing capacity is currently being finalised. Once all operational arrangements have been confirmed, including the commencement date, details will be communicated publicly. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) remains committed to reducing waiting times and will provide a further update as soon as a definitive timeline for the commencement of the overflow service has been agreed.” Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Chief Operations Officer	
	215		To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the provision of overflow services for the driving test centre in Tallaght to tackle waiting times; when this will be in place, as referred to in an article (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
24/06/2026	243	Ref: 48629/26 For answer: 25/06/2026 Written from - Michael Healy-Rae	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Michael Healy-Rae

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24/06/2026	244	Ref: 48630/26 For answer: 25/06/2026 Written from - Michael Healy-Rae	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Michael Healy-Rae
24/06/2026	237	Ref: 48458/26 For answer: 25/06/2026 Written from - Michael Cahill	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Michael Cahill
24/06/2026	234	Ref: 48429/26 For answer: 25/06/2026 Written from - Denise Mitchell	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Denise Mitchell
29/06/2026	253	Ref: 49741/26 For answer: 30/06/2026 Written from - Cormac Devlin	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Cormac Devlin

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29/06/2026	245	Ref: 49707/26 For answer: 30/06/2026 Written from - John Connolly	To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 40 of 10 June 2026, the number of driving tests booked through third party apps that the RSA cancelled in 2025 and to-date in 2026.	Dear Deputy Connolly, Thank you for your email. I refer to Parliamentary Question 49707/26 regarding your questions on the Driver Testing Service. Dail Questions 245 and 246 In relation to Dail Questions 245 and 246, the driver testing administration team run several checks daily to identify applicants who have booked their driving test using a third-party application. While it is not possible to identify all such occurrences, where they are identified the test is cancelled and the applicant retains their fee which they can then use to book a driving test when they are invited to do so. This process was started in August 2025, and since then there have been five hundred and seventy-six (576) bookings cancelled – four hundred and twenty-one (421) tests cancelled between August and December 2025 and one hundred and fifty-five (155) from 01 January to 30 June 2026. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) is aware of some third-party applications that are purporting to offer driving test candidates cancelled appointments. However, the only official site for booking of a driving test slot remains the Road Safety Authority (RSA) operated MyRoadSafety portal and there have been no changes in this regard. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) is not affiliated with any such booking systems. The official Road Safety Authority (RSA) system has not been compromised, however, it would appear tha	John Connolly

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				t some driving test customers are providing their log in details to third parties which then enables those parties to see short notice available test slots (five (5) days out). The Road Safety Authority (RSA) would advise against this practice as such sites or parties may not be secure. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) do not charge any additional fee to customers availing of slots that become available at short notice. The Road Safety Authority (RSA) ICT department are working closely with our partners to ensure that such sites or third parties are restricted in their ability to operate with a view to limiting their ability to be able to access the booking portal. Where a person opts to book a test using a third-party app there is a high likelihood that this test will be cancelled. Customers are advised of this on the MyRoadSafety portal. Yours sincerely, Brendan Walsh Brendan Walsh, Chief Operations Office	
	246		To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 40 of 10 June 2026, the way in which the RSA identifies driving tests which are booked through a third party app.	<i>Please see response to this Dail Question above</i>	
29/06/2026	243	Ref: 49695/26 For answer: 30/06/2026 Written from - Seán Crowe	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Seán Crowe

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29/06/2026	192	Ref: 49114/26 For answer: 30/06/2026 Written from - Aidan Farrelly	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	This Parliamentary Question and Response has been withheld as it contained personal data.	Aidan Farrelly