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# **Questions tabled on Friday 22 April 2022**

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### **Questions for Answer on Monday 25 April**

**Questions for Written Answer** 

- Deidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much the COP26 unit spent on communications staff in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21 and (c) 2021-22. [Transferred] (156499)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Cabinet Office, whether the Government plans to introduce the Public Service Ombudsman Bill, as drafted in December 2016, to Parliament. [Transferred] (157509)
- 3N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse has been as at 19 April 2022 in terms of (a) staff hours and (b) other resources committed to the leak enquiry being conducted into the source of reports of (a) his wife's non-domicile status published in the media on 6 April 2022, and (b) his and his wife's Green Card status published in the media on 7 April 2022. [Transferred] (155610)
- 4 Anne Marie Morris (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment the Department has made of the level of risk of exploding battery energy storage systems associated with solar panels.

  [Transferred] (156479)
- Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of holiday and short term rentals in apartment blocks on neighbouring long term residents.

  [Transferred] (157396)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Communities and Housing on ensuring that the safety of women is taken into account when pedestrian routes are designed.

  [Transferred] (157427)

- 7 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Government issues guidance on how pedestrian route designs can best incorporate the safety of women. [Transferred] (157428)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what routes are available for women to raise concerns on pedestrian routes identified by them as unsafe.

  [Transferred] (157429)
- 9 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to (a) prohibit pavement parking that restricts the mobility of disabled and elderly pavement users and (b) develop standards where (i) cycle and e-scooter parking and (ii) electric vehicle charging points are accessible but located off the pavement. [Transferred] (157356)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many visa applications under the Homes for Ukraine scheme have been (a) received and (b) granted for each day since that scheme opened on 18 March 2022.

  [Transferred] (157319)
- 11 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many visas have been granted to adults under the Homes for Ukraine scheme for each day since that scheme opened on 18 March 2022. [Transferred] (157320)
- 12 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many visas have been granted to children under the Homes for Ukraine scheme for each day since that scheme opened on 18 March 2022. [Transferred] (157321)
- Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to ensure that visa application decisions for refugees travelling together under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme are considered and granted at the same time.

  [Transferred] (157322)
- Jonathan Reynolds (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of funding available to effectively (a) investigate and (b) prevent fraud and other economic crime.

  [Transferred] (156426)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle online financial fraud. [Transferred] (157358)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle the theft of keyless vehicles. [Transferred] (157360)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has had discussions with relevant stakeholders on rescheduling the (a)
  Ulster Grand Prix and (b) Northwest 200 following cancellation as a result of the covid-19 outbreak.

  [Transferred] (156469)

## **Questions for Answer on Tuesday 26 April**

**Questions for Written Answer** 

1N Steve Reed (Croydon North): To ask the Attorney General, what steps her Department is taking to increase prosecution rates for fraud. [Transferred] (157374)

2 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department has made an assessment of the (a) potential merits and (b) potential environmental and financial impact of implementing a frequent flyer levy.

(157540)

3 Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the accuracy of fuel poverty target numbers in recognising disabled people's higher energy costs and usage.

(157525)

Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what comparative assessment his Department has made of the level of energy costs faced by (a) disabled and (b) non-disabled people.

(157526)

5 Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the level of support provided by energy suppliers to disabled customers through (a) benefit entitlement checks, (b) debt write-off and (c) other related schemes.

(157527)

Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of setting targets for energy suppliers in respect of (a) identifying and (b) supporting disabled customers.

(157528)

7 Gareth Thomas (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of further increasing funding for tidal energy; and if he will make a statement.

(157466)

8 Gareth Thomas (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what proportion of the UK's energy is targeted to be tidal energy by (a) 2025, (b) 2030, (c) 2040 and (d) 2050; and if he will make a statement. (157467)

9 Gareth Thomas (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what comparative assessment he has made of the financial cost of developing and producing (a) tidal energy, (b) onshore wind, (c) solar, (d) nuclear energy and (e) fossil fuel extraction; and if he will make a statement. (157468)

Gareth Thomas (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the (a) viability and (b) efficacy of increasing the proportion of tidal energy in the UK's energy mix; and if he will make a statement.

(157469)

Gareth Thomas (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to prevent price gouging by exploitative vendors at times of national emergency, such as during the covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement.

(157470)

Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, 12 Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding Arts Council England has provided per capita in (a) South Staffordshire, (b) Birmingham, (c) Kensington and (d) Chelsea in the financial year 2021-22.

(157484)

- Robert Halfon (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of school children that do not have a personal laptop or tablet. (157483)
- Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the employer representative body for Central Bedfordshire has been constituted; who the proposed members of that body are; whether that body has met; and what its objectives are. (157478)

- Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for 15 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of postponing the phase out of direct payments to farmers until 2024 in the context of the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on global food production. (157485)
- Kim Leadbeater (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has issued guidance to allow residents to utilise a neighbouring local authority's refuse and recycling sites when they are the nearest facility for a household.

(157543)

- 17N Brendan O'Hara (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether processes are in place to ensure that people who have come to the UK through the Homes for Ukraine scheme can transfer to a new sponsor in the event that the original sponsorship relationship breaks down or is found to be unsuitable; and whether people can transfer from the Homes for Ukraine scheme to the Scottish Government's super sponsor scheme.
- 18 Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has plans to bring forward legislative proposals to change the park homes pitch fee review inflationary index to the Consumer Prices Index in the next parliamentary session. (157489)
- 19 Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what support his Department has provided to local authorities to enable them to enforce the fit and proper test for park home site owners and managers. (157490)
- 20 Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what records the Government holds on park homes site owners and managers not deemed fit and proper for the financial year 2018-19. (157491)
- Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling 21 Up, Housing and Communities, what records the Government holds on park homes site owners and managers not deemed fit and proper for the financial year 2019-20. (157492)
- 22 Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what records the Government holds on park homes site owners and managers not deemed fit and proper for the financial year 2020-21. (157493)
- 23 Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what records the Government holds on park homes site owners and managers not deemed fit and proper for the financial year 2021-22.
- 24 Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the details are of the common level of seafarer protection that his Department is discussing with unions and operators. (157504)

Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the locations are of the proposed minimum wage corridors. (157505)Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether 26 he plans to provide new statutory powers to British ports to refuse access to regular ferry services which do not pay their crew the National Minimum Wage. (157506)Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what 27 (a) enforcement powers and (b) access to enforcement bodies the Government plans to provide to British ports that refuse access to ferry companies that do not pay the national minimum wage. (157507)28 Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure that people with disabilities are able to obtain Disabled Facilities Grants without delay. (157524)29 Henry Smith (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of implementing a ten year plan to tackle cardiovascular disease, similar to the ten year plans for cancer and mental health in development. (157481)30 Henry Smith (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for cardiovascular disease, including heart valve disease, to remain a priority in the updated NHS Long Term Plan. (157482)31 Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of using the Health and Social Care Levy to provide support for SMEs who provide training and support for the NHS. (157486)Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support healthcare focused SMEs with apprenticeship programmes. (157487)33 Sir Gavin Williamson (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to support staff in healthcare focused SMEs to develop IT management skills. (157488)34 Liam Byrne (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps she is taking to encourage countries at risk of debt distress to engage in the G20 Common Framework; and if she will make a statement. (157475)35 Sir Mark Hendrick (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of whether aid is needed by Sudan following reports by the UN predicting extreme hunger in that country over the coming months. (157473)36 Sir Mark Hendrick (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to tackle global hunger and food inflation linked to the conflict in Ukraine. (157474)Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Animals in Science Regulation Unit's change programme,

what assessment her Department has made of the impact on animal welfare of the

proposed decrease in unannounced in-person inspector visits to animal testing sites. (157539)

(157541)

38 Gareth Thomas (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of people scammed by fraudulent (a) texts, (b) emails and (c) calls in each year since 2010; and if she will make a statement. (157471)39 Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) charges, (b) prosecutions and (c) convictions there were for indecent exposure, broken down by gender, in the years (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019, (vi) 2020 and (vii) 2021. (157511)40 Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people were (a) charged, (b) prosecuted and (c) convicted for administering a substance with intent to stupefy or overpower to engage in sexual activity in (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019, (vi) 2020 and (vii) 2021. (157512)Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people were (a) charged, (b) prosecuted and (c) convicted for other miscellaneous sexual offences in (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019, (vi) 2020 and (vii) 2021. (157513)42 Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people were (a) charged, (b) prosecuted and (c) convicted for committing an offence with intent to commit a sexual offence in (i) 2015, (ii) 2016, (iii) 2017, (iv) 2018, (v) 2019, (vi) 2020 and (vii) 2021. (157514)43 Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people were (a) charged, (b) prosecuted, and (c) convicted for trespassing with intent to commit a sexual offence in each year since 2015. (157515)44 Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent assessment he has made of progress on restoring the Northern Ireland Executive. (157522)45 Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of rail links between Scotland and Southport. (157523)46 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he plans to publish the Access to Cash Consultation. (157535)47 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress his Department is making on bringing forward legislative proposals to protect access to (157536)48 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of recent civil service pay freezes on employee recruitment and retention. (157537)49 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the recent civil service and public sector pay freeze on the disposable income and wellbeing of civil service and public sector workers. (157538)50 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of taxes due to self-employment income support

scheme grants on the disposable income and wellbeing of self-employed workers.

51 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of self-employed workers paying taxes due to self-employment income support scheme grants are now using payment plans for their tax payments for the previous financial year.

(157542)

#### Questions for Answer on Wednesday 27 April

**Questions for Written Answer** 

1N Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 19 April 2022 to Question 151141 on Chequers: Official Hospitality, whether the location of meetings, including those held at Chequers, is an included within the ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings category of Ministerial returns.

(157499)

- 2N Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 21 April 2022 to Question 154422, on Offshore Industry and Shipping: Pay, whether he planned to extend the scope of the National Minimum Wage Act 1999 to the offshore renewables sector operating beyond the limits of UK territorial waters but within the UK Exclusive Economic Zone. (157534)
- 3N Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals relating to inland, riverine bathing waters.

(157518)

4N Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the existing process for applying for an inland, riverine bathing water designation.

(157519)

5N Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will provide guidelines on enforcing the whole designation stretch applied for under the bathing water regulations for inland, riverine bathing water.

(157520)

6N Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the current environment and economic regulatory framework of the water sector.

(157521)

7N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether (a) she and (b) her officials have discussions with Ministers and officials in the Department for Health and Social Care on the shortage of hormone replacement therapy treatments.

(157500)

8N Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, what assessment she has made of the impact of supply chain delays on the availability of hormone replacement therapy treatments.

(157501)

9N Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many meetings officials in her Department have had with representatives of companies (a) producing and (b) supplying hormone replacement therapy treatments in the UK in each of the last six months; and on what dates those meetings took place.

(157502)

10N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average ambulance waiting time is across all NHS ambulance trusts; which of those trusts have the longest waiting times; and how that compares to ambulance waiting times in (a) 2019 and (b) 2015. (157532)

11N Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many deaths due to covid-19 of immunocompromised people there were (a) in the last week, (b) in the last month and (c) since January 2022. (157509)

12N Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to answer Question 145885 tabled by the hon. Member for Ashton-under-Lyne on 23 March 2022. (157497)

13N Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in (a) 2019, (b) 2020 and (c) 2021; how many full time equivalent posts were filled as a result of that expenditure; and how many of those posts were filled by individuals recruited from outside the civil service. (157498)

14N **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Geneva conference on drought in the Horn of Africa on 26 April 2022, whether her Department has plans to allocate additional funding to help prevent famine in that region. (157480)

- 15N Yvette Cooper (Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether spending on the UK-Rwanda Migration Partnership will be counted as Overseas Development Assistance.

  [Transferred] (157277)
- 16N Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if the Government will urgently (a) commit to and (b) disburse new and additional funding to avert the most devastating effects of drought ahead of the upcoming conference on the Horn of Africa drought on 26 April 2022. (157517)
- 17N Dave Doogan (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 April 2022 to Question 154539 on Homes for Ukraine Scheme, how many and what proportion of applications to the Homes for Ukraine scheme have been lost as of 21 April 2022. (157530)
- 18N Dave Doogan (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 April 2022 to Question 154538 on Homes for Ukraine Scheme, whether any applications to the Homes for Ukraine scheme made on 18 and 19 March 2022 have been lost. (157531)
- 19N Sarah Jones (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
  Department, if she publish data exists on the number of police warrant cards
  currently unaccounted for in Police Forces in England and Wales, broken down by
  Police Force Area. (157544)
- 20N Peter Kyle (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 January 2022 to Question 100624 on Immigration: Fees and Charges, when he plans to publish the revised policy on overseas fee waivers. (157510)

21N Dave Doogan (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the report entitled Climate Change UK Nuclear Military, published by Dr Paul Dorfman, Nuclear Consulting Group in September 2021, what assessment he has made of the risk of the nuclear submarine base at HMNB Devonport being regularly underwater due to rising sea levels by 2050. (157529)

22N Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) locations and (b) sizes are of defence bases his Department will have vacated between 2015-2030. (157508)

23N Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Army has fired white phosphorus mortar rounds during exercises in Kenya.

(157533)

- 24N Steve McCabe (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking in respect of people who have applied for the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme and who have not yet been contacted by his Department. [Transferred] (156369)
- 25N Steve Reed (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the (a) total number and (b) proportion of prosecutions in each offence group is in each (i) region and (ii) local justice area of England and Wales that have stopped post-charge because a victim did not provide evidence or has withdrawn in each of the last five vears. (157495)
- 26N Preet Kaur Gill (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Prime Minister, what recent discussions he has had with the Indian prime minister, Narendra Modi, on the detention of UK national, Mr Jagtar Singh Johal.

(157516)

27N Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Prime Minister, when he plans to respond to the letter dated 14 April 2022 from the hon. Member for Ashton-under-Lyne.

(157496)

28N Drew Hendry (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of commissioning fees in the mobile homes market.

(157503)

29N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 21 April 2022 to Question 151026, on HM Treasury: USA, and his Department's declaration of ministerial travel published on 31 March 2022, whether the total cost to the public purse of his accommodation, meals and other expenses, excluding travel, when visiting San Francisco in December 2021 was £0.00; and who paid for any costs incurred above that amount.

(157479)

30N Hywel Williams (Arfon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people affected by the loan charge has Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs referred to suicide prevention organisations since that charge was introduced.

(157476)

31N Hywel Williams (Arfon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the number of people who will become bankrupt as a result of paying loan charge payments.

(157477)

## **Questions for Answer on Thursday 28 April**

**Questions for Written Answer** 

1N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total amount spent by his Department on military support to Ukraine has been since 24 February 2022. (157472)