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## **Questions tabled on Friday 20 May 2022**

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- † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
- N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under S.O. No. 22(4).
- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

## **Questions for Answer on Monday 23 May**

Questions for Written Answer

- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Attorney General, how many people the CPS has acquitted on the defence of automatism in England and Wales as of 19th May 2022.

  [Transferred] (5345)
- Robert Largan (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he will respond to the correspondence of 7th March 2022 from the hon. Member for High Peak, reference RL35178. [Transferred] (5510)
- Hywel Williams (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of introducing greater flexibility on the use of diacritics beyond the guidelines set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

  [Transferred] (4493)
- 4N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department will introduce further targeted affordability funding to help address the cost of living pressures. [Transferred] (3487)

## **Questions for Answer on Tuesday 24 May**

**Questions for Written Answer** 

- Douglas Chapman (Dunfermline and West Fife): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to send the report by Sir Robert Francis on compensation for those affected by contaminated blood products to his counterparts in the devolved Administrations. (5666)
- 2 Douglas Chapman (Dunfermline and West Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, when he expects the First tier Tribunals for Green Deal scheme complaints to be concluded.

(5665)

3 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 17 May 2022 to Question 344, on Mineworkers' Pension Scheme, if he will publish the timeframe for mineworkers receiving full entitlement to their pensions. (5668)4 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the proposal to close the Insolvency Service office in Brighton, where interviews previously carried out at the Brighton office will take place instead. (5641)5 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what equality impact assessment has been carried out of the proposed closure of the Insolvency Service office in Brighton; and if he will place a copy of its findings in the Library. (5642)6 Craig Mackinlay (South Thanet): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, with reference to the British Geological Survey's short report on shale gas fracturing and the modelling of seismic activity in shale rocks in the UK, as commissioned in his letter dated 5 April 2022, if he will publish the criteria for revising the seismicity limits that apply to shale gas extraction. (5672)7 Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of ring-fencing the Universal Free School Meals allowance for catering use only. (5621) 8 Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of the potential challenges facing the food supply industry in respect of the supply free school meals; and whether he plans to take steps to re-evaluate funding allocated by his Department to those meals. (5622)9 Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will ask schools to (a) keep a record of the average meals service and (b) submit a return to his Department each school term to help reduce the cost of the Universal Free School Meals overall. (5623)10 Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of recent reports stating suppliers are being forced to choose between reducing portion sizes or reducing quality of ingredients to continue to supply Universal Free School Meals with the current funding. (5624)Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the book being sent to schools about Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee, if he will place a copy in the Library; and whether he made arrangements to send a copy to each of the legal deposit libraries in the UK. (5679)Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to mark Clean Air Day 2022. (5681)13 Dr Matthew Offord (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the levels of pyridine in UK waters. (5650)

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Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of dog ownership for the mental health of elderly and disabled people; and what estimate he has made of the number of physically impaired dog owners who use electronic training aids. (5611)15 Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of requiring dogs which have attacked livestock to be (a) destroyed and (b) trained with e-collars. (5612)Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the decision set out in a departmental communication to stakeholders dated 11 May 2022 not to renew the Community Housing Fund, if he will make it his policy to continue the pre-development funding that the Community Housing Fund provided, via another channel; and if he will make a statement. (5643)Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when will he will respond to the Bacon Review into scaling up self-build and custom housebuilding published on 21 August 2021. (5644)18 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make it his policy to incorporate the Community Housing Fund into the Affordable Homes Programme; and if he will make a statement. (5645) Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent estimate he has made of the number of resident management companies based in blocks requiring (a) cladding remediation works and (b) non-cladding remediation works in (i) England and (ii) Birmingham. (5632)20 Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to ensure that commercial leaseholders pay their share of the costs of remediation works on buildings for which they hold a commercial lease. (5633)Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for 21 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the proposals on building safety announced on 14 February 2022, what steps he is taking to ensure that those leaseholders who have already paid their allowance towards the non-cladding defects cap are not pursued for further payments. (5634)22 Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he is taking steps to ensure that ongoing cladding remediation works are not delayed in cases where leaseholders cannot afford to pay upfront capital costs. (5635)Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent estimate he has made of the number of developers who have not signed the Government's building safety repairs pledge. (5636)

**Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what discussions his Department has had with developers who have not yet signed the building safety repairs pledge.

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25 Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to help ensure developers who have not yet signed the building safety pledge do so. (5638)Shabana Mahmood (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether a developer is responsible for paying for cladding remediation of a building in a case where it was not the building's developer at the time of its construction but has since acquired the original developer. (5639)27 Andrew Bridgen (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he expects track designers to start developing the route for the new HS2 line between Birmingham and East Midlands Parkway. (5656)28 Andrew Bridgen (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is providing support to canal restoration projects that have been affected by the construction of HS2. (5657)Anthony Mangnall (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what 29 representations the Government has made to the Government of Italy to ensure that UK citizens, resident in Italy before the end of 2020, can exchange their UK driving licences for those of Italy without the requirement to take an Italian driving test. (5683)30 Anthony Mangnall (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what further discussions he plans in 2022 with his Italian counterpart to help ensure that UK citizens, resident in Italy before the end of 2020, will be able to exchange their UK driving licences for those of Italy without the need to take an Italian driving test. (5684)Dawn Butler (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 31 how many staff have been employed in her Department in each of the last five years for which figures are available, broken down by directorate. (5617)32 Dawn Butler (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, by what means her Department is contacting claimants on legacy benefits who are due to move to Universal Credit; what support is in place to assist claimants in this process; and if she will make a statement. (5618)Dawn Butler (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if 33 she will make an estimate of how many claimants who are expected to move from legacy benefits to Universal Credit will consequentially receive (a) more and (b) less in benefits between May 2022 and May 2024; and if she will make a statement. (5619)34 Dawn Butler (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department undertook an equality impact assessment on the migration of claimants from legacy benefits to Universal Credit. (5620)35 Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the cost of storing PPE in warehouses during the period from April 2021 to May 2022; and whether his Department has made an estimate of the current (a) daily, (b) weekly or (c) monthly costs of storing PPE in warehouses. (5662) Ms Lyn Brown (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to Strengthening anticipatory action in humanitarian assistance: G7 foreign ministers' statement, May 2022, published on 14 May 2022, what plans she has to increase the scale of UK resourcing for anticipatory action in humanitarian assistance.
 Ms Lyn Brown (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth

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37 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions she has had with the government of Ethiopia on press freedom in Ethiopia in the context of the (a) arrest of Muhaydin Abdullahi on 10 May 2022 and (b) cancellation of the press accreditation of Tom Gardner of the Economist magazine on 13 May 2022.

(5631)

Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, if the Commission will make it its policy to establish an inquiry into the potential creation of a mechanism for ordering that a Member should stay away from the Parliamentary Estate and/or constituency offices while under investigation for serious sexual misconduct; and if he will make a statement.

(5646)

Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, whether the Commission has had discussions with (a) the Chair of the Procedure Committee, (b) trade union representatives and (c) the Director of the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme on the potential merits of a mechanism for ordering that a Member should stay away from the Parliamentary Estate and/or constituency offices while under investigation for serious sexual misconduct; and if he will make a statement.

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40 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, what assessment the Commission has made of the potential risks to (a) staff and (b) other hon. Members of Members who are under investigation for serious sexual misconduct not being required to stay away from the Parliamentary Estate and/or constituency offices; and if he will make a statement.

(5648)

41 **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many members of the armed forces have faced (a) consequential penalties, (b) minor administrative action and (c) other forms of warnings or counselling as a result of breaching covid-19 regulations.

(5674)

42 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Family Justice Panel report, Assessing risk of harm to children and parents in private law children cases, updated on 5 August 2020, and accompanying Implementation Plan published by his Department, when the more detailed delivery plan planned for the end of 2020 will be published; and if he will make a statement.

(5649)

43 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 19 May 2022 to Question 869 on Child Benefit, if his Department will (a) make and (b) publish an assessment of the potential merits of indexing the High Income Child Benefit Charge threshold in line with inflation.

(5669)

44 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if his Department will significantly increase the allowance for Universal Free School Meals in line with rising inflation.

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45	Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Chancellor of	
	the Exchequer, whether his Department has plans to provide support to the food and	
	drink supply chain in its servicing of the public sector in the context of that sector	
	facing pressures due to rising energy, food and labour costs.	(5

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46 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the Government's 1.7 per cent increase in funding for Universal Free School Meals on suppliers of those meals who are facing a 9 per cent increase in food prices.

(5627)

47 **Stuart Anderson** (Wolverhampton South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what steps his Department is taking in cross-government policy to improve the mental wellbeing of veterans.

(5682)

## **Questions for Answer on Wednesday 25 May**

Questions for Written Answer

1N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 20 May 2022 to Question 2413, on Northern Ireland Protocol: Legal Opinion, whether she has asked the Prime Minister to initiate an investigation into how the fact and content of her advice on the Northern Ireland Protocol came to be reported in the media on 11 May 2022; and whether that reporting constituted a breach of paragraph 2.13 of the Ministerial Code.

(5629)

2N Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many officials in his Department are employed to work on human resources.

(5660)

3N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many officials in his Department are working on COP26.

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4N Angela Rayner (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 25 April 2022 to Question 156487, whether his Department holds information on its expenditure on (a) research and (b) insight services in 2021.

(5664)

Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 18 May 2022 to Question 418, on Offshore Industry: Carbon Emissions, what assessment the Government has made of the Jackdaw project's compatibility with targets for the oil and gas sector set out in the North Sea Transition Deal and the UK's carbon budgets and net zero target.

(5675)

6N Patrick Grady (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, pursuant to the Answer of 25 April to Question 156512, and the Answer of 28 April 2022 to Question 154097, with reference to (a) the trend of growth in domestic meter points and (b) the proposal to recover payments from meter points rather than individual accounts or households, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that energy companies do not ultimately profit from the repayment of the £200 loan under the Energy Bills Support Scheme.

(5667)

7N Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, what plans his Department has to help reform regulation and practice on Northern Ireland limited partnerships; and if he make a statement.

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8N	Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, whether his Department made an assessment of the potential implications for Northern Ireland limited partnerships when the Scottish Partnerships (Register of People with Significant Control) Regulations were introduced in 2017.	(5692)
9N	Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many Northern Ireland Limited partnerships have been registered in Northern Ireland in each year since 2017.	(5693)
10N	Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many limited partnerships have been established in (a) England, (b) Scotland and (c) Wales since 2017.	(5694)
11N	<b>Chi Onwurah</b> (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help protect consumers from the sale of mobile tracking data (a) within the UK and (b) abroad.	(5655)
12N	Kate Osborne (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing Local Action Levels for specific areas such as the River Tyne in the context of naturally occurring contaminants and unique environmental characteristics.	(5689)
13N	<b>Kate Osborne</b> (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans the Government has to provide support to businesses affected by potential changes in CEFAS Action Levels for Sea Disposal of Dredged Sediment.	(5690)
14N	lan Byrne (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his Department plans to publish its final report on e-scooter trials.	(5695)
15N	<b>Dawn Butler</b> (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has plans to give powers of arrest of some officials in her Department; and if she will make a statement.	(5613)
16N	<b>Dawn Butler</b> (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has plans to give some officials in her Department greater access to claimants' banking data; and if she will make a statement.	(5614)
17N	<b>Dawn Butler</b> (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the amount of benefit overpayments due to fraud and error has been in each of the last five years for which figures are available, broken down by (a) official and (b) claimant error.	(5615)
18N	<b>Dawn Butler</b> (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the value of benefits unclaimed by entitled claimants was in the most recent year for which figures are available.	(5616)
19N	Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's press release entitled, New jobs mission to get 500,000 into work, dated 27 January 2022, what targets her Department has put in place for the Way to work campaign; in what way she is measuring the performance of that campaign; and what the evidential basis was for proceeding with the design of that campaign; and if she will make a statement.	(5651)

20N	<b>Dan Carden</b> (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the recommendation by the Alzheimer's Society that £70 million be committed by the Government to improving dementia diagnosis rates in England; and if he will make a statement.	(5676)
21N	<b>Dan Carden</b> (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure people living with dementia receive a prompt diagnosis.	(5677)
22N	<b>Dan Carden</b> (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve dementia diagnosis rates in deprived areas of England.	(5678)
23N	<b>Alex Cunningham</b> (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people living with dementia who have benefitted from community diagnostic centres.	(5652)
24N	<b>Alex Cunningham</b> (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to increase screening for dementia in England.	(5653)
25N	<b>Alex Cunningham</b> (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the equity of the dementia diagnosis process.	(5654)
26N	<b>Angela Rayner</b> (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the average cost to the public purse of warehouse storage of personal protective equipment by his Department is per month.	(5663)
27N	<b>Fabian Hamilton</b> (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made for the implications of her policies of the Argentine Government's decision to join the BRICS group of emerging economies.	(5609)
28N	<b>Fabian Hamilton</b> (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has had discussions with her counterpart in the US government on the exclusion of (a) Cuba, (b) Venezuela and (c) Nicaragua from the Ninth Summit of the Americas in June 2022.	(5610)
29N	<b>Kenny MacAskill</b> (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how an hon. Member may make a request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 for environmental sustainability reports made by MI6.	(5688)
30N	<b>Emily Thornberry</b> (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 May 2022 to Question 123, for what reason a breakdown of spending on school places at the named institutions has not been provided as it was by her Department in the previous answers of (a) 6th July 2021 to Question 23129 and (b) 3rd December 2018 to Question 196152.	(5628)
31N	Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,	

Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of whether the upcoming visit of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Xinjiang region of China will meet the Revised Terms of Reference for Country Visits by Special

insurance.

[Transferred] (5391)

Procedures Mandate Holders of the UN Human Rights Council, including guarantees on freedom of movement and inquiry, confidential and unsupervised access to witnesses and other persons of interest and access to detention facilities. (5670)32N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she has sought assurances from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights that her upcoming visit to the Xinjiang region of China will meet the Revised Terms of Reference for Country Visits by Special Procedures Mandate Holders of the UN Human Rights Council, including guarantees on freedom of movement and inquiry, confidential and unsupervised access to witnesses and other persons of interest and access to detention facilities. (5671)33N Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how an hon. Member may make a request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 for environmental sustainability reports made by MI5. (5687)34N Nick Smith (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many passport applicants have used the fast-track service for applications in each of the last six months. (5640)35N Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment for the implications of his policies of the EU's Action Plan on Military Mobility. (5673)36N Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 14 January 2022 to Question 98878, how many transwomen, who do not have a Gender Recognition Certificate, are serving a sentence for a serious violent offence against the person are held in (a) female, (b) male and (c) all prisons as of 20 May 2022. (5685)37N Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 14 January 2022 to Question 98878, on Prisoners: Gender Recognition, how many transwomen with a GRC held in (a) female prisons and (b) all prisons are serving a sentence for a serious violent offence against the person. (5686)38N Bob Seely (Isle of Wight): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what progress he has made on decisions on the future of the Camp Hill prison site. (5680)39N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on allocating additional funding to local authorities to increase SEND provision in schools. (5658)40N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the provision of funding for SEND in schools in (a) Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and (b) Richmondshire District Council. (5659)41N Karl Turner (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) insurance providers on helping to ensure that cancer patients are able to access affordable travel