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Questions tabled on Monday 20 February 2023

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 21 February

Questions for Written Answer

- Mr Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of increasing the pay of civil servants.

 [Transferred] (146799)
- 2 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what is the monetary value of Coronavirus Business Interruption Loans that have yet to be repaid, broken down by industry sector. [Transferred] (147440)
- Simon Jupp (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much funding was provided to businesses through Coronavirus Business Interruption Loans in (a) 2020-21 and (b) 2021-22, broken down by industry sector.

[Transferred] (147441)

- 4 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many companies registered in Ceredigion received financial support under the Future Fund. [Transferred] (147246)
- Ben Lake (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the data by the British Business Bank on Companies in which the Future Fund has an equity stake, what the total value is of the equity interest retained by the Future Fund in the 83 companies listed as having entered into administration or insolvency proceedings.

 [Transferred] (147247)
- Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department holds data on what percentage of Child Protection cases have domestic abuse as the predominant issue.

 [Transferred] (147376)

- 7 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential role of faith schools in levelling up. [Transferred] (147089)
- 8 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential role of catholic schools in levelling up. [Transferred] (147090)
- 9 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what reasons the manufacture of spirits was not included in the Energy Bills Discount Scheme. [Transferred] (147112)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to include the manufacture of spirits in the Energy Bills Discount Scheme.

 [Transferred] (147113)
- 11 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, which Minister is responsible for the Aquind Interconnector.

 [Transferred] (147478)
- Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made a comparative assessment of the impact of the (a) Energy Bills Discount Scheme and (b) Energy Bill Relief Scheme on support for pubs.

 [Transferred] (147149)
- Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when she plans her Department will complete the review of funding to prevent flooding by the River Severn. [Transferred] (146847)
- Rosie Duffield (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate his Department has been made of the number of people on the electoral register in Canterbury who will be affected by the requirement to produce voter ID at the May 2023 local elections. [Transferred] (147136)
- 15 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he is taking steps to record the number of people unable to vote at polling places due to not having a valid ID. [Transferred] (146811)
- 16 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary for State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when she will launch the next round of Project Gigabit procurement projects in Wales. [Transferred] (147283)
- 17 Matt Vickers (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
 Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to help improve access to fullfibre broadband for households.

 [Transferred] (147219)

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- Matt Vickers (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of ending the annual £10 Christmas bonus to pensioners and allocating the money saved elsewhere in order to alleviate current budgetary pressures. [Transferred] (147218)
- 19 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to agree a global high seas treaty that includes a legally-binding mechanism for the designation of marine protected areas on the high seas before the fifth session of the UN Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.

 [Transferred] (146944)
- 20 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps with international counterparts to agree a global high seas treaty before the fifth session of the UN Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. [Transferred] (146945)
- Chris Grayling (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proposals his Department will
 be making for the proposed High Seas Biodiversity Treaty; and if she will make a
 statement.

 [Transferred] (146818)
- Henry Smith (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to agree a global high seas treaty that includes a legally-binding mechanism for the designation of marine protected areas on the high seas before the fifth session of the UN Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.

 [Transferred] (146884)
- Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking
 steps to agree a global high seas treaty that includes a legally-binding mechanism
 for the designation of marine protected areas on the high seas before the fifth
 session of the UN Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas
 Beyond National Jurisdiction.

 [Transferred] (147232)
- Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps
 with international counterparts to agree a global high seas treaty before the fifth
 session of the UN Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas
 Beyond National Jurisdiction.

 [Transferred] (147233)
- Tim Loughton (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make a comparative assessment of the level of support her Department provides to Ukrainian people coming to the UK under the (a) Ukraine Family Scheme and (b) Homes for Ukraine scheme. [Transferred] (146750)

- Julian Sturdy (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to help reunite family members who have come to the UK under the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme.

 [Transferred] (146950)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of voter ID measures on the levels of voter ID fraud in Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (146968)
- Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of changing the VAT on public charging of electrical vehicles so that it is equal to the VAT on home charging.

 [Transferred] (147430)
- 29 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, where the manufacture of spirits ranked under the Energy and Trade Intensive Industries scheme criteria. [Transferred] (147108)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, where the manufacture of cider ranked under the Energy and Trade Intensive Industries scheme.

 [Transferred] (147109)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, where the manufacture of beer ranked under the Energy and Trade Intensive Industries scheme criteria.

 [Transferred] (147110)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, where the manufacture of wine ranked under the Energy and Trade Intensive Industries scheme criteria.

 [Transferred] (147111)
- 33 **Ben Everitt** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will keep the Energy Business Discount Scheme under regular review to ensure it provides (a) support for businesses and (b) medium to long-term certainty on support so that businesses are able to plan ahead. [Transferred] (147143)
- Nick Fletcher (Don Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make a comparative assessment of the equity of the application of the High Income Child Benefit Charge on total family incomes for families where (a) one partner earns above the threshold and the other does not work and (b) two partners each earn below the threshold but whose joint income would be above the threshold if it had been earned by a single person.

 [Transferred] (147070)
- John Penrose (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much he expects the Economic Crime Levy to yield in the current financial year.

 [Transferred] (146856)
- John Penrose (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much and what proportion of the Economic Crime Levy her Department plans to use to tackle money laundering in financial year (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24.

[Transferred] (146857)

- Jonathan Reynolds (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of Post Office banking deposit limits for business customers. [Transferred] (146957)
- Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, how many full-time staff are permanently employed by the Government Equalities

 Office.

 [Transferred] (147167)
- Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will publish the Race Disparity Unit's (a) budget and (b) programme of work for (i) 2021-22 and (ii) 2022-23.

 [Transferred] (147168)
- 40 Anneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will publish the Equality Hub's (a) budget and (b) programme of work for (i) 2021-22 and (ii) 2022-23. [Transferred] (147169)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 February

Questions for Written Answer

- Julian Knight (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to support nuclear test veterans and their families. (148669)
- 2 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Buying Better Foods framework on the participation of SMEs in that sector. (148715)
- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department made an assessment of the potential merits of adding the terms and conditions set out in the Buying Better Foods agreement to existing public sector food frameworks such as TUCO and ESPO. (148716)
- 4 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the creation of a single buyer agreement for public sector food.

 (148717)
- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish an assessment of the potential impact of the creation of single buyer agreement for public sector food on the competitive landscape of the wholesale market, including for SMEs. (148718)
- **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what food and drink wholesale companies were consulted by the Government ahead of the publication of the Buying Better Food Agreement PIN. (148719)

- 7 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Rapid Response Unit was formed; and for what purpose. (148800)
- 8 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much funding has been provided to the Rapid Response Unit in each year since that unit's formation. (148801)
- 9 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Rapid Response Unit has collected information on (a) sitting Members, (b) former Members, (c) political activists and (d) political organisations since the Unit's formation. (148802)
- Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has made an assessment of whether (a) Israeli settlements and (b) other Occupied Palestinian Territories could be excluded from the territorial application of the UK-Israel Free Trade Agreement. (148790)
- 11 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she plans to exclude (a) Israeli settlements and (b) other Occupied Palestinian Territories from the territorial application of the UK-Israel Free Trade Agreement. (148791)
- Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the UK-Israel Free Trade Agreement will (a) be compatible with the UK's international obligations and (b) not apply to Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (148792)
- Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if her Department will make an assessment of the feasibility of excluding (a) Israeli settlements and (b) other Occupied Palestinian Territories from the territorial application of a new UK-Israel Free Trade Agreement. (148858)
- Andrew Lewer (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Retention payments in the construction industry consultation: summary of responses, published in February 2020, what progress he has made on that document's next steps, including on the policy options under consideration. (148772)
- 15N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department plans to provide financial support to the UK battery industry to help that industry compete with international competitors, including those in the US.

 [Transferred] (147170)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the latest release of data entitled EMP17: People in employment on zero hours contracts, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the proportions of (a) 16-24 year olds and (b) 25-34 year olds in work who are on Zero Hour Contracts. (148766)

- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the latest data release entitled EMP17: People in employment on zero hours contracts, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the proportion of university students who are working in jobs with zero hours contracts. (148767)
- 18 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to address levels of young people and students employed on zero hours contracts. (148768)
- 19 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 20 January 2023 to Question 121033 on Trade Promotion, when she will publish the evidence on the Export Support Team's services' performance and satisfaction that the Department is now in the process of collecting. (148619)
- 20 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much core funding her Department plans to provide to Growth Hubs in each remaining year of the Spending Review period (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25.
- 21 Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when she will publish the independent evaluation of the Peer Networks Programme reported in paragraph 111 of the Industrial Development Act 1982: Annual Report 2021 to 2022. (148621)
- Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what has been the total expenditure on the Help To Grow: Digital scheme in financial years (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23. (148622)
- 23 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many businesses made use of the Help To Grow: Digital scheme during its lifespan. (148623)
- Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 2 February 2023 to Question 1034004 on Trade Promotion, when she will publish the findings of the Export Client Survey for financial years (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (148624)
- Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many small and medium-sized businesses made use of the UK Tradeshow Access Programme in each year of that programme's existence; and what was the cost of that programme in each year. (148625)
- 26 Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the (a) awareness of and (b) satisfaction with the UK Tradeshow Programme among small and medium-sized enterprises. (148626)

- Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to progress (a) economic development and (b) trade initiatives at the Uttar Pradesh Global Investors' Summit 2023. (148823)
- 28 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had recent discussions with supermarkets on taking steps to install doors on their chillers. (148825)
- 29 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had recent discussions with (a) Royal Mail and (b) Ofcom on Royal Mail's review of customer service points. (148644)
- 30 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had discussions with (a) colleagues in the Department for Work and Pensions and (b) negotiators on the UK-Canada Free Trade Deal on any clauses that would end the freeze on State Pension payments to UK pensioners residing in Canada. (148851)
- 31 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what grants and programmes exist to help video games studios export their games. (148839)
- 32 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what grants and incentive schemes exist to help video games studios start-up and grow their businesses. (148840)
- Julian Knight (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to ensure (a) the preservation of national treasures and (b) that a greater proportion of those treasures are placed on public display.

 (148664)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a statutory youth service; and if she will take steps to establish that service. (148705)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on joint (a) working and (b) funding for youth services to help tackle young people being caught up in crime. (148706)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what mechanisms her Department uses to assess the economic benefits that creative and cultural activities may contribute to an area; and what steps her Department takes to support local authorities in developing and delivering creative and cultural strategies. (148730)
- 37 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department take steps to help ensure equality of access to the creative and cultural assets of a location, including from people from lower socioeconomic groups. (148731)

- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Home Secretary on the potential of the creative and cultural sector in playing a role in diverting young people away from crime.

 (148732)
- 39 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of flying the Pitcairn Island flag in Parliament Square on Bounty Day. (148579)
- 40 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what proportion of male footballers playing in the Premier League hold foreign passports. (148692)
- 41 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what proportion of football managers and coaches in the Premier League hold foreign passports. (148693)
- 42 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many representatives from the care sector her Department engaged with ahead of the publication of the UK Government's response to the independent review of children's care. (148598)
- 43 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of care sector representatives with which her Department consulted before publishing the response to the independent review of children's social care said that care experience should become a protected characteristic. (148681)
- Chris Law (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 196 of her Department's consultation entitled Stable Homes, Built on Love: Implementation Strategy and Consultation published in February 2023, what recent discussions she has had with representatives from the care sector on the potential merits of listing care experience as a protected characteristic. (148682)
- 45 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her plans are for the operation of the new New Mental Health Support Teams; and whether she has set a provisional date for (a) all pupils having access to those teams at their school, (b) publication of an independent evaluation of the effectiveness of those teams and (c) those teams being put on a statutory footing.

 (148850)
- 46 Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of statutory educational assessments on the mental heath of children undertaking those assessments in (a) primary and (b) secondary education. (148597)

- 47 Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to use the conservation education expertise of (a) Chester Zoo and (b) other zoos on the implementation of the Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy. (148770)
- 48 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans she has to embed conservation and biodiversity issues within the school curriculum. (148771)
- 49N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education if he will take steps to (a) increase the national minimum allowances for children in foster care and (b) provide funding for the full costs of fostering placements in the next Budget.

 [Transferred] (147320)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the potential reductions to university mathematics departments including Birkbeck University on the UK's status in science and technology. (148525)
- Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 7 February to Question 135464 on Special Educational Needs: Hearing Impairment, for what reason the School Workforce Census not collect data on the numbers of teachers of the deaf employed by schools and local authorities; and if she will make it her policy to collect this information. (148820)
- 52 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to track the number of Pupil Premium pupils taking part in the National Tutoring Programme in this academic year. (148847)
- 53 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the impact on levels of participation in the National Tutoring Programme of changes in the subsidy rate in academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23. (148848)
- 54 **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the nutritional value of meals served in schools. (148811)
- Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to (a) recruit and (b) retain more SEND specialist teachers for state-funded schools in England. (148703)
- Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussion she has had with school leaders on the the oversubscription of children with special educational needs and disabilities in state-funded schools.

 (148704)
- 57 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teachers retired from (a) primary and (b) schools in Warwick and Leamington constituency in (i) 2012 and (ii) 2022. (148691)

- 58 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what grants and schemes exist to help video games developers train their staff.

 (148838)
- 59 Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to alleviate the impacts of the rising cost of fuel on low income households. (148720)
- Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the rising cost of fuel on students in the UK. (148721)
- Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the cost of living on ethnic minorities in the UK. (148722)
- 62 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what energy support will be available for heat network customers when the existing schemes come to an end in March 2023. (148735)
- 63 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to announce details of the energy support for heat network customers which will replace existing schemes at the end of March 2023.

 (148736)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the cost to the taxpayer of hydrogen village trials. (148764)
- Alex Norris (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make a comparative assessment of the potential merits of providing payments through the Energy Bills Support Scheme (a) after and (b) before the application of VAT. (148779)
- 66 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support hospices with the cost of energy.

 (148737)
- 67 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he has taken to facilitate meetings with the net zero local forum. (148827)
- 68 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make the local net zero forum a statutory body.

 (148828)
- 69 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy
 Security and Net Zero, what steps he has taken to ensure the net zero strategy
 aligns with the air quality strategy. (148829)

- 70 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing statutory provisions on local area energy planning. (148830)
- 71 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to accelerate home insulation measures ahead of winter 2023-24. (148831)
- 72 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made on the role of local government in achieving the Government's net zero target. (148832)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of (a) local and (b) central government frameworks for achieving the Government's net zero targets.

 (148833)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the recommendations in the Independent Review of Net Zero, published on 13 January 2023, on the provisions in the Energy Bill. (148834)
- 75 Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions he has had with energy providers on unclaimed energy rebate vouchers for consumers on prepayment meters.

 (148702)
- Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has had discussions with the Chancellor of
 the Exchequer on the potential merits of offering (a) financial incentives and (b)
 introducing a tax to encourage the use of biomass plastic; and if she will make a
 statement.

 (148672)
- 77 Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of the wider adoption of biomass plastics to reduce plastic waste; and if she will make a statement. (148673)
- Caroline Ansell (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits
 of running a publicity campaign to raise awareness of biomass plastics as an
 alternative to regular plastics; and if she will make a statement. (148674)
- 79N Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the total budget is for Thames Estuary 2100, including the Thames Estuary Asset Management 2100 (TEAM 2100) Programme, as of 14 February 2023; and what funds have been allocated for that purpose in the next three financial years.

 [Transferred] (147272)

- 80N Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the total budget is for Humber 2100+ as of 14 February 2023; and what funds his Department has allocated for that purpose in each of the next three years.

 [Transferred] (147275)
- 81 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of promoting charitable help and information to reduce pet abandonment in the context of the cost-of-living crisis. (148656)
- 82 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits for the environment of a ban on disposable e-vapes. (148787)
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the environmental impacts of disposable e-vapes. (148788)
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the Waste prevention programme for England 2021. (148852)
- 85 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when she last had discussions with the Chair of the Office for Environmental Protection. (148853)
- Kate Osamor (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether any organisations completed air quality modelling to help inform the air quality targets in the Environmental Improvement Plan 2023, published on 31 January 2023. (148648)
- 87 Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking with the Health and Safety Executive to reduce (a) farm deaths and (b) farm-related work accidents. (148565)
- 88 **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress her Department has made on ensuring all dogs are microchipped. (148812)
- 89 **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress her Department has made on introducing compulsory cat microchipping. (148813)
- 90 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the resumed fifth session of the intergovernmental conference on marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, if the Government will support enabling the Conference of Parties of any high seas treaty to create marine protected areas. (148849)

- 91 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of fresh water depletion from England's aquifers (a) in 2022 and (b) the last ten years.

 (148689)
- 92 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what information his Department holds on the average cost of parish council by-elections; and if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of information provided to parish councils about the cost of such by-elections. (148587)
- Julian Knight (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of encouraging planning developers to include swift bricks in new housing developments. (148658)
- 94 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of Community Safety Partnerships. (148707)
- 95 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department takes to support local authorities to develop and deliver local economic plans. (148733)
- 96 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will ensure that the devolution plan for York and North Yorkshire provides facility to develop an economic plan for the region. (148734)
- 97 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether any money that was once held by his Department in the Levelling Up Fund has been handed back to the Treasury. (148763)
- 98 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he plans to reply to correspondence of 19 October 2022 from the Rt hon. Member for Hemel Hempstead on significant rent increases on Shared Ownership Properties due to the rise in inflation rates, case reference MP77691IU. (148580)
- 99 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will publish his plans for extending or replacing the Homes for Ukraine scheme; and what additional support he is providing to local authorities and housing associations to help house Ukrainian refugees. (148564)
- 100 Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent discussion he has had with local authorities on unclaimed energy rebate vouchers for consumers on prepayment meters. (148701)

- 101 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what data his Department holds on the number of UK domestic residential properties owned by individual foreign nationals in (a) 2010 and (b) 2022; and what estimate his Department has made of the total value of that property in those years. (148700)
- 102 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what data his Department holds on the number of UK domestic residential properties owned by individual foreign registered businesses in (a) 2010 and (b) 2022; and what estimate his Department has made of the total value of that property in those years. (148836)
- 103 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department is taking steps to fully associate the UK to Horizon Europe. (148860)
- 104 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the UK becoming fully associated to Horizon Europe on universities in the UK.

 (148861)
- 105 Layla Moran (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an estimate of the number of researchers who have left UK universities due to the delays to the UK's association to Horizon Europe. (148863)
- 106 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will take steps to require that statutory disclosures under articles 13 and 14 of the General Data Protection Regulation be presented in a standard format that (a) identifies (i) all the personal data categories processed for each purpose and (ii) the lawful basis for each purpose and (b) itemises the rights available to data subjects in each case. (148552)
- 107 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring the Information Commissioner's Office to (a) maintain a (i) central and (ii) publicly accessible repository of privacy notices providing the required Articles 13 and 14 information in the standard format and (b) challenge organisations where the information provided does not fully and clearly inform data subjects.
- 108 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the cost to the public purse of spending on external consultants by (a) the UK Space Agency and (b) Building Digital UK was in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021 and (iii) 2022; and whether any of that spending related to the preparation of funding bids to (A) her predecessor Departments and (B) HM Treasury.

- **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what programmes and grants exist to support innovation in UK games studios. (148841)
- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reasons local authorities are unable to receive a multi-year funding settlement for Active Travel Fund 4; and if he will make a statement. (148643)
- **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce the number of untaxed vehicles. (148659)
- **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate his Department made of the number and proportion of vehicles that were untaxed in the last two years. (148660)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Government's commitment to improve transport infrastructure in the East Midlands, if he will take steps to ensure that improvements to the A5 in (a) Leicestershire and (b) Bosworth constituency are included in those works. (148793)
- **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating wetlands close to the route of the proposed HS2 line between London and Birmingham. (148655)
- **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department has taken to assess the best species of trees to plant near the proposed HS2 line between London and Solihull. (148657)
- **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that people can travel affordably on bus services.

 (148665)
- **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether seafarers working on ferry services between ports in the south of England and ports in (a) Jersey and (b) Guernsey will be eligible for protections under the policy entitled Nine-point plan for seafarers our commitments to protect seafarers, published 6 July 2022. (148635)
- **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average processing time was for a pension credit application that (a) did and (b) did not require a habitual residence test from application to payment in the latest period for which data is available. (148650)
- 119 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, on how many occasions during in year 2021-22 were points award recommended in the assessor's report for a Personal Independence Payment clearance identical to the points award in the initial decision. (148744)

- 120 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, on how many occasions in 2021-22 was the points award recommended in the assessor's report for a Personal Independence Payment clearance identical to the points award in the initial decision. (148745)
- 121 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, on how many occasions in 2021-22 was the points award recommended in the assessor's report for a Universal Credit Work Capability Assessment clearance identical to the points award in the initial decision. (148746)
- 122 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, on how many occasions in the 2021-22 was the points award after Mandatory Reconsideration for a Universal Credit Work Capability Assessment identical to the points award in the initial decision. (148747)
- 123 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Personal Independence Payment claims assessed (a) face-to-face, (b) on paper, (c) by telephone and (d) by video call led to an award in 2021-22. (148748)
- 124 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of Universal Credit Work Capability Assessments conducted (a) face-to-face, (b) on paper, (c) by telephone and (d) by video call led to a decision that the claimant had Limited Capability for Work-Related Activity in the year 2021-22.
- Julian Knight (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to promote age-inclusive working practices. (148671)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Retained EU Law Bill, whether he plans to (a) retain and (b) replace the Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981 (S.I.1981/917); and what plans his Department has to discuss those Regulations with industry.
- 127 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Retained EU Law Bill, whether he plans to (a) retain and (b) replace the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals)
 Regulations 1996 (S.I.1996/341); and what plans his Department has to discuss those Regulations with industry. (148652)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Retained EU Law Bill, whether he plans to (a) retain and (b) replace the Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (S.I.1999/3242)); and what plans his Department has to discuss those Regulations with industry.

- 129 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Retained EU Law Bill, whether he plans to (a) retain and (b) replace the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 (S.I.1992/2966); and what plans his Department has to discuss those Regulations with industry. (148654)
- 130 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy to allow the families of young apprentices to continue to access (a) child benefit, (b) child tax credits and (c) child support allowance for at least the first year of their apprenticeship. (148784)
- 131 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of claimants for Personal Independence Payments were initially turned down and were successful on appeal in Warwick and Leamington constituency in the latest period for which data is available. (148690)
- 132 **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average cost was for a (a) new hospital, (b) hospital upgrade, (c) MRI machine, (d) CT scanner and (e) GP appointment in the latest period for which data is available. (148780)
- 133 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what is the average waiting time for diagnosis for someone who has been referred with suspected ADHD in by England. (148535)
- 134 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of a national mental health emergency helpline which is separate from the NHS 111 service. [R] (148835)
- 135 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has engaged with disabled people on the cost of running medical equipment in the home. (148843)
- Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 15 February 2023 to Question 141370 on Protective Clothing, what the evidential basis is for the pathogen and disease-specific guidance produced by the UK Health Security Agency; and what the local risk assessment procedure is. (148551)
- 137 **Mary Glindon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Written Statement of 24 January on Government Action on Major Conditions and Diseases, HCWS514, how the Major Conditions Strategy will tackle waiting times for cancer (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment. (148606)

- 138 Mary Glindon (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Written Statement of 24 January on Government Action on Major Conditions and Diseases, HCWS514, what engagement his Department plans to have with the relevant cancer-related stakeholders on the Major Conditions Strategy. (148607)
- 139 Mary Glindon (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the recommendations of the UK National Screening Committee, if he will set a timeline for implementing a targeted lung screening programme.

 (148608)
- 140 Mary Glindon (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to increase NHS staff's access to protected time for research. (148609)
- 141 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle the backlog of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder assessments. (148729)
- 142 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the effectiveness of the autumn covid-19 booster vaccination programme. (148663)
- 143 **Danny Kruger** (Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason children who turned five before 1 September 2022 remain eligible for a primary course covid-19 vaccination, in the context of the risk of severe covid-19 symptoms in this age group. (148773)
- 144 Danny Kruger (Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the independent report entitled JCVI statement on the COVID-19 vaccination programme for 2023, updated on 27 January 2023, on what evidential basis the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation has proposed including children over the age of (a) 12 who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression and (b) 16 who are carers in the targeted primary course covid-19 vaccination programme in 2023, in the context of the effectiveness of the vaccine in preventing transmission.
- 145 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when negotiations on a new Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access will begin and finish; what opportunities for input will be provided to (a) civil society organisations and (b) other stakeholders; and if he will make a statement.
- 146 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to remove barriers to attending breast cancer screening. (148769)

- 147 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of delayed discharge on patients deconditioning; and what steps he is taking to ensure that patients functional skills continue to advance while waiting for discharge. (148749)
- 148 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much it costs the NHS per day to maintain a patient ready for discharge in an acute clinical setting. (148751)
- 149 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential benefits of increasing funding for community provision of rehabilitative and social care. (148752)
- 150 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make a comparative assessment of the potential benefits of providing discharge funding for people with a delayed discharge to the (a) acute, (b) primary and (c) social care sector. (148753)
- 151 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential benefits of making local authorities responsible for managing delayed discharge. (148754)
- 152 Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will offer financial support to local authorities to help social care providers increase the mileage allowance paid to care workers. (148814)
- 153 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ensure every GP in England is able to offer an earwax removal service as a routine procedure. (148855)
- 154 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which NHS ambulance trusts in England operate video systems in their vehicles.

 (148556)
- Sir Mike Penning (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Departments hold on which NHS ambulance trusts in England discontinued use of vehicle video systems. (148557)
- 156 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the start and proposed end dates are of the obligations incurred by the West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust under the agreements with Watford Borough Council and the property company Kier signed in June 2013 in relation to the Watford Health Campus Partnership LLP. (148560)
- 157 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the financial and other obligations incurred by the West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust are as a result of the agreements with Watford Borough Council and the property company Kier signed in June 2013 in relation to the Watford Health Campus Partnership LLP. (148561)

- 158 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on potential benefits and costs (a) realised and (b) expected to be realised by the West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust as a result of the agreements with Watford Borough Council and the property company Kier signed in June 2013 in relation to the Watford Health Campus Partnership LLP. (148562)
- 159 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on agreements in place under which the West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is liable to pay for land that it is planning to acquire from Watford Borough Council in relation to the Trust's acute redevelopment scheme. (148563)
- 160 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve access to adult social care in (a) Romford constituency, (b) the London Borough of Havering and (c) the UK. (148537)
- 161 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the availability of mental health services in areas under the North East London Clinical Commissioning Group. (148538)
- 162 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people are registered with NHS dentists in Romford constituency.

 (148539)
- 163 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what is the average waiting time for dental appointments in the London Borough of Havering. (148540)
- 164 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many successful applications for healthcare were approved under the S2 funding route in 2022. (148541)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what is the average waiting time for elective surgery in the UK. (148542)
- 166 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the answer of 27 June 2022 to Question 25762 on NHS Covid Pass, whether the NHS COVID Pass Programme has now been closed. (148543)
- Dean Russell (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the diagnosis of (a) lung, (b) pancreatic, (c) liver, (d) stomach, (e) brain, (f) oesophageal and (g) other less survivable cancers.

 (148807)
- Dean Russell (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to decrease waiting times for diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. (148808)

- **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the average length of time for urgent cancer referrals in (a) Watford constituency and (b) England. (148809)
- **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help increase the level of early cancer diagnosis. (148810)
- 171 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the effect of the updates to the NICE manual on patients' access to medicines in the Cancer Drugs Fund, including medicines coming to the end of their existing managed access arrangements, on patients access to innovate cancer treatments. (148582)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether it his Department's policy to reduce the use of oral corticosteroids as a maintenance treatment for asthma in the context of the Major Conditions Strategy's focus on chronic respiratory diseases. (148583)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Major Conditions Strategy will include targets for the uptake of innovative treatments such as biologics in the context of the chronic respiratory diseases.
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the guidance from the NHS Accelerated Access Collaborative, whether his Department is taking steps to minimise the use of Oral Corticosteroids as a maintenance treatment for asthma patients. (148585)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will include a commitment in the Major Conditions Strategy to eliminating potential health inequalities based on social deprivation for people with asthma and COPD, in the context of potential higher mortality rates from those conditions and any potential differences in access to treatments. (148586)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase awareness of defibrillator (a) access and (b) use. (148631)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase access to defibrillators.

 (148632)
- 178 Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department has spent on research into arthritis treatment in each of the last five years. (148679)
- **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much his Department intends to spend on research into arthritis treatment in each of the next five years. (148680)

- 180 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) iPhone 12, (b) iPhone 13 and (c) iPhone 14 devices were purchased for use by staff in his core Department in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021 and (iii) 2022.
- 181 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate his Department has made of the number of non-UK passport holders employed in social care in the UK in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022. (148696)
- 182 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average stay in hospital was for patients undergoing elective knee surgery in England in (a) 2010 and (b) the year for which the latest data are available. (148697)
- 183 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many GPs were registered and practising full time in Warwick and Leamington constituency in (a) May 2010 and (b) February 2023. (148698)
- 184 Matt Western (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many GPs in Warwick and Leamington constituency retired from their practices in (a) 2012 and (b) 2022. (148699)
- 185 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Children's Hospice Grant will be renewed beyond financial 2023-24. (148782)
- 186NMr Gregory Campbell (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 23 November 2022 to Question 90759 on Trader Support Service, what was the total cost to the public purse of (a) Trader Support Services operations and (b) other costs associated with implementing the Northern Ireland protocol, between August 2020 and February 2023.

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- 187 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Pakistani counterpart on the security situation for Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan. (148786)
- 188 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) recent steps and (b) funding his Department has provided to ensure that children across the world have access to education. (148668)
- 189 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps
 to help improve the (a) transparency and (b) reporting of international climate
 finance.

 (148589)

- 190 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent progress his Department
 has made on spending £11.6 billion of international climate finance between the
 2021-22 and 2025-26 financial years. (148590)
- 191 Chris Law (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much funding his Department
 will provide for (a) mitigation, (b) adaptation and (c) other international climate
 finance in each of the next three financial years. (148591)
- 192 Chris Law (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what proportion of
 the £11.6 billion of international climate finance his Department will distribute
 between the 2021-22 and 2025-26 financial years was distributed in the 2021-22
 financial year. (148592)
- 193 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much and what proportion of
 the £11.6 billion International Climate Finance commitment was distributed in
 financial year 2022-23. (148593)
- 194 Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much the Government has

 committed to spend to support victims of the Kahramanmaras earthquake. (148817)
- 195 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the long term effect of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria on the economy of that region; and what steps his Department is taking to help support that economy. (148862)
- 196 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the recent protests in Peru. (148554)
- 197 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the government of Peru on the use of force during recent protests in Peru. (148555)
- 198 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, To ask the Secretary of State for
 Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made
 of the consequences for his policies of the imprisonment of Hassan al-Maliki and
 Salman al-Oudah. (148633)

- 199 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many photographers were employed by his Department to work with the Rt hon. Member for South West Norfolk when she was Secretary of State; and what the cost to the public purse was of employing those photographers. (148687)
- 200 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, when her Department plans to respond to the correspondence of
 17 January 2023 sent to the urgent queries inbox from the hon. Member for
 Liverpool Walton on Vladislav Popov. (148844)
- 201 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to reinstate the multi agency assurance panels overseeing the work of the national referral mechanism for victims of modern slavery; and if she will make a statement. (148612)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of potential sources of Covid-19 disinformation. (148645)
- 203 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of visible (a) city centre police and (b) neighbourhood police on (i) levels of crime and (ii) community feelings of safety.

 (148711)
- 204 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up Secretary, Housing and Communities on coordinating neighbourhood and city centre policing strategies. (148712)
- 205 Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, how many asylum seekers are housed in (a) Stockport borough and
 (b) Stockport constituency. (148821)
- 206 Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, how many asylum seekers under the age of 18 in hotel
 accommodation have been reported missing in Stockport (a) borough and (b)
 constituency in the last two years.

 (148822)
- 207 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2023 to Question 141461 on Grenfell Tower: Fires, whether (a) she or (b) her officials have held meetings with the London Fire Commissioner since January 2020. (148647)
- John Penrose (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's review of Tier 1 (Investor) visas, what assessment she has made of the level of potential risk of (a) money-launderers and (b) other corrupt people attempting to use alternative visa routes; and what steps her Department is taking to prevent this. (148577)

- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the Research, Information and Communication Unit was formed; and for what purpose. (148797)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding her Department has provided to the Research, Information and Communication Unit in each year since it was formed. (148798)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the report by Big Brother Watch entitled Ministry of Truth: The Secretive Government Units Spying On Your Speech, published in January 2023. (148799)
- **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many fatal instances of knife crime occurred in Romford constituency in each year since 2019. (148544)
- 213 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, how many instances of knife crime recorded in the UK were linked
 to terrorism in each year since 2019. (148578)
- 214 Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what percentage of graduate visa applications took longer to process than the service standard in each quarter from the start of January 2021 to the end of December 2022. (148574)
- **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of non-UK passport holder seasonal workers employed in fruit picking in the UK in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022. (148694)
- **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the number of non-UK passport holders employed in hospitality in the UK in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022. (148695)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, pursuant to the Answer of 30th January 2023 to Question 129887 on Parliamentary Estate: Air Conditioning, what the average yearly energy cost associated with running (a) air filtration and (b) conditioning systems on the Parliamentary Estate was in the last 3 years.
- **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 25 January 2023 to Question 125224 on Armed Forces: Homosexuality, whether his Department is aware of earlier destruction of relevant records. (148521)
- **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to improve military satellite communication systems. (148670)

- 220 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the 77th Brigade was formed and for what purpose. (148803)
- 221 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding the British Army's 77th Brigade has received in each year since its formation. (148804)
- Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether British Army's 77th Brigade has collected information on (a) sitting Members, (b) former Members, (c) political activists and (d) political organisations since the Unit's formation. (148805)
- Julian Knight (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his

 Department is taking to reduce Crown Court backlogs in Solihull constituency. (148666)
- 224 Julian Knight (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure Parole Board panellists have policing backgrounds. (148667)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 8th February 2023 to Question 133625 on the Employment Tribunals Service, what steps the Department is taking to reduce the average waiting time for a first hearing.

 (148757)
- 226 Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what was the average length of time for a claimant taking a claim for unfair dismissal from beginning to end through employment tribunal in 2022. (148758)
- 227 Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what was the average time between a claimant receiving their employment tribunal claim and the completion of their hearings each year from 2010 to 2022. (148759)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what was the average length of time for a claimant taking a claim for discrimination from beginning to end through employment tribunal in each of the last three years for which figures are available. (148760)
- 229 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding for the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of this level of funding on its UN A status accreditation. (148864)
- Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether
 National Insurance incentives for employers will be included in his Spring Budget
 2023. (148789)

- 231NKim Leadbeater (Batley and Spen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish (a) a list of the (i) energy intensity and (ii) trade intensity percentiles of each sector within the list of sectors eligible for the Energy and Trade Intensive Industries scheme and (b) the percentile figures for (i) swimming pools and (ii) leisure centres which his Department has calculated. [Transferred] (147292)
- 232 Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if his
 Department will make an assessment of the potential benefits of targeted energy
 support for families that (a) run lifesaving medical equipment and (b) have other
 extra energy costs due to disability and care needs. (148819)
- 233NJess Phillips (Birmingham, Yardley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will undertake a review of the Standard Industrial Classification codes that will be eligible for the Energy Bills Discount Scheme; and if he will take steps to include codes (a) 31020 for kitchen manufacturers and (b) 31090 for bathroom manufacturers in that scheme.

 [Transferred] (146995)
- 234 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many photographers were employed by the Treasury to accompany the Prime Minister while he was in post as Chancellor of the Exchequer; and what was the cost of their salary to his Department. (148688)
- 235 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the Answer of 29 June 2021 to Question 20434 on Birth Certificates: LGBT+ People, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of allowing people born before 2009 to retrospectively amend their birth certificates to include both parents who are of the same sex. (148649)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he has taken to appoint an anti-corruption champion; and when an anti-corruption champion will be appointed. (148846)
- 2N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) his Department and (b) its agencies utilise Chinese-manufactured CCTV systems. (148740)
- 3N **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the creation of a single buyer agreement for public sector food.

(148613)

- 4N **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish an impact assessment setting on the potential impact of the creation of single buyer agreement for public sector on the competitive landscape of the wholesale market for SMEs. (148614)
- 5N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, Whether she has made an assessment of the potential effectiveness of a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism in ensuring that imported steel face similar carbon taxes as UK steelmakers. (148601)
- 6N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, What assessment she has made of the impact on the UK steel industry of the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. (148602)
- 7N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, What steps she is taking to increase the availability of low-residual steel scrap for the UK steel industry. (148603)
- 8N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans she has to incentivise the use of scrap steel. (148604)
- 9N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she plans to increase funding for steel scrap sorting techniques to improve processing, identification, separation and supply of low-residual scrap. (148605)
- 10N Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much her Department spent on recruitment consultants in each of the last three years. (148859)
- 11N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when the next National Minimum Wage Naming Scheme list for companies failing to pay National Minimum Wage will be published. (148765)
- 12N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate he has made of the value of the plant-based food market to the UK; and whether his Department has made an estimate of the potential for future growth of that market. (148576)
- 13N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2023 to Question 113307 on Help to Grow Schemes, what the total business uptake was for Help to Grow:

 Digital when the scheme closed. (148615)
- 14N Jonathan Reynolds (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2023 to Question 113305 on Help to Grow Schemes: Costs, how much funding her Department provided for (a) setting up, (b) administration and (c) redemption of vouchers for Help to Grow: Digital between 1 March 2022 and 2 February 2023.

- 15N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the cost to the public purse of spending on external consultants by (a) Companies House, (b) the Insolvency Service, (c) the Intellectual Property Office and (d) the Met Office was in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021, and (iii) 2022; and whether any of that spending related to the preparation of funding bids to (A) her predecessor Departments and (B) HM Treasury.
- 16N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding her Department provided to the Counter Disinformation Unit in each year since that Unit's formation. (148794)
- 17N Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the report by Big Brother Watch entitled Ministry of Truth: The Secretive Government Units Spying On Your Speech, published in January 2023. (148795)
- 18N Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the Counter Disinformation Unit has collected information on (a) sitting Members, (b) former Members, (c) political activists and (d) political organisations since the Unit's formation. (148796)
- 19N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of barriers to disabled children accessing free school meals. (148845)
- 20N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of schools have not received a graded inspection judgement above three by Ofsted since 2010. (148581)
- 21N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) iPhone 12, (b) iPhone 13 and (c) iPhone 14 devices were purchased for use by staff in her core Department in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021 and (iii) 2022. (148570)
- 22N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the report of the Sport and Recreational Alliance on the Social value of movement and dance, published in February 2023; and if she will take steps to raise awareness of the report among schools. (148558)
- 23N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had recent discussions with energy companies on taking steps to ensure that non-direct debit customers receive alternative fuel payments directly to their bank accounts. (148611)

- 24N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of directing the Distribution Network Operators and Independent Distribution Network Operators to bury new transmission infrastructure along existing road and rail corridors instead of overhead pylons. (148630)
- 25N **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether financial support will be made available for users of communal heat networks from April 2023; and if he will make a statement.

 (148524)
- 26N **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to provide energy bill support for communal heat network users on a parity basis with any further support provided to domestic gas users. (148529)
- 27N **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to provide a £200 one-off payment to users of communal heat networks. (148530)
- 28N **Ms Harriet Harman** (Camberwell and Peckham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has estimated the average annual savings to users of the Heat Network Efficiency Scheme (HNES); and when he expects users of HNES providers will receive a reduction in their bills. (148531)
- 29N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 12 January 2023 to Question 118843, when he plans to announce further details on the scope and membership of the Energy Efficiency Taskforce; and whether the taskforce has met as of 20 February 2023.

 (148572)
- 30N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to add hospices to the list of Energy and Trade Intensive Industries eligible for increased support under the Energy Bills Discount Scheme.
- 31N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if her Department will publish (a) details of the biosecurity controls which the Government implements on high-risk imports, and (b) a list of the goods to which these controls apply. (148636)
- 32N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if the Government will take steps to conclude a legally-binding mechanism for the designation of Marine Protected Areas on the high seas as part of a global high seas treaty ahead of the upcoming fifth session of the intergovernmental conference on marine biodiversity. (148559)

- 33N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an assessment of the economic impact of crustacean die-offs in the North East on (a) businesses and (b) the fishing industry in that region. (148661)
- 34N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will publish the number of fishing business in the North East that have ceased trading since October 2021. (148675)
- 35N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will publish a yearly breakdown of the number of fishers operating in the North East in each year since 2010. (148676)
- 36N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will publish a yearly breakdown of number of fishers working in the North East in each year since 2010. (148677)
- 37N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many Event Duration Monitors have been installed on storm overflows in each year since 2010; and how many of those monitors have been installed on storm overflows that stopped working in each year since 2010. (148678)
- 38N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment,
 Food and Rural Affairs, if her Department will make an estimate of the amount
 invested in maintenance work by United Utilities in the water network in the
 North West in each of the last two financial years. (148818)
- 39N Hilary Benn (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, which body (a) oversees the work of housing co-operatives in England and (b) deals with complaints on housing co-operatives. (148534)
- 40N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make it his policy to establish a guarantor scheme to help support Ukrainian citizens leaving the Homes for Ukraine scheme into private rental accommodation. (148806)
- 41N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what additional support has been provided to local authorities where asylum seekers, unaccompanied children and families have been moved into hotels in the local authority's area by the Home Office. (148617)
- 42N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the impact of inflation on local authority budgets for (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24; and if he will make an estimate of what the impact of inflation on 2023-24 budgets equates to as a proportion of local authority core spending power as set out in the provisional local government finance settlement for 2023-24 in the Written Statement of 19 December 2022, HCWS 469.

- 43N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how much of the money allocated to, and by, his Department under (i) round one and (ii) round two of the Levelling Up Fund has been spent. (148761)
- 44N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how much money remains in the Levelling Up Fund within the Department. (148762)
- 45N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of British Geographical Society's report entitled Deep-sea mining evidence review MineralsUK, published in October 2022. (148550)
- 46N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what support her Department provides to innovative plant-based businesses, including financial support for research and development. (148575)
- 47N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 14 of the Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands published on 18 November 2021, what estimate his Department has made of how many services per day from London to (a) York and Darlington will achieve journey savings of 15 minutes, (b) the North East and Edinburgh will achieve journey savings of 25 minutes and (c) Leeds will achieve journey savings of 20 minutes.
- 48N Lucy Powell (Manchester Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many train services serving Manchester Piccadilly station were p-coded in each of the last 24 months.

 (148588)
- 49N Lucy Powell (Manchester Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much his Department spent on taxis in each week of 2022. (148865)
- 50N Karl Turner (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress he has made on bilateral agreements on seafarer welfare and employment conditions with (a) France, (b) the Republic of Ireland, (c) the Netherlands, (d) Belgium, (e) Spain, (f) Denmark and (g) Norway. (148634)
- 51N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason an eligible person who is not the named bill payer is unable to access the warm home discount scheme payment for winter 2022-23. (148776)
- 52N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason carers allowance for unpaid carers is treated as an income for benefits purposes. (148777)
- 53N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when his Department plans to publish updated estimates of Pension Credit take-up. (148594)

- 54N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to introduce alternative support with the cost of living for people on low incomes who are not eligible for the cost-of-living payment as a result of fluctuating income. (148662)
- 55N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy to lift the stay of decisions on Universal Credit claims by EU citizens with pre-settled status who notify his Department that they are not able to meet their basic needs as a result of that stay. (148526)
- 56N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment the Government has made of the potential impact of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill on the (a) ban on the use of asbestos in the UK and (b) Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. (148528)
- 57N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the (a) total amount and (b) breakdown of how much NHS

 Trusts have spent on private ambulance services in each year since 2010. (148785)
- 58N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of a long term strategy for cancer to improve cancer outcomes in England. (148642)
- 59N **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 24 November 2022 to Question 92245 on Essential Tremor: Liverpool, if his Department will take steps to provide support to centres wanting to offer MR-Guided Focussed Ultrasound for Essential Tremor. (148610)
- 60N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made a comparative assessment of the efficacy of the ambulance call out response in (a) the hub and spoke model and (b) traditional ambulance station models. (148816)
- 61N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 6 October 2022 to Question 48429 on Nurses:

 Temporary Employment, how much NHS England spent on agency nurses in the 2021-22 financial year. (148683)
- 62N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of, patient scans conducted by NHS England were sent to external teleradiology companies for analysis in each of the last three calendar years; and what the cost to the public purse was of the procurement of those services in each of those years. (148684)
- 63N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to pages 245 and 246 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts for 2021/22, HC1041, what the nature was of the goods already

- manufactured but not yet delivered for which compensation had to be paid by his Department; and what the (a) name and (b) location was of the supplier in question. (148686)
- 64N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of ambulance calls resulted in face-to-face responses in 2022.
- 65N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of ambulance calls resulted in face-to-face responses on the days when ambulance workers took industrial action in December 2022 and January 2023.
- 66N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 February to Question 137747, what brand of wash and dry devices have been installed within his Departmental estate; between what dates did that installation work take place; and how much did it cost.
- 67N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has approved the (a) sale or (b) disposal of any NHS assets at below market value since December 2019. (148842)
- 68N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's Overseas
 Development Aid budget was for Kenya in each of the last 15 years. (148527)
- 69N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether (a) his Department and (b) its agencies utilise Chinese-manufactured CCTV systems. (148738)
- 70N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the charge rate for theft of bicycles in England and Wales was in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022. [Transferred] (147011)
- 71N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 February 2023 to Question 141562 on Visas: Skilled Workers, if he will publish average the processing times for visa applications from (a) outside and (b) inside the UK as of 20 February 2023. (148837)
- 72N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government plans to introduce measures to enable (a) posthumous and (b) expediated granting of a Gender Recognition Certificate. (148854)
- 73N Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much her Department spent on recruitment consultants in each of the last three years. (148857)

- 74N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of IT failures in her Department on the processing times of UKVI applications since 1 August 2022. (148778)
- 75N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to assist people from Afghanistan who (a) formally assisted UK armed forces and (b) have been cleared by the Ministry of Defence as qualifying for the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme to complete the visa process necessary to enter the UK from (i) Afghanistan, (ii) a neighbouring country and (iii) a safe third country. (148520)
- 76N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has published recent guidance for local authorities on best practice for auditing of (a) CCTV and (b) other surveillance technologies; and what steps she is taking with counter-terrorism specialists to ensure there is effective provision of these technologies. (148708)
- 77N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that the police integrate effective surveillance measures into (a) road blocks and (b) other counter-terrorism measures. (148709)
- 78N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, whether she is taking steps to ensure that counter-terrorism
 surveillance helps support other forms of crime prevention. (148710)
- 79N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 8 February to Question 139153, whether it is a notifiable offence for an uninsured or unlicensed driver to cause serious injury by driving. (148568)
- 80N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether (a) her Department and (b) its agencies utilise Chinese-manufactured CCTV systems. (148739)
- 81N **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Leader of the House, if she will update the document entitled List of Ministerial Responsibilities, last published in December 2022. (148646)
- 82N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's announcement of 15 February on the first package of funding through the International Fund for Ukraine, if he will publish details of the equipment package Ukraine is due to receive. (148532)
- 83N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's announcement of 15 February on the first package of funding awarded through the International Fund for Ukraine, how many bids were (a) received from and (b) approved for UK companies. (148545)

- 84N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department plans to resume payments to General Dynamics Land Systems UK as part of the Armoured Cavalry Programme. (148546)
- 85N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when will he publish the Clive Sheldon Ajax Lessons Learned Review. (148547)
- 86N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the report of the investigation into the cause of the recent problems with the propulsion system on the HMS Prince of Wales. (148548)
- 87N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department expects to announce dates for nuclear test veterans to receive the medals and clasps in recognition of their service; and what steps his Department is taking to make available to interested parties the findings of medical tests carried out on participants in the nuclear testing programme. (148519)
- 88N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the Army will have a warfighting division of 10,000 troops. (148533)
- 89N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether (a) his Department and (b) its agencies utilise Chinese-manufactured CCTV systems. (148741)
- 90N Stella Creasy (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether
 (a) the Judicial Pensions (Fee-Paid Judges) Regulations 2017 and (b) the Judicial
 Pensions (Fee-Paid Judges) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 are in scope of Clause
 1 of the Retained EU Law Bill through being made or operated immediately
 before the implementation period completion day, for a purpose mentioned
 in section 2(2)(a) of the European Communities Act (implementation of EU
 obligations etc).

 (148629)
- 91N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of magistrates sitting in (a) family courts, (b) youth courts and (c) adult magistrates courts are women. (148595)
- 92N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the prevalence of barriers to progression to leadership roles for women within the magistracy. (148596)
- 93N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many legal advisors in the magistrates' court are (a) women (b) women from a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background (c) LGBT+ women and (d) women below 40.
- 94N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many presiding justices in the magistrates' court are (a) women, (b) women from a Black, Asian or minority background, (c) LGBT+ women and (d) women below 40.

(148600)

- 95N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when he will respond to the correspondence of 6 September 2022 from the hon. Member for Stockport, reference NM16669. (148824)
- 96N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much public money was spent by his Department on the procurement of places in secure children's homes in calendar year 2022; how many secure children's home beds were available on average each month as a result of that spending; and how many of those beds were in use on average each month in calendar year 2022. (148566)
- 97N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his Department's correspondence to the hon. Member for East Londonderry of 27 September 2021, reference 9099/G/21, when he plans to announce the freeport location in Northern Ireland. (148536)
- 98N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue is collected in income tax through (a) PAYE and (b) self-assessment from people who are registered as (i) male, (ii) female and (iii) any other gender. (148628)
- 99N Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much his Department spent on recruitment consultants in each of the last three years.

 (148856)
- 100NBarbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of not including companies with the SIC codes (a) 90.01, (b) 90.02 and (c) 90.4 in the Energy and Trade Intensive Industries list on the ability of those companies to absorb any additional costs incurred as a consequence of that decision. (148549)
- 101NNavendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his

 Department plans to review the Approved Mileage Payment Allowance that can
 be claimed by volunteer drivers. (148815)
- 102NJames Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 31 October 2022 to Question 72471 on Health and Social Care Levy, what the cost to the public purse has been of the (a) IT, (b) extra support staff and (c) other costs arising from the (i) planned introduction and (ii) reversal of the Health and Social Care Levy; and what estimate he has made of the impact of these changes on the level of National Insurance collected in the 2022-23 financial year.
- 103N**Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential effect of the Electricity Generator Levy on the international competitiveness of the renewables sector.

 (148522)

- 104NDr Alan Whitehead (Southampton, Test): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of implementing an investment allowance for the renewable energy sector within the Electricity Generator Levy. (148523)
- 105N**Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has approved gifts exceeding £300,000 made by (a) Government departments and (b) arms-length bodies through the (i) sale and (ii) lease of public assets at below market value since December 2019. (148783)
- 106NAnneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will publish the Government Equalities Office's (a) budget and (b) programme of work for (i) 2021-22 and (ii) 2022-23. [Transferred] (147163)
- 107NAnneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what her timescale is for the publication of Government Equalities Office annual accounts for (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23. [Transferred] (147164)
- 108NAnneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make an estimate of the number of ministerial hours spent on Government Equalities Office business in 2022. [Transferred] (147165)
- 109NAnneliese Dodds (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the decrease in annual budget of the Government Equalities Office from £47 million in 2014-15 to £18 million in 2019-20 on the outcomes of that Office.

 [Transferred] (147166)

Questions for Answer on Friday 24 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he decided to delay the opening applications of to the Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding to 27 February 2023. (148775)
- 2N Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department will make an assessment of the impact of the increase in cost of food on (a) low income households, (b) students, (c) ethnic minorities and (d) those people earning the national average wage in the UK.
- 3N Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people waiting for visa cost refunds have not yet been reimbursed because of IT issues at UK Visas and Immigration. (148726)

- 4N Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people awaiting visa cost refunds from UK Visas and Immigration are due to be reimbursed (a) £0-£2000, (b) £2001-£5000 and (c) more than £5000.
- 5N Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how long the UK Visas and Immigration system has experienced IT issues affecting the reimbursement of visa costs. (148728)
- 6N Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what support has been made available for those earning the national average wage in response to the cost of living crisis. (148724)

Questions for Answer on Monday 27 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Dr Dan Poulter (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether National Grid has consulted Wattisham Air Base on the East Anglia GREEN project. (148637)
- 2N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether National Grid has consulted with Wattisham Air Base on the potential operational implications for that air base of East Anglia GREEN proposals and how those implication might be mitigated. (148638)
- 3N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether National Grid has consulted his Department on the potential impact of the East Anglia GREEN proposals on operations at Wattisham Air Base. (148639)
- 4N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of making cat abduction a criminal offence in the Kept Animals Bill.
- 5N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on delivery of patient care of the recent cyber incident affecting Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust. (148755)
- 6N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of a review of carer's assessments. (148723)

- 7N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has had discussions with National Grid on the potential impact of the East Anglia GREEN proposals on Wattisham Air Base.

 (148640)
- 8N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the East Anglia GREEN proposals on operations at Wattisham Air Base. (148641)
- 9N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what targeted support his Department is providing to families with a child with a vision impairment. (148685)