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Questions tabled on Friday 10 March 2023

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Questions for Answer on Monday 13 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what her Department's planned timetable is for the publication of the Government's ethnicity pay gap reporting guidance. [Transferred] (161403)
- 2 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the number of firms who have published ethnicity pay gap reporting. [Transferred] (161405)
- 3N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when she plans to reply to the correspondence from the Assistant General Secretary of Unite The Union of 19 January 2023. [Transferred] (161277)
- 4 **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has (a) met or (b) corresponded with the Director of Labour Market Enforcement between 25 January 2023 and 25 October 2022 on the potential introduction of a Single Enforcement Body for Employment Rights. [Transferred] (162188)
- 5 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to reduce the drop out rate of neuro-divergent individuals in apprenticeships. [Transferred] (162175)
- 6 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of when Direct Air Carbon Capture will be in operation. [Transferred] (162314)

- 7 **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much revenue was raised for the Exchequer by the sale of the Vaccines Manufacturing Innovation Centre; and whether those funds will be reinvested into life sciences manufacturing capabilities in the UK. [Transferred] (162211)
- 8 **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will publish the average waiting times, including to assessment and outcome, of the Access to Work programme. [Transferred] (162149)
- 9 **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 10 February 2023 to Question 138357 on Government Consulting Hub, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of Government spend on consultants between (a) May 2020 and May 21, (b) May 2021 and May 2022 and (c) May 2022 to date. [Transferred] (162189)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make it his policy to increase the period of eligibility for Statutory Paternity Leave. (162541)
- 2 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to comments made to the BBC on 7th December 2022 by the former Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Exports), with which individual EU Member States her Department has discussed simplifying customs arrangements since the UK left the EU. (162540)
- 3 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many students were enrolled onto Level 3 courses that are not due to receive funding after 2025 in the (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23 academic year; and how many students studied the T-Level equivalent courses in the same period. (162497)
- 4 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of (a) a ban on installing gas boilers and (b) encouraging developers to install heat pumps in all new homes after 2025. (162520)
- 5 **Samantha Dixon** (City of Chester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to prevent discarding of fishing nets in the sea by vessels landing at ports. (162543)
- 6 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has made an assessment of potential merits of introducing polices for land reform in England to help improve transparency in land ownership. (162536)

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- 7 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to protect the habitat of woodcock birds. (162526)
- 8 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to support apple and pear growers in Somerset. (162527)
- 9 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when his Department intends to publish information on its plans to extend the voluntary Right to Buy scheme to housing association tenants. (162505)
- 10 **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister of State for Housing and Planning in the Delegated Legislation Committee of 18 July 2022 on the Draft Building Safety (Leaseholder Protections) (Information etc.) (England) Regulations 2022, Official Report, column 10, whether his Department secured the appropriate memorandum from the Law Officers providing for approval of a retrospective law in accordance with Cabinet Office guidance. (162523)
- 11 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent steps his Department has taken to support rough sleepers in Somerton and Frome constituency during the winter 2022-23. (162528)
- 12 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to require homes in England to have interlinked smoke alarms. (162525)
- 13 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has received representations from Hertfordshire County Council requesting advice on whether it has a legal obligation to sell land to developers for the purpose of developing a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange at Park Street in St Albans on the site of the former Radlett Aerodrome. (162537)
- 14 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on proposals for a gigafactory in Coventry. (162535)
- 15 **Ben Everitt** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent steps he has taken to implement the British Sign Language Act 2022 (162542)
- 16 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to provide energy bill support to low-income families who have children with disabilities. (162532)

- 17 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to health and social care services for people with Huntington's disease. (162512)
- 18 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Strategic direction for sexual assault and abuse services, "Lifelong care for victims and survivors: 2018-2023", published on 12 April 2018, if he will commission a review of that strategy document. (162539)
- 19 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the Scottish Government on the 10-Year Cancer Plan. (162519)
- 20 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he has made an assessment of the potential impact of removing the NHS England Children's Hospice Grant on the delivery of services in those hospices. (162511)
- 21 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 1 March 2023 to Question 150402 on Accident and Emergency Departments, how many and what proportion of visits to accident and emergency departments were for Type 3 services in England per service provider, in each month since 2019. (162488)
- 22 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2023 to Question 150403 on General Practitioners, who is responsible for collecting data on the proportion of GP appointments which are for minor ailments. (162489)
- 23 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has taken recent steps with NHS England to help support NHS trusts to make contractual arrangements for minimally invasive cancer therapies. (162490)
- 24 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much NHS trusts spent on paying fines in the last financial year. (162533)
- 25 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help protect healthcare infrastructure in conflict zones. (162504)
- 26 **Pete Wishart** (Perth and North Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help support negotiations to end regional conflicts within the Balochistan region of Pakistan. (162491)

- 27 **Pete Wishart** (Perth and North Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment for its policies of the human rights' situation in the Pakistani region of Balochistan, including potential occurrence of enforced disappearances, extrajudicial executions and honour killings. (162492)
- 28 **Pete Wishart** (Perth and North Perthshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to provide humanitarian aid and support to the Baloch people displaced by conflict in that region. (162493)
- 29N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) ARAP principals and (b) ARAP dependents are currently being housed in bridging hotels following their relocation to the UK under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) scheme. [Transferred] (162117)
- 30N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of housing asylum seekers in hotels in each of the next three years. [Transferred] (162254)
- 31 **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 people who committed voter fraud in Warwick and Leamington constituency in the 2019 general election. (162534)
- 32 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the (a) size in hectares and (b) Housing Unit Potential of Assaye Barracks. (162470)
- 33 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) Service Family Accommodation and (b) Single Living Accommodation units there are at Bhurtpore Barracks; and how many personnel are based at that site. (162471)
- 34 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) size in hectares and (b) Housing Unit Potential are of Bhurtpore Barracks. (162472)
- 35 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) Service Family Accommodation and (b) Single Living Accommodation units are at Delhi Barracks; and how many personnel were based at that site as of 10 March 2023. (162473)
- 36 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) size in hectares and (b) Housing Unit Potential are of Delhi Barracks. (162474)

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- 37 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) Service Family Accommodation and (b) Single Living Accommodation units are at Jellalabad Barracks; and how many personnel were based at that site as of 10 March 2023. (162475)
- 38 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) size in hectares and (b) Housing Unit Potential are of Jellalabad Barracks. (162476)
- 39 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) Service Family Accommodation and (b) Single Living Accommodation units are at Candahar Barracks; and how many personnel were based at that site as of 10 March 2023. (162477)
- 40 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) size in hectares and (b) Housing Unit Potential are of Candahar Barracks. (162478)
- 41 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) service family accommodation and (b) single living accommodation units there are at Kiwi Barracks; and how many personnel are based at that site. (162479)
- 42 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the (a) size in hectares and (b) housing unit potential of Kiwi Barracks. (162480)
- 43 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) service family accommodation and (b) single living accommodation units there are at Lucknow Barracks; and how many personnel are based at that site. (162481)
- 44 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the (a) size in hectares and (b) housing unit potential of Lucknow Barracks. (162482)
- 45 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) service family accommodation and (b) single living accommodation units there are at Mooltan Barracks; and how many personnel are based at that site. (162483)
- 46 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the (a) size in hectares and (b) Housing Unit Potential of Mooltan Barracks. (162484)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent correspondence his Department has received from Hertfordshire County Council on whether there have been any significant changes in circumstances since 2014 relating to the status of the greenbelt when considering the sale of public land for major infrastructure projects. (162538)
- 2N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has plans to publish a draft bill on leasehold reform. (162501)
- 3N **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department plans to take to increase the number of clinical trials for (a) vaccines and (b) other medicines. (162463)
- 4N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 9 March 2023 on Transport Update, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing rail access to the Port of Liverpool as an alternative to the deferred road through Rimrose Valley in the Borough of Sefton. (162502)
- 5N **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 9 March on Transport Update, whether the construction of HS2 between Birmingham and the point where it joins the West Coast Main Line near Handsacre will be affected by the construction rephase. (162464)
- 6N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to his Written Statement entitled Transport Update published on 9 March, what assessment his Department has made on the potential impact of cuts to active travel funding on the Government's target for half of journeys to be walked or cycled by 2030. (162530)
- 7N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether it remains his Department's policy to have targets on (a) half of all journeys being walked or cycled by 2030, (b) 55 per cent of primary school children walking to school by 2025 and (c) walking or cycling becoming the natural choice for shorter journeys by 2040. (162531)
- 8N **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support scientific innovation in sustainable transport research. [Transferred] (904144)
- 9N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an estimate of the amount paid out by each rail operator as part of delay repay in each of the last 12 months for which data is available. (162514)

- 10N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to improve the reliability of the train network. (162515)
- 11N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what responsibilities Great British Railways will have for ensuring train reliability; and what steps his Department will take to provide oversight of this responsibility. (162516)
- 12N **Christopher Pincher** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of plans by HS2 Ltd to put back the development of Phase 1 of the route on communities where preparatory work has begun. (162503)
- 13N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people his Department estimates will be eligible for payments due to an underpayment of the State Pension as of 10 March 2023; and what the average underpayment is. (162506)
- 14N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to identified cases of State Pension underpayment, what is the total amount to be repaid outstanding as of 10 March 2023. (162507)
- 15N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, as of 10 March 2023, how many people identified as having been underpaid with respect to their State Pension have died before repayments were made. (162508)
- 16N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many calls were made to the Universal Credit hotline in the last month; how many of those calls were answered; and what the average waiting time was for a call to be answered. (162509)
- 17N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an estimate of the average cost associated with overturning an ESA decision. (162510)
- 18N **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether vaccines are contained within the definition of medicines in the Windsor Framework. (162462)
- 19N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to discontinue the covid-19 dashboard. (162513)
- 20N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his Pakistani counterpart on the operation of free and fair elections in that country. (162524)

- 21N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many passport applications took longer than three weeks to process in (a) 2019, (b) 2022 and (c) the final quarter of 2019. (162494)
- 22N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 January 2023 to Question 122054 on Afghanistan: Refugees, how many applications for the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme were (a) received and (b) processed in (i) January 2023 and (ii) February 2023. (162465)
- 23N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made in assisting Kenyan authorities with the investigation into the murder of Agnes Wanjiru. (162466)
- 24N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many fulltime staff worked on the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme in each month since April 2021. (162467)
- 25N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy cases were awaiting processing on 10 March 2023. (162468)
- 26N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2023 to Question 122055 on Afghanistan: Refugees, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy principals with confirmation of their eligibility for relocation to the UK under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme made before the end of Operation PITTING remain in Afghanistan as of 10 March 2023. (162469)
- 27N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the length of time it takes for HM Courts and Tribunals Service to complete a grant of probate application. (162496)
- 28N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Federation of Small Business report entitled Time Is Money: The Case for Late Payment Reform, published on 10 March 2023. (162500)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mrs Sheryll Murray** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to improve the transparency of public procurement rules for small and medium-sized enterprises. (904100)

- 2N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many educational psychologists providing services to children in Bristol had their training funded by the NHS in each year since 2017. [Transferred] (162260)
- 3N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding to train more educational psychologists in (a) Bristol and (b) the South West of England. [Transferred] (162261)
- 4N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on how many short journeys in towns and cities were (a) walked and (b) cycled in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021 and (iii) 2022. (162518)
- 5N **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of dental practices that offered NHS dental services in (a) Somerton and Frome constituency and (b) Somerset in (i) 2019 and (ii) 2022. (162529)
- 6N **John Howell** (Henley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with (a) his New Zealand counterpart and (b) relevant stakeholders on the abduction of Phillip Mehrrens in central Papua. (162495)
- 7N **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on implementing relevant recommendations of the report entitled Living in our shoes: understanding the needs of UK Armed Forces families, published on 30 June 2020. [Transferred] (904108)
- 8N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to prevent travel insurance companies from discriminating against elderly travellers based on their medical history, including (a) requiring complete details of a potentially extensive medical history and (b) charging higher premiums for medical conditions that are no longer relevant. [Transferred] (162259)

Questions for Answer on Friday 17 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **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 banning farrowing crates for pigs. (162521)

- 2N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has plans to launch a consultation on the use of cages in farming systems. (162522)
- 3N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding he plans to allocate to active travel from April 2021 to March 2025 from (a) active travel revenue and capital funds, (b) other Departmental programmes and (c) other central Government funding. (162517)
- 4N **Mrs Heather Wheeler** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Prudential Regulation Authority's Consultation, CP 16/22, on the Implementation of the Basel 3.1 standards, what comparative assessment he has made of the potential impact of the SME lending proposals on banks based in the (a) EU and (b) UK. (162498)
- 5N **Mrs Heather Wheeler** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Prudential Regulation Authority Consultation CP 16/22 on the Implementation of the Basel 3.1 standards, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposals for SME lending on the balance of risk on (a) secured and (b) unsecured loans. (162499)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 20 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tony Lloyd** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to appoint a new Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner. (162487)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 21 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tony Lloyd** (Rochdale): 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 temporary ban on prepayment installations ending before Ofgem's Market Compliance Review into prepayment meter policies and practices has concluded. (162485)
- 2N **Tony Lloyd** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure energy suppliers remove prepayment meters for customers who are (a) vulnerable and (b) at risk of prolonged disconnection. (162486)