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Questions tabled on Friday 17 March 2023

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Questions for Answer on Monday 20 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions she has had with (a) British Patient Capital and (b) The Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on the investment of British Patient Capital in the five critical technologies identified in the Science and Technology Framework. [Transferred] (167106)
- 2 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to extend the eligibility criteria for free school meals to cover all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit and equivalent benefits. [Transferred] (167087)
- 3N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the Competition and Markets Authority on the adequacy of audit systems for assessing the delivery of the cold weather priority initiative by liquefied petroleum gas suppliers. [Transferred] (166260)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 21 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Attorney General, how much her Department has spent on legal representation at inquests in each year since 2018. [Transferred] (167126)

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- 2 **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much his Department spent on external consultants in 2022. (168050)
- 3 **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 March 2023 to Question 165263 on Government Consulting Hub: Staff, for what reasons his Department closed the Government Consulting Hub. (168052)
- 4 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she plans to provide further support to businesses towards installation of energy saving measures. (168079)
- 5 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the potential for businesses to feed into the energy grid through the installation of micro-renewable energy generation systems. (168080)
- 6N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to paragraph 4.114 of the Spring Budget 2023, HC1183, published on 15 March 2023, how much (a) new and (b) total funding has been allocated for British Patient Capital each financial year for the next five years. [Transferred] (167104)
- 7 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if he will take steps to expand Ofcom's definition of emergency organisation to include the national power cut and electricity network safety service. (168063)
- 8 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has taken steps to produce an updated version of the Student Income and Expenditure Survey. (168040)
- 9 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps the Government ensuring that young people with special educational needs and disabilities transition well from the education system into (a) work and (b) a community placement. (168069)
- 10 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to increase the provision of creative subjects in EBacc qualifications. (168070)
- 11 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that pupils have opportunities to study (a) drama, (b) dance, (c) music and (d) art in schools. (168071)
- 12 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that pupils have the opportunity to study creative subjects at A Level. (168072)

- 13 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase the number of teachers working in creative subjects. (168073)
- 14N **Anna McMorris** (Cardiff North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the number of (a) performing arts teachers and (b) associated curriculum hours in schools and further and higher education institutions. [Transferred] (167209)
- 15N **Anna McMorris** (Cardiff North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of rises in the cost of living on the uptake of extracurricular performing arts classes in (a) primary, (b) secondary, (c) further and (d) higher education; and whether she is taking steps to increase engagement in the performing arts in (i) schools and (ii) other educational establishments. [Transferred] (167210)
- 16 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to require coroners to inform universities when the suicide of an enrolled student is registered. (168103)
- 17 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what support his Department is providing to families of children with life-limiting illnesses for energy costs. (168092)
- 18N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the maritime offshore wind sector on taking steps to implement the recommendations in the report by Maritime UK entitled Offshore wind plan, published on 7 March 2023. [Transferred] (167088)
- 19N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to accept the recommendations in the report by Maritime UK entitled Offshore wind plan, published on 7 March 2023, on taking steps to support (a) the (i) offshore wind and (ii) vessel construction maritime industries and (b) manufacturing and assembly businesses located in ports. [Transferred] (167089)
- 20N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support maritime industries to attract investment in UK ports as centres for manufacturing and assembly for offshore wind. [Transferred] (167090)
- 21 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what methodology his Department used to assess the impact of energy costs on small businesses; and whether he plans to introduce further support to businesses for energy costs after 1 April 2023. (168077)

- 22 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps is he is taking to help (a) retail and (b) hospitality businesses with energy costs. (168078)
- 23 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he has made an assessment of the potential merits of encouraging businesses to generate renewable energy and provide surplus to the energy grid. (168081)
- 24 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to encourage businesses to retrofit their premises to reduce energy use. (168082)
- 25 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what representations she received from (a) Natural England, (b) the Environment Agency and (c) the Office for Environmental Protection on the preparation of the Significant Improvement Test published on 31 January 2023. (168033)
- 26 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 February Question 140080 on Environment Protection: Standards, if she will publish that evidence base. (168034)
- 27 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when the High Seas Treaty will be ratified. (168036)
- 28 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make it her policy to advocate for high seas Marine Protected Areas in all regional fisheries management organisations of which the UK is a member. (168037)
- 29 **Alec Shelbrooke** (Elmet and Rothwell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to help protect the domestic poultry industry from unfair competition from other countries which have lower energy costs or lower production standards. (168035)
- 30 **Mark Tami** (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when she plans to commence the Glue Traps (Offences) Act 2022; and whether she plans to use the statutory powers in that Act to introduce a glue trap licensing scheme for England. (168024)
- 31 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an estimate of the timescale needed for implementation of recommendation 4 of Sir Patrick Vallance's Pro-innovation Regulation of Technologies Review: Digital Technologies. (168095)
- 32 **Douglas Chapman** (Dunfermline and West Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many driving test examiner posts are vacant in (a) Dunfermline and (b) Kirkcaldy; how many applications the DVSA received for advertised driving

test examiner vacancies in each of those areas in each of the last 12 months; and (how many vacancies were successfully filled in each of those areas in each of those months. (168056)

- 33 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure that people with disabilities are able to access modes of active travel which aid (a) mobility and (b) independence. (168074)
- 34 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to help promote wheeling for people with disabilities. (168075)
- 35 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to ensure that disabled people can benefit from advances in technology that improve their ability to travel. (168076)
- 36 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has published recent guidance for local authorities on the publication of traffic management orders when introducing speed restrictions on roads. (168038)
- 37 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if the Government will make an assessment of the potential merits of using public service obligation air routes to introduce zero emissions regional flights in the UK. (168029)
- 38 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to take steps with Cabinet colleagues to incentivise the manufacture of new zero emissions aircraft in the UK for use on (a) regional and (b) sub-regional routes. (168030)
- 39 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's 2023-24 priorities and operational planning guidance, whether the introduction of self-referral to NHS audiology services is in addition to the system of GP referral. (168098)
- 40 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's 2023-24 priorities and operational planning guidance published on 27 January 2023, what steps his Department is taking to issue guidance to GPs on best practices for the treatment of conditions which moved to a system of self referral. (168099)
- 41 **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the impact of rising (a) costs, (b) energy costs and (c) staffing costs on hospices. (167991)
- 42 **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the impact of the increases in the cost of living on charitable income for hospices. (167992)

- 43 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide a breakdown of the number of people with HIV are not retained in care by (a) NHS region, (b) Integrated Care System, (c) NHS Trust, and (d) local authority. (168107)
- 44 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Action 7 of the HIV Action Plan, what barriers his Department has identified to retention in care for people living with HIV; and what steps his Department is taking to tackle those barriers. (168108)
- 45 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the persecution of Ahmadi Muslims in Bangladesh. (168023)
- 46 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to introduce sanctions on people in Russia who have been sanctioned by the US and Canadian governments for their role in the prosecution of the British national Vladimir Kara-Murza. (168032)
- 47 **Sam Tarry** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Israeli counterpart on recent reports of violence in Huwara and Nablus. (168104)
- 48 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of automatically extending visas for people in the UK under the (a) Homes for Ukraine, (b) Ukrainian Family Scheme and (c) Ukraine Extension Scheme, if the war in Ukraine continues. (168057)
- 49 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending visas under the (a) Homes for Ukraine scheme, (b) Ukrainian Family Scheme and (c) Ukraine Extension Scheme beyond the initial three-year period. (168058)
- 50 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending visas under the (a) Homes for Ukraine scheme, (b) Ukrainian Family Scheme and (c) Ukraine Extension Scheme for people who enter (i) further and (ii) higher education. (168059)
- 51 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to provide assurance to those people in the UK under the (a) Homes for Ukraine scheme, (b) Ukrainian Family Scheme and (c) Ukraine Extension Scheme on the longer-term status of their visa; and if she will make a statement. (168060)

- 52 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to set a target for determining the outcome of asylum applications. (168102)
- 53 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if it remains her Department's policy to reduce net migration to the tens of thousands. (168039)
- 54 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, whether the Commission is taking steps to help reduce the level of gas used for heating on the Parliamentary estate. (167998)
- 55 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled British Army announces new artillery deal with Sweden, published on 16 March, what proportion of the workshare for the Archer artillery system contract announced in that release will be based in the UK. (168007)
- 56 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much and what proportion of his Department's Mobile Fires Platform has been allocated funding as of 17 March. (168008)
- 57 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department has taken to help increase the production of 155mm ammunition in the UK. (168009)
- 58 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the initial operating capability date is for the Archer artillery system. (168010)
- 59 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on research and development in each financial year since 1997. (168011)
- 60 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the daily casualties being taken by the Russian armed forces in Bakhmut. (168012)
- 61 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the proportion of recently liberated Ukrainian territory that is contaminated with landmines. (168013)
- 62 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the budget is for the Ukraine Cyber Programme in the 2022-23 financial year. (168014)
- 63 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many full time staff from (a) his Department and (b) other Government departments are working on the Ukraine Cyber Programme. (168015)

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- 64 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) size in hectares and (b) housing unit potential is of the Sir John Moore Barracks in Shorncliffe. (168016)
- 65 **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 Wainscott Barracks; and how many personnel are based at that site. (168017)
- 66 **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 Wainscott Barracks. (168018)
- 67 **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 Keogh Barracks; and how many personnel are based at that site. (168019)
- 68 **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 Keogh Barracks. (168020)
- 69 **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 RAF Lossiemouth; and how many personnel are based at that site. (168021)
- 70 **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much his Department spent on external consultants in 2022. (168051)
- 71 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to take steps to extend the Alternative Fuel Bill Support Scheme to people permanently living on house boats. (168096)
- 72 **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing income tax relief in cases where a portion of a taxpayer's income is used to subsidise the (a) costs of living and (b) course fees of another person who is in college or university education. (168061)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason the Government decided to publish Lord Pannick KC's legal opinion on the Privileges Committee investigation into the Rt Hon Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip. (168100)
- 2N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which Department is responsible for the Intellectual Property Office. (168089)
- 3N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which Minister has responsibility for the Intellectual Property Office. (168090)
- 4N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people received statutory adoption pay between 1 January and 31 December 2022. (168046)
- 5N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people received statutory parental bereavement pay between 1 January and 31 December 2022. (168047)
- 6N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people took up unpaid parental leave between 1 January and 31 December 2022. (168048)
- 7N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to publish a response to the report by the Information Commissioner entitled Behind the screens: Maintaining government transparency and data security in the age of messaging apps, published in July 2022. (167995)
- 8N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Independent Press Standards Organisation in investigating allegations of illegality and wrongdoing. (168026)
- 9N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of re-establishing the Leveson Part Two inquiry. (168027)
- 10N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of whether the Independent Press Standards Organisation has met the recommendations set out in the independent report entitled Leveson Inquiry: Report into the culture, practices and ethics of the press, published on 29 November 2012. (168028)

- 11N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of children that will take up the additional free hours of childcare announced in the Spring Budget 2023 in 2025-26, broken down by age. (168083)
- 12N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of children that will take up the additional free hours of childcare announced in the Spring Budget 2023 in 2026-27, broken down by age. (168084)
- 13N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when her Department plans to publish further details on the wraparound pathfinder scheme to support the expansion of school-based childcare provision either side of the school day. (168085)
- 14N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of (a) schools and (b) local authorities that will take part in the wraparound pathfinder scheme to support the expansion of school-based childcare provision either side of the school day in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (168086)
- 15N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 4.152 of the Spring Budget 2023, HC1183, published on 15 March 2023, if she will list the local authorities that will receive funding through the Staying Close programme by March 2025; and how much funding she expects each local authority to receive. (168087)
- 16N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that children with Special educational needs and disabilities receive Speech and Language Therapy support. (168065)
- 17N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities receive (a) Physiotherapy and (b) Occupational Therapy. (168066)
- 18N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the availability and access to hydrotherapy on provision for children with SEND. (168067)
- 19N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that children and young people with SEND are to participate in out of school activities. (168068)
- 20N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Government is taking further steps to provide extra financial support for those who are eligible for the Energy Bill Support Scheme Alternative Fund but who pay for their energy at a non-domestic rate through a landlord, including park home residents. (168094)

- 21N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has approached Comer Group UK to sign the developer remediation contract. (168088)
- 22N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department has plans to extend the Changing Futures programme beyond March 2024. (168111)
- 23N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the extra funding announced in the Budget for expenditure on potholes is spent on road maintenance. (167996)
- 24N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Spain on reciprocity for the acceptance of Blue Badges between the UK and Spain. (168112)
- 25N **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 not able to access the warm home discount scheme for winter 2022-23. (168093)
- 26N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming Support: The Health and Disability White Paper, published on 15 March 2023, how he will test the use of financial incentives to encourage employers to purchase occupation health services; how many employers will participate in the test; what the financial incentive will be; and where the test will be taking place. (168041)
- 27N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming Support: The Health and Disability White Paper, published on 15 March 2023, when the new advice and information service for employers to support disabled people and people with long-term health conditions in the workplace will be established. (168042)
- 28N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people received support from the Access to Work Mental Health Support Service in each of the last five financial years. (168043)
- 29N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Health and Disability White Paper published 15 March 2023, what new support is being tested under the pilot Access to Work enhanced package; and how long that pilot is expected to last. (168044)
- 30N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Health and Disability White Paper, CP 807 published on 15 March 2023, (a) what plans he has to introduce a 'tell us once' service for DWP communications and (b) when he expects to roll out that service. (168045)
- 31N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when each cost of living payment will be made in the 2023-24 financial year. (168025)

- 32N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans his Department has to (a) increase diagnostic capacity for lumbar punctures and (b) prepare services for new dementia treatments following the approval of lecanemab in the USA. (168105)
- 33N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance entitled Dementia: assessment, management and support for people living with dementia and their carers, published on 20 June 2018, what assessment his Department has made of whether Memory Assessment Services have sufficient capacity to offer lumbar punctures for the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. (168106)
- 34N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason 60 per cent disability has to be established to qualify for any payment under the Vaccine Damage Payment Act 1979; and whether he will make it his policy to bring the Act into line with the disability thresholds within the England Infected Blood Support Scheme. (167993)
- 35N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any disability has to be proved arising from infection with (a) Hepatitis C and (b) HIV from (i) blood and (ii) blood products to qualify for support from the England Infected Blood Support Scheme. (167994)
- 36N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's 2023-24 priorities and operational planning guidance published on 27 January 2023, what estimate his Department made of the potential change in the number of people using NHS audiology services as a result of the introduction of self-referral. (168097)
- 37N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to ban the use of single use disposable vaping devices. (168064)
- 38N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will introduce a national screening programme for osteoporosis. (168109)
- 39N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that every NHS trust in England has a Fracture Liaison Service. (168110)
- 40N **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Tunisian counterpart on the release of Said Ferjani. (168022)
- 41N **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in Tunisia on (a) Said Ferjani and (b) other Parliamentarians who have been arrested and remain in custody since the suspension of the Tunisian Parliament. (167990)

- 42N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the Public and Commercial Services Union on the pay, terms and conditions of Passport Office staff. (168053)
- 43N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the impact of potential industrial action by Passport Office staff in April 2023 on the processing capability of the Passport Office. (168054)
- 44N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to support individuals whose Start-Up visas expire before the introduction of the revised Innovator visa. (168031)
- 45N **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, whether the Commission is taking steps to increase the availability of beverages produced in the UK on the Parliamentary estate. (167999)
- 46N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of how much and what proportion of the £10 billion contingency provided by HM Treasury for the Dreadnought programme will have been spent by 31 December 2023. (168002)
- 47N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled British Army announces new artillery deal with Sweden, published on 16 March, whether he has plans to procure further Archer artillery systems beyond the 14 announced in that release. (168003)
- 48N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled British Army announces new artillery deal with Sweden, published on 16 March, what the (a) procurement and (b) whole life cost to the public purse was of procuring the 14 Archer artillery systems announced in that release. (168004)
- 49N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled British Army announces new artillery deal with Sweden, published on 16 March, what the expected (a) in-service and (b) out-of-service date of the 14 Archer artillery systems announced in that release is. (168005)
- 50N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled British Army announces new artillery deal with Sweden, published on 16 March, when the 14 Archer artillery system announced in that release will be delivered. (168006)
- 51N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the UK Armed Forces Families Strategy 2022 to 2032, published on 19 January 2022, what steps his Department is taking to negotiate permission for the

spouses or partners of service personnel to be able to work when accompanying personnel on deployment overseas; if he will make an assessment of the impact of negotiating those permissions on levels of early resignation from the armed forces by affected personnel; whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the experience of that Department of negotiating those permissions for the families of diplomats posted abroad; and if he will make a statement. (167989)

52N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has appointed a G7/G20 Sherpa for 2023. (168113)

53N **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department approved the Cabinet Office's decision to award a legal services contract to Peters & Peters in relation to the Privileges Committee investigation into the Rt Hon Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip. (168062)

54N **James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department's process in estimating the costs of the policies announced in the Spring Budget 2023, HC 1183, published on 15 March 2023 to increase the Pension Annual Allowance from £40,000 to £60,000 and the charge removal and abolishing of the Pension Lifetime Allowance, included consideration of the potential behavioural impact on (a) inheritance tax planning and (b) inheritance tax receipts. (168101)

55N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much his Department spent on external consultants in 2022. (168049)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 March

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to provide financial support to businesses who have entered into fixed 12 month contracts for their energy supply. (168055)

2N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Flood Re scheme for ensuring that residents in areas of flooding risk have access to insurance. [Transferred] (167264)

3N **Ian Paisley** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make representations to her US counterpart on the potential merits of granting whiskey from Northern Ireland the same level of distinctive product protection as afforded to Scotch whisky in that country. [Transferred] (904259)

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- 4N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the level of the payment made to successful claimants under the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 in line with Consumer Price Inflation; and whether it is his policy to allow the value of a payment under that Act to be reduced by inflation. (167997)
- 5N **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had recent discussions with banks on taking steps to support small businesses, social enterprises and charities to open bank accounts. [Transferred] (904251)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 24 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which Department has overall responsibility for the UK Government's representation at the G7 and G20. (168091)
- 2N **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department made of the energy needs of hospices when calculating available support under the Energy Bills Discount Scheme. (168001)
- 3N **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what discussion he has had with the Welsh Government on the (a) Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan and (b) related guidance on an audit of statues and monuments in Wales. (168000)