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Questions tabled on Thursday 23 March 2023

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Questions for Answer on Friday 24 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the number of people above State Pension Age who have returned to employment after having previously retired since November 2021. [Transferred] (170609)
- 2 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the number of robberies by knife-point in London in each of the last three years. [Transferred] (171568)
- 3N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions she has had with his counterparts in the US-EU Task Force on the Inflation Reduction Act on the potential impact of the Inflation Reduction Act on the UK economy. [Transferred] (170647)
- 4 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill on wages in each of the next five years. [Transferred] (171352)
- 5 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of proposals to extend eligibility for free childcare per parent who is able to return to work. [Transferred] (171575)
- 6 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to extend his proposed 30 free hours of childcare outlined in the Budget 2023 to children aged between 12 and 24 months to households with a collective income over £100,000. [Transferred] (171367)

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- 7 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department has considered the potential merits of allowing parents to transfer free childcare allowances for the care of children currently ineligible for free childcare. [Transferred] (171507)
- 8 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister of State on BGI Group in the debate on Genomics and National Security on 8 March 2023, Official Report, column 120WH, whether he plans to provide guidance to (a) business and (b) universities that have formed research partnerships with BGI Group on the potential risks of working with that company. [Transferred] (171385)
- 9 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what support his Department provides to local councils to increase the provision of electric vehicle charging points. [Transferred] (171539)
- 10 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions the Government has had had with Northern Ireland Health and Social Care on the potential introduction of Op COURAGE in Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (171511)
- 11 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Valuation Office Agency's process for assessing non-traditional buildings which are places of worship. [Transferred] (171473)
- 12 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Valuation Office Agency's requirements for signage in designating places of worship. [Transferred] (171474)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 27 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many stabbings have been reported in (a) Lewisham East constituency and (b) the London Borough of Lewisham in each reporting year since 2018. [Transferred] (171542)
- 2N **Clive Efford** (Eltham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make it her policy to introduce a moratorium or precautionary pause on deep-sea mining until a specific set of environmental, social and governance conditions are in place. [Transferred] (170529)
- 3 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has taken steps to create disincentives against spurious claims of Adverse Possession. (172379)

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- 4 **John Stevenson** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made an assessment of the impact of claims of Adverse Possession on land and homeowners. (172380)
- 5N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to paragraph 4.18 of the Spring Budget 2023, HC1183, published on 15 March 2023, whether the funds allocated to support swimming pools will be available for (a) new and (b) replacement facilities. [Transferred] (171401)
- 6N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to assist people managing small music venues to acquire the freehold ownership of those venues in order to create protected leaseholds. (172327)
- 7 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of including measures that support UK radio and audio on digital platforms in the forthcoming Media Bill. (172543)
- 8 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Prime Minister on support for UK radio and audio in the forthcoming Media Bill. (172544)
- 9 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions her Department has had with the BBC Board on the provision of BBC local radio services. (172507)
- 10 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department has taken to help ensure that there is a public consultation with listeners on the planned changes to BBC local radio services. (172508)
- 11 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the impact of the BBC's use of externally contracted presenters on the impartiality of its output and content. (172509)
- 12 **Mr Robin Walker** (Worcester): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of including measures on supporting providers of (a) radio and (b) other audio services on digital platforms in the forthcoming Media Bill. (172395)
- 13 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure that the reforms to the SEND system make it easier for parents to get an assessment for their children. (172400)
- 14 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to provide alternative student finance options to people whose faith prohibits them from using interest-based loans. (172549)

- 15 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number and proportion of schools with medical conditions policies which are accessible to parents and carers in line with their statutory duties under Children and Families Act 2014. (172433)
- 16 **Mr Robin Walker** (Worcester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of when the independent evaluation of the national roll out of the early career framework will be published. (172396)
- 17 **Mr Robin Walker** (Worcester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate his Department has made for the number of people who start an apprenticeship but fail to complete it due to the requirements to provide certification for functional skills. (172397)
- 18 **Mr Robin Walker** (Worcester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of SEND support for childcare and the early years on provision in Worcestershire. (172398)
- 19 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): 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 report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change entitled Sixth Assessment Report, published on 20 March 2023; and whether his Department plans to take further steps to (a) reduce fossil fuel use in the energy system and (b) transition to a renewable energy system. (172517)
- 20 **Ben Everitt** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps the Government is taking to support the manufacture of new zero emissions whole aircraft in the UK. (172545)
- 21 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 21 March 2023 to Question 163786 on UK Emissions Trading Scheme, what his Department's timescale is for publishing its response to the consultation on technical short term improvements to the free allocation policy through the UK Emissions Trading Scheme. (172377)
- 22 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what support his Department has provided to Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to increase the provision of electric vehicle charging points in that borough. (172537)
- 23 **Alec Shelbrooke** (Elmet and Rothwell): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the consultation entitled Phasing out the installation of fossil fuel heating in homes off the gas grid, published on 19 October 2021, when he plans to publish his Department's response to that consultation. (172383)
- 24 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when his Department plans to make a decision on the modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty. (172523)

- 25 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the views of stakeholders in (a) business, (b) civil society and (c) Parliament on the UK's membership of the Energy Charter Treaty. (172524)
- 26 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to the Westminster Hall debate on Energy Charter Treaty on 21 March 2023, Official Report, columns 52WH to 53WH, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of ending the UK's membership of the Energy Charter Treaty. (172525)
- 27 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an estimate of the average time it took to import seed potatoes from France in the last 12 months. (172515)
- 28 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she plans to bring forward the Government's proposed Animals Abroad Bill to Parliament. (172489)
- 29 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has had discussions with animal welfare experts on the welfare implications of farmed octopus; if she will make it her policy to prohibit the import of farmed octopus products to the UK; and if she will make a statement. (172378)
- 30 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of sewage spillages on coastal business in England. (172492)
- 31 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the impact of air quality on the health and wellbeing of people under the age of 18. (172493)
- 32 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will publish a strategy on reducing her Department's carbon emissions. (172494)
- 33 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of increases in (a) energy and (b) pet food bills on pet ownership. (172495)
- 34 **Christina Rees** (Neath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will publish the Departmental delivery plan that outlines its intention for each piece of retained EU law as committed to in a letter from the Minister for Industry and Investment Security to Baroness Andrews on 3 February 2023. (172468)

- 35 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many sewage discharges were made into the River Leam each year since 2010. (172485)
- 36 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of profit made by large food and drink (a) retailers and (b) manufacturers in the last five years. (172531)
- 37 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department has made a comparative assessment of (a) food price inflation and (b) trends in the level of profits of (i) major UK food and drink retailers and (ii) major food and drink manufacturers over the last five years. (172532)
- 38 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of (a) anticipated pricing decisions and (b) anticipated profits of food and drink (i) manufacturers and (ii) retailers in the next 12 months. (172533)
- 39 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of allowing social tenants to swap homes with other social tenants living in different local authority areas. (172450)
- 40 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made on the impact of implementing photo identification at future elections on young people voting. (172486)
- 41 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals on abolishing broadband and telephone line rental charges. (172499)
- 42 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress her Department has made on delivering fast and reliable broadband in Leeds North West constituency. (172500)
- 43 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of trends in the level of motorway litter in the last (a) three, (b) six and (c) 12 months. (172503)
- 44 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has he made of the adequacy of budgets for clearing motorway litter in the last (a) three, (b) six and (c) 12 months. (172504)

- 45 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of motorway litter on the number of Road Traffic Accidents in the last (a) three, (b) six and (c) 12 months. (172505)
- 46 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Department monitors links between road traffic accidents and the levels of litter and debris on motorways. (172506)
- 47 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Joint Work and Health Unit is taking to support people to start, stay and succeed in work. (172453)
- 48 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to promote greater recognition of the health benefits of work. (172454)
- 49 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications for the Fund to Stimulate Innovation in Occupational Health competition were received by the closing date of 15 March 2023. (172455)
- 50 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when the results of the Fund to Stimulate Innovation in Occupational Health competition will be announced. (172456)
- 51 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): 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, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of testing a financial incentive and support model to encourage employers to purchase occupational health services. (172457)
- 52 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many members make up the Disability Confident Leaders Group. (172458)
- 53 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many times the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work has met with the Disability Confident Business Leaders Group in the last year; and when he is next due to meet with them. (172459)
- 54 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): 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 he expects to deliver the Access to Work digital service. (172460)
- 55 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many contractors and freelancers have benefitted from the Access to Work scheme in each of the last five financial years. (172461)

- 56 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): 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 pilots designed to test the effectiveness of the Adjustment Passport with (a) disabled people leaving educational training and vocational programmes, (b) armed forced service leavers moving into civilian employment and (c) contractors and freelancers are due to begin; what the duration of those pilots will be; and how many people will be included in the pilots. (172462)
- 57 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January to Question 117888 on State Retirement Pensions: Females, if he will meet with the hon. Member for Knowsley, Dr Scutt and a representative group of women affected by state pension changes to discuss the matter of settlements. (172344)
- 58 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she will take to help ensure that people with arthritis can stay in work. (172434)
- 59 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Royal College of Nursing's General Secretary on (a) pay and (b) conditions for nurses. (172516)
- 60 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the impact that increased energy and other costs are having on hospices and end of life care provision; and what plans he has to support hospices beyond the end of the Government's Energy Bill Discount Scheme. (172373)
- 61 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle the backlog in health and services for disabled children. (172399)
- 62 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure improved engagement and support for children and families from health and social care services as part of the SEND Improvement Plan. (172401)
- 63 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of (a) qualified neurologists and (b) multiple sclerosis nurses in England. (172521)
- 64 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help protect NHS workforce training budgets as part of the merger of Health Education England and NHS England. (172522)

- 65 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential prevalence of attempts to traffic organ donors into the UK. (172386)
- 66 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many surgical hubs are in operation; and what the timescales are for future rollouts of those hubs. (172435)
- 67 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 14 March 2023 to Question 162208 on Surgical Hubs, how many of the surgical hubs (a) are going through accreditation (b) have been refused accreditation and (c) have received accreditation. (172436)
- 68 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Institute for Fiscal Studies report entitled one year on from the backlog recovery plan: what next for NHS waiting lists, published in February 2023, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of that report's findings on NHS waitlists in 2023 and early 2024; and if he will introduce a requirement to provide personalised pre-operative care for people on waiting lists for surgery. (172437)
- 69 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the ELDSNet notification system is part of the Memorandum of Understanding agreed upon between the UK Health Security Agency and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control on 1 December 2021. (172443)
- 70 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Memorandum of Understanding between the UK Health Security Agency and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) signed on 1 December 2021 enables UK Tour Operators to regain access to the ECDC's database in order to be informed of legionella clusters in the EU. (172444)
- 71 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the intended implementation date is of the Memorandum of Understanding agreed by the UK Health Security Agency and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control on 1 December 2021. (172445)
- 72 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many cases of suicide amongst junior doctors have been reported each year since 2010. (172483)
- 73 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the rate of suicides amongst junior doctors. (172484)
- 74 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the press release entitled UK announces new support for improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene in Asia and Africa, published on 22 March 2023, what assessment

he has made of the potential contribution of that funding to improving water, sanitation and hygiene in those regions; which organisations and partners he plans to allocate that funding to; and which financing models he plans to use for that funding. (172371)

- 75 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent diplomatic steps his Department has taken to engage with the government of Senegal on (a) freedoms for opposition parties and activists in the next 12 months and (b) steps to support a free and fair Presidential election in Senegal in 2024. (172372)
- 76 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the implications for its policy funding of the Lion's Den terrorist group by Iran. (172384)
- 77 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the implications for its policies of illegal settlements and confiscation of property in northern Cyprus by Turkish nationals. (172385)
- 78 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what progress he has made on delivering an agreement with the EU on the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications as committed to in the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement. (172446)
- 79 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral statement on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories on 23 March 2023, Official Report, whether he has had recent discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the impact of unilateral action by that country on the potential for peace talks. (172529)
- 80 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his policy is on the making of a request to the International Court of Justice to provide an opinion on the legal consequences of the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories. (172530)
- 81 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Illegal Migration Bill on victims of modern slavery trafficked into the UK. (172501)
- 82 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to ensure that people who have been removed from the UK under the Illegal Migration Bill are able to receive legal advice if they wish to make (a) an appeal against their removal or (b) a human rights claim. (172502)

- 83 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of recording Police Service of Northern Ireland email referrals to the Home Office's enforcement unit so cases involving victims of crime can be readily identified. (172547)
- 84 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions her Department has had with UK industry on the procurement of replacement Border Force vessels. (172352)
- 85 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what measures her Department has in place to help ensure that foreign workers hired for the seasonal workers scheme by licensed scheme operators are recruited legally, ethically and fairly in their countries of origin and in compliance with UK and source country rules and regulations. (172358)
- 86 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what is the most common visa used by Albanians residing in the UK. (172540)
- 87 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) applications and (b) decisions for standard visitors visas were made in each of the last twelve months. (172496)
- 88 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many standard visitor visas were processed by her Department by the (i) nationality and (ii) region of origin of applicants in the fourth quarter of 2022. (172497)
- 89 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was for a standard visitor visa to be processed by the (a) nationality and (b) region of origin of applicants in the last 10 years. (172498)
- 90 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will introduce a national vetting scheme for police officers. (172520)
- 91 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has held recent discussions with EU Member States on extending the Youth Mobility Scheme. (172441)
- 92 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the Government's policy is on extending the Youth Mobility Scheme to EU countries; and if she will make a statement. (172442)
- 93 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to ensure that police forces are correctly storing rape kits provided by victims to ensure they can be used as evidence. (172487)

- 94 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Figure 8 of the NAO report Optimising the Defence Estate, HC293, published on 11 June 2021, what targets his Department has for releasing land for housebuilding in England. (172324)
- 95 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service complaints submitted by (a) service and (b) former service personnel were ruled out of time each in year since 2015. (172325)
- 96 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service complaints submitted by (a) serving and (b) former service personnel and received by a specified officer three months after the event have been ruled in time in each year since 2015. (172326)
- 97 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there is any evidence of Russian launching missile strikes against Ukraine from Belarusian territory. (172327)
- 98 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much has been invested into the Global Combat Air Programme by (a) the UK, (b) Italy and (c) Japan. (172328)
- 99 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Government's proposal to invest £3 billion in the UK's defence nuclear enterprise, how much of that funding will be spent in (a) Barrow, (b) Derby and (c) AWE establishments. (172329)
- 100 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Government's proposal to invest £3 billion in the UK's defence nuclear enterprise, how much of that funding will be invested in (a) Project Mensa or (b) Project Pegasus. (172330)
- 101 **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 Topcliffe; and how many personnel are based at that site. (172331)
- 102 **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 RAF Topcliffe. (172332)
- 103 **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 Henlow; and how many personnel are based at that site. (172333)
- 104 **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 RAF Henlow. (172334)

- 105 **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 Honington; and how many personnel are based at that site. (172335)
- 106 **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 RAF Honington. (172336)
- 107 **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 Marham; and how many personnel are based at that site. (172337)
- 108 **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 RAF Marham. (172338)
- 109 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of service is of a senior responsible owner. (172350)
- 110 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how Senior Responsible Owners are selected before appointment. (172354)
- 111 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, of what rank were the military officers who were Senior Responsible Owners on 1 March 2023. (172355)
- 112 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 20 March 2023 to Question HL6144 on Ukraine: Ammunition and to UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/77/49 adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 2022, if prior to making the decision to provide Ukraine with ammunition, including armour piercing rounds which contain depleted uranium, he held discussions with relevant international organisations about the finding in the Resolution that the magnitude of the potential long-term effects on human beings and the environment of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium is not yet fully understood. (172374)
- 113 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 20 March 2023 to Question HL6144 on Ukraine: Ammunition and to UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/77/49 adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 2022, when he last made an assessment of the potential hazards to human beings and the environment from the contamination of territories with depleted uranium residues; and if he will make a statement. (172375)
- 114 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/77/49 adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 2022, if he has responded to the invitation to

Member States in the Resolution to communicate to the Secretary-General the UK's views on the effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium; and if he will make a statement. (172376)

115 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many trail hunting licenses were approved for use on his Department's land in 2022. (172542)

116 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to strengthen the UK's response to cyber threats. (172469)

117 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of Ukrainian defence against Russian aggression. (172470)

118 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to strengthen defence relationships with Japan. (172471)

119 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the security situation in Sub-Saharan Africa. (172472)

120 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support British shipbuilding. (172473)

121 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to improve the its workplace culture. (172474)

122 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to develop innovative defence technology. (172475)

123 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support defence jobs across the UK. (172476)

124 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the ongoing upgrades to Ajax armoured vehicles. (172477)

125 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve defence collaboration with industry. (172478)

126 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the number of prosecutions for theft of catalytic converters in Greater Manchester in each of the last three years. (172538)

- 127 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 21 March to Question 165469 on Prisons: Electronic Government, how a constituent can contact the Money-to-prisoner Compliance Team to report a suspected fraud. (172467)
- 128 **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Spring Budget Report 2023, HC1183, published on 15 March 2023, which (a) activities and (b) charities will be eligible for the £5 billion support to the charitable sector; and how much each of them has received. (172319)
- 129N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the expensive car supplement. [Transferred] (171452)
- 130 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of proposals to abolish the lifetime allowance cap per worker who is incentivised not to retire early. (172519)
- 131 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the number of bank branches that have closed in (a) the Cynon Valley constituency and (b) Rhondday Cynon Taff local authority, in each year since 2010. (172526)
- 132 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) free-to-use and (b) paid-for ATMs have (i) opened and (ii) closed in (A) Cynon Valley constituency and (B) Rhondday Cynon Taff local authority since 2010. (172527)
- 133 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) shared banking hubs and (b) other community banking services on the ability of people to access banking services. (172528)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 28 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 22 March 2023 to Question 163750 on Crown Prosecution Service: South West, what accounts for the difference between the figure provided in that answer for the total number of prosecutors employed by the Crown Prosecution Service as of 31 December 2022 (2,703) and the equivalent figure provided in the Answer of 13 February 2023 to Question 139145 (2,389). (172366)
- 2N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 22 March 2023 to Question 163750 on Crown Prosecution Service: South West, what proportion of the difference between the

figure provided in that Answer for the number of prosecutors employed in the Crown Prosecution Service regions as of 31 December 2021 (2,230) and the figure provided in the Answer of 20 December 2021 to Question 90844 for the total number of prosecutors employed by the CPS on the same date (3,118) is accounted for by the inclusion in the latter figure of prosecutors employed in the CPS Direct and CPS Central Casework divisions. (172367)

- 3N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 22 March to Question 163750 on Crown Prosecution Service: Staff, what proportion of the difference between the figure provided in that answer (2,182) for the number of prosecutors employed in the Crown Prosecution Service regions as of 31 December 2020 and the figure provided in the answer of 20 December 2021 to Question 90844 on Crown Prosecution Service: Staff for the total number of prosecutors employed by the CPS on the same date (3,025) is accounted for by the inclusion in the latter figure of prosecutors employed in the CPS Direct and CPS Central Casework divisions. (172368)
- 4N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 22 March to Question 163750 on Crown Prosecution Service: Staff, what proportion of the difference between the figure provided in that answer for the number of prosecutors employed in the Crown Prosecution Service regions as of 31 December 2019 (2,009) and the figure provided in the answer of 20 December 2021 to Question 90844 for the total number of prosecutors employed by the CPS on the same date (2,800) is accounted for by the inclusion in the latter figure of prosecutors employed in the CPS Direct and CPS Central Casework divisions. (172369)
- 5N **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many hours of legal services Peters and Peters has provided in relation to the Privileges Committee investigation of the Rt hon. Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip. (172431)
- 6N **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 March 2023 to Question 165342 on Cabinet Office: Legal Opinion, if he will publish details of the competed framework used when tendering the legal services contract to Peters and Peters in relation to the Privileges Committee investigation of the Rt Hon. Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip. (172432)
- 7N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she will take steps to ensure that claimants under the Post Office (a) historical shortfall scheme and (b) suspension remuneration review will receive a similar tax exemption to that available to group litigation order compensation scheme claimants through the Post Office Horizon Compensation and Infected Blood Interim Compensation Payment Schemes (Tax Exemptions and Relief) Regulations 2023. (172394)

- 8N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she plans to take to support small and medium sized businesses with the effects of trends in the level of (a) inflation and (b) energy costs. (172388)
- 9N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department plans to take to address (a) skill and (b) labour shortages following the Budget 2023. (172389)
- 10N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans she has to encourage business investment. (172391)
- 11N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department plans to implement the Law Commission's April 2020 recommendation on extending to six months the time limit for bringing any employment tribunal claim. [Transferred] (904348)
- 12N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of including measures on supporting providers of (a) radio and (b) other audio services on digital platforms in the forthcoming Media Bill. (172490)
- 13N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on including support for UK radio and audio in the Media Bill. (172491)
- 14N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of leisure centres that will receive financial support for energy bills, as part of the package of measures announced in the Spring Budget 2023. (172409)
- 15N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking before publishing the gambling white paper; and when she plans to publish that paper. (172551)
- 16N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether he has had discussions with the BBC on coverage of the Scottish Parliament and the Senedd on BBC Parliament. (172370)
- 17N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with (a) the Prime Minister and (b) other Cabinet colleagues on the level of support for UK radio and audio in the forthcoming Media Bill. (172392)
- 18N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of including measures on supporting providers of (a) radio and (b) other audio services on digital platforms in the forthcoming Media Bill. (172393)

- 19N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to respond to correspondence of 20 March 2023 from the hon. Member for Sefton Central on the repair of school buildings in Sefton Central constituency. (172387)
- 20N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what his Department's estimated timescale is for seeking improvements at Denton Community College following Ofsted's inadequate finding of that college and the decision to make an academy order. (172360)
- 21N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will meet the Rt hon. Member for Denton and Reddish to discuss Denton Community College. (172361)
- 22N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps the Government takes to help ensure that families are kept together throughout the fostering and adoption process. (172550)
- 23N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many 16 to 19 year olds withdrew from their (a) sixth form and (b) further education courses in academic years (i) 2020-21, (ii) 2021-22 and (iii) 2022-23 to date. (172381)
- 24N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training. (172382)
- 25N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2022 to Question 46172 on Energy: Tenants, whether his Department is introducing regulations to require heat networks to pass on the benefit of the Energy Bill Relief Scheme to end consumers. (172518)
- 26N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will publish the modelling used to select households that receive payments under the Alternative Fuel Payment scheme. (172356)
- 27N **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many households have received support through the Alternative Fuel Payment Scheme. (172449)
- 28N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 8 March 2023 to Question 155157 on Department for Energy Security and Net Zero: Minimum Wage, what the total value was of those contracts let with Hays Specialist Recruitment Limited. (172429)

- 29N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using the gas network to carry green hydrogen; and if he will make a statement. (172321)
- 30N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to encourage the conversion of excess energy into green hydrogen by electrolysis; and if he will make a statement. (172322)
- 31N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has made an assessment of the extent to which recent increases in the costs of production incurred by British fruit and vegetables producers are reflected in the prices being paid by retailers to British suppliers. (172514)
- 32N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps she has taken to ensure that (a) publicly and (b) privately owned water and sewerage companies fulfil the duty to provide details of water abstraction and sewerage discharges to the public upon request; and if she will make a statement. [R] (172359)
- 33N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has provided feedback on bids to all (a) local and (b) mayoral combined authorities which were not successful in the second round of funding under the Levelling Up Fund. (172410)
- 34N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he is taking steps to work with mayoral combined authorities in preparation for the application process for investment zones. (172411)
- 35N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, which councils have received new funding to house refugees from (a) Ukraine and (b) Afghanistan; and how many refugees his Department plans to support with this funding. (172412)
- 36N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to prevent landlords from refusing to rent to people who claim universal credit, housing benefit, disability benefits or tax credits. (172510)
- 37N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is providing support to local authorities to help tackle potential discrimination against tenants in the private rental sector who receive housing benefits. (172511)

- 38N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his oral contribution in the statement on building safety on Tuesday 14 March 2023, Official Report, column 727, if he will publish key features of the Government's new responsible actors scheme by 24 March 2023. (172465)
- 39N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he plans to reply to the letter dated 13 January 2023 from the Rt hon. Member for East Ham, ref ST102443. (172320)
- 40N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 23 March to Question 166217 on Research: Finance, if she will list the range of funding mechanisms and from which department or other budget holder each funding mechanism will come. (172406)
- 41N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department consulted (a) health and safety representatives and (b) trade unions on the decision made by Sodexo to change the default setting on the SOARS accident reporting system to one where staff have to opt in to send details of any accident to local health and safety representatives. [R] (172447)
- 42N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of reporting of accidents owing to changes in the default preferences under the SOARS reporting system; and what assessment he has made of the impact of those trends on the Department's compliance with Regulation 4(a) of the Safety Representatives and Safety Committees Regulations in regard to safety representatives examining the causes of accidents in the workplace. [R] (172448)
- 43N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of pausing data collection for the covid-19 infection survey on pandemic preparedness. (172362)
- 44N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for resuming data collection for the covid-19 infection survey. (172363)
- 45N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to monitor covid-19 (a) prevalence and (b) mutations, in the context of the suspension of the covid-19 infection survey. (172364)
- 46N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Department of Health and Social Care press entitled One-stop shops for testing deliver over 3 million potentially lifesaving checks,

tests and scans published 13 February 2023, whether it will be the 19 previously announced community diagnostic centres that will be expected to perform the 1.1 million tests, checks and scans each year. (172451)

47N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 13 March 2023 to Question 159006 on Community Diagnostic Centres, if he will publish the weekly activity data that NHS England collects on community diagnostic centres. (172452)

48N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to open a consultation that health and care organisations and people with long-term conditions such as Parkinson's disease can feed in to as part of the NHS workforce plan. (172534)

49N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to increase the level of research on (a) understanding, (b) treating and (c) diagnosing Parkinson's. (172536)

50N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to answer Question 148814 from the hon. Member for Stockport which was tabled on 20 February 2023. (172539)

51N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 November 2022 to Question 61151 on Protective Clothing: Storage, what proportion of those items of personal protective equipment have been (a) shipped to the UK and (b) destroyed. (172423)

52N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to reply to the letter dated 22 February 2023 from Jackie Baillie MSP. (172463)

53N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on its long-term strategy to prevent and reduce obesity in Wales, including on (a) improving and enhancing front of pack nutrition labelling on pre-packed products and (b) creating conditions which incentivise advertising companies to promote healthier alternatives and products which support positive choices. (172345)

54N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on ensuring that healthy foods are more accessible and affordable. (172346)

55N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many and what proportion of UK diplomats posted outside of the UK are (a) male and (b) female. (172535)

- 56N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the policy paper entitled Integrated Review Refresh 2023: Responding to a more contested and volatile world, published on 13 March 2023, how many people will be trained to speak Mandarin by his Department in the next 12 months. (172466)
- 57N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Uganda on the Ugandan Government's Anti-Homosexuality Bill 2023. (172548)
- 58N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to help refugees learn English. (172357)
- 59N **Kevin Foster** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on preventing convicted sex offenders from working as personal fitness instructors. [Transferred] (904359)
- 60N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 1 December 2022 to Question 97480 on UK Border Force: Patrol Craft, when the formal launch of market engagement for the procurement of replacement Border Force vessels will take place. (172353)
- 61N **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of the Misuse of Drug Act 1971 on the criminal justice system. [Transferred] (904357)
- 62N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of how many Albanian nationals in the UK are victims of (a) human trafficking and (b) modern slavery. (172541)
- 63N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of the Misuse of Drug Act 1971 on the criminal justice system. [Transferred] (904349)
- 64N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Armed Forces Personnel figures published on 22 March 2023, what steps his Department is taking to (a) improve the working conditions and (b) retain personnel in the armed forces. (172546)
- 65N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): ORIGINAL: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the draft report on the AJAX lessons learned was received by his Department. (172329)
- 66N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Written Statement of 20 March 2023, HCWS652 on Ajax Payments Update, what the total cost was of the user validations trials for the AJAX programme. (172339)

- 67N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the AJAX vehicles can now fire while moving. (172340)
- 68N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the AJAX vehicles are required to have Morpheus installed on their platforms to reach (a) initial operating capability and (b) full operating capability. (172341)
- 69N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there have been any changes made to the contracted AJAX vehicle requirements due to (a) the completion of user validation trials and (b) the start of reliability and growth trials. (172342)
- 70N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it has been the policy of his Department to place people who were relocated to the UK through the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy into hotel bridging accommodation in the period since 23 March 2022. (172408)
- 71N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many military officers are Senior Responsible Owners. (172347)
- 72N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many of his Department's procurement programmes are overseen by a Senior Responsible Owner. (172348)
- 73N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many senior responsible owners who are military officers derived from the (a) Army, (b) Royal Air Force, (c) Royal Navy and (d) Royal Marines as of 1 March 2023. (172349)
- 74N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what specific qualifications in project management are senior responsible owners required to have before being appointed. (172351)
- 75N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment has he made of the impact of civil legal aid cuts on the number and proportion of litigants in person in the family courts. (172402)
- 76N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of (a) trends in the level of legal representation in the family courts since the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 came into force and (b) trends on the timeliness of cases from commencement to disposal (c) the impact of lower levels of legal representation on the (i) timeliness of cases and (ii) court backlog. (172403)
- 77N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure the civil legal aid review helps tackle backlogs in the family courts. (172404)

- 78N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment has he made of the potential impact of providing more (a) scope for legal advice and (b) opportunities for input from parents at the pre-proceedings stage of public law proceedings on trends in the level of those proceedings. (172405)
- 79N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2023 to Question 156177 on Ministry of Justice: Minimum Wage, what the total value was of those companies' contracts. (172430)
- 80N **Anna McMorris** (Cardiff North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of staffing levels across the youth estate. (172488)
- 81N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in 2022; and with which consultants the contracts were held. (172422)
- 82N **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether there are (a) any foodstuffs and (b) any manufactured goods that producers in Northern Ireland cannot sell to customers in Great Britain because of the EU regulations applying in Northern Ireland that are listed in the annexe to the Northern Ireland Protocol. (172343)
- 83N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.117 of the Spring Budget 2023, HC1183, published on 15 March 2023, how much funding he plans to allocate to a successful region under the Investment Zones policy over (a) one year and b) five years. (172390)
- 84N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 23 March to Question 167105 on British Patient Capital, if he will provide a breakdown by English region of the £900 million of finance provided by the bank outside London. (172407)
- 85N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022. (172421)
- 86N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what additional support with fuel payments is available for people with Parkinson's Disease; and if he will make a statement. (172323)
- 87N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 16 March 2023 to Question 162259 on Travel: Insurance, whether his Department has taken recent steps with (a) insurers and (b) the regulator to help increase access to (i) suitable and (ii) affordable insurance for all people. (172480)

88N **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of business rates and VAT for (a) micro businesses and (b) SMEs. (172512)

89N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 November 2023 to Question 87713 on Individual Savings Accounts, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of abolishing the 25 per cent penalty on removing savings from Lifetime ISAs in the context of the affordability of housing for first time buyers where (a) the Lifetime ISA limit has remained at £450,000 and (b) house prices have increased 24 per cent between December 2016 and December 2021. (172318)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 March

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the contribution in Westminster Hall on 23 March by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when she plans to bring forward the review of the whistleblowing framework. (172420)

2N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the number of residential blocks below 11 metres with building safety faults in (a) the London Borough of Hounslow, (b) London and (c) England; and if he will make a statement. (172424)

3N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy provisions in the Building Safety Act 2022 on protections for leaseholders in regards to the costs of remediation of building safety faults in buildings below 11 metres in height. (172425)

4N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department have taken to provide (a) assistance and (b) support for leaseholders and tenants living in residential buildings below 11 metres which have building safety faults. (172426)

5N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what protections are available for leaseholders living in buildings below 11 metres in regards to the costs of remediation work for fire safety faults, and if he will make a statement. (172427)

6N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of 11 January 2023 from the hon. Member for Lewisham East with reference JD31324. (172513)

- 7N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of (a) Personal Independence Payment and (b) Universal Credit decisions were overturned at tribunal when the initial assessment was conducted (i) face-to-face, (ii) by telephone and (iii) by video call in the last 12 months. (172413)
- 8N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an estimate of how long (a) it takes to complete a Personal Independence Payment application and (b) it will take after the end of the Work Capability Assessment. (172414)
- 9N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent progress his Department has made with NHS Digital on sharing information between IT systems managed by (a) his Department, (b) hospitals and (c) GPs to help standardise information earlier in the assessment process. (172415)
- 10N **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, CP 807, what sources will be used to obtain health information for the proposed health impact record; and over what period of time that information will be obtained. (172416)
- 11N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions he has had with colleagues on improving the personal independence payment assessment process for people with fluctuating health conditions. (172417)
- 12N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how his Department records data on benefit sanctions; and whether that data is held centrally. (172418)
- 13N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 21 March 2023 to Question 166241 on Social Security Benefits: Disqualification, for what reasons his Department is not making data on benefit sanctions readily available; and if he will make an estimate of the cost to his Department of tabulating that data. (172419)
- 14N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking taken to ensure that (a) Support for Mortgage Interest and (b) other support schemes started before the rise in the cost of living offer the same level of support to individuals as they did before that rise began. (172438)
- 15N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to increase the level of mental health support for civil servants who deal with people who are suicidal as result of the rise of the cost in living. (172439)

- 16N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to ensure that homeowners remain in their homes despite the rise in the cost of living. (172440)
- 17N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure that institutions and organisations in (a) England and (b) Wales are aware of the legal status of Scottish Powers of Attorney. (172428)
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Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 29 March. (904377)
- 2 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): (904378)
- 3 **Douglas Chapman** (Dunfermline and West Fife): (904379)
- 4 **Stephen Metcalfe** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): (904380)
- 5 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): (904381)
- 6 **Jack Brereton** (Stoke-on-Trent South): (904382)
- 7 **James Grundy** (Leigh): (904383)
- 8 **Mark Eastwood** (Dewsbury): (904384)
- 9 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): (904385)
- 10 **Sir Robert Neill** (Bromley and Chislehurst): (904386)
- 11 **Scott Benton** (Blackpool South): (904387)
- 12 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): (904388)
- 13 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): (904389)
- 14 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): (904390)
- 15 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): (904391)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment he has made of his Department's fulfilment of its responsibility to support the Competition and Markets Authority to deliver the Government's objectives for competition and consumer policy. (172365)
- 2N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the BBC on funding for BBC Orchestras and Singers. (172464)
- 3N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his timetable is for the UK's association with the Horizon scheme. (172482)
- 4N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department plans to take steps to (a) expedite and (b) simplify the pension claiming process for people diagnosed with terminal illnesses. (172479)
- 5N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make the eligibility criteria for Universal Credit the same as for Housing Benefit. (172481)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- 1 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support the mental wellbeing of farmers and other members of rural communities. (904404)
- 2 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): What steps she is taking to help tackle the illicit fur trade. (904405)
- 3 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): What assessment she has made of the impact of food price inflation on the demand for emergency parcels from food banks. (904406)
- 4 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): What steps she is taking to determine the cause of the die-off of crustaceans and other sea life off the Teesside coast. (904407)
- 5 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): When she plans to announce details of funding for frequently flooded areas. (904408)
- 6 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): What steps she is taking to support rural communities. (904409)

- 7 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): What steps she is taking to improve public access to nature. (904410)
- 8 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): What steps she is taking to improve air quality. (904411)
- 9 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What steps she is taking to support rural farmers. (904412)
- 10 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): What progress her Department has made on reducing sewage discharges. (904413)
- 11 **Dave Doogan** (Angus): If she will hold discussions with Cabinet colleagues on expanding the (a) Skilled Worker visa: shortage occupations list and (b) Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme to ensure adequate supply of labour. (904414)
- 12 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): What steps she is taking to help ensure that farmers can trade equitably with major retailers. (904415)
- 13 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on new deposit return schemes in England. (904416)
- 14 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): What steps she is taking to support rural farmers. (904417)
- 15 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): What steps her Department has taken to reduce storm overflows in North Devon constituency. (904418)
- 16 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): What recent discussions she has had with the Leader of the House on scheduling Parliamentary time for the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill. (904419)
- 17 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): What assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the Chief Medical Officer's annual report 2022 on air pollution. (904420)
- 18 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on rises in the cost of food. (904421)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- T1 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (904422)
- T2 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): (904423)
- T3 **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): (904424)
- T4 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): (904425)
- T5 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley): (904426)

- T6 **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): (904427)
- T7 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): (904428)
- T8 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): (904429)

Oral Questions to the Attorney General

- 1 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): What recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the compatibility of the Illegal Migration Bill with the UK's obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights. (904392)
- 2 **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the compatibility of the Illegal Migration Bill with the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. (904393)
- 3 **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): What steps she is taking to increase the proportion of cases relating to violence against women and girls that are prosecuted. (904394)
- 4 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): What steps she is taking to ensure effective prosecution of people associated with gangs responsible for the supply of illicit drugs. (904395)
- 5 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): What steps she is taking to increase the proportion of cases relating to violence against women and girls that are prosecuted. (904396)
- 6 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): What steps she is taking to help ensure effective prosecution of perpetrators of fraud and economic crime. (904397)
- 7 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the compatibility of the Illegal Migration Bill with the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. (904398)
- 8 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): What steps she is taking to increase prosecution rates for (a) small boat gangs and (b) other people traffickers. (904399)
- 9 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): What discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Justice on the effectiveness of ongoing Sentences of Imprisonment for Public Protection. (904400)
- 10 **Stephen Metcalfe** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): What steps the Crown Prosecution Service is taking to increase its number of legal trainees. (904401)
- 11 **Andrea Leadsom** (South Northamptonshire): How many US citizens have been prosecuted for causing a death while driving in the UK in the last five years. (904402)
- 12 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): What steps she is taking to help ensure effective prosecution of anti-social behaviour. (904403)