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Questions tabled on Friday 24 March 2023

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Questions for Answer on Monday 27 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Cyber Essentials programme. (173063)
- 2 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to increase the number of businesses that apply for Cyber Essentials certification. (173064)
- 3 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to reduce the cyber skills gap. (173065)
- 4 **Ben Everitt** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps the Government is taking to support the manufacture of new zero emissions whole aircraft in the UK. [Transferred] (172545)
- 5 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to produce a workforce plan for SEND and Alternative Provision staff before the end of this parliamentary Session. (173030)
- 6 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help protect local authorities from cyber attacks. (173066)
- 7 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what support his Department has provided to Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to increase the provision of electric vehicle charging points in that borough. [Transferred] (172537)

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- 8 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the impact of air quality on the health and wellbeing of people under the age of 18.
[Transferred] (172493)
- 9 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions her Department has had with the National Association of Local Councils on the potential impact of introducing a Protect Duty which requires public venues to protect against the risk of terrorism on parish and town councils. (173061)
- 10 **David Warburton** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department plans to take to (a) support and (b) provide funding for parish and town councils to help them comply with the proposed Protect Duty which would require public venues to protect against the risk of terrorism. (173062)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 28 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the value for money of funding the legal fees for the Rt hon. Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip for his involvement in the inquiry by the Privileges Committee into his conduct. (173095)
- 2 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse has been of legal services provided by Peters and Peters for the Privileges Committee investigation of the Rt hon. Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip. (173102)
- 3 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of holding a census every five years. (173071)
- 4 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Seventh Report of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee entitled Royal Mail, published on 17 March 2023, HC 1045, whether she plans to take steps with Ofcom to ensure that their investigation into Royal Mail (a) takes a multi-year approach and (b) accepts evidence from postal workers. (172963)

- 5 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the oral evidence of the Chief Executive Officer of Royal Mail to the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee on 22 February 2023, HC 1045, what steps her Department is taking with Ofcom to help ensure that Royal Mail delivers its universal service obligation. (172964)
- 6 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring schools to employ teaching assistants on full time contracts. (173119)
- 7 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate her Department made of the number of people who would receive the Alternative Fuel Payment before its introduction; and how many people have received the Alternative Fuel Payment since its introduction. (173070)
- 8 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the amount of baseload electricity generation that is required by the UK each day; and if he will place a copy of these calculations in the House of Commons Library. (173007)
- 9N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what additional support with fuel payments is available for people with Parkinson's Disease; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (172323)
- 10 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department are taking to support research on gene edited plants; and what assessment she has made of the potential merits of requiring researchers to have a license before conducting gene editing on animals. (173072)
- 11 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has plans to introduce mandatory monitoring of all sewage outlets. (173103)
- 12 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she is taking steps to ban (a) pig farrowing crates, (b) sow stalls and (c) other caged farming systems. (173051)
- 13 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to reduce levels of total dissolved solids in tap water in (a) Camden and (b) Brent. (173052)
- 14 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the (a) quality and (b) safety of water in (i) Camden and (ii) Brent. (173053)
- 15N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on ensuring that healthy foods are more accessible and affordable. [Transferred] (172346)

- 16 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she plans to take steps to review the legal requirements to register (a) ownership and (b) breeding of (i) raptors and (ii) other birds of prey. (173105)
- 17 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the release of non-native (a) raptors and (b) other birds of prey into the wild. (173106)
- 18 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what progress he has made on ending Section 21 evictions. (173099)
- 19 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing guidance to housing associations to cap rent increases for shared ownership properties at seven per cent. (173100)
- 20 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether the Government has taken recent steps to increase transparency on overseas ownership of UK property. (173101)
- 21N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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. [Transferred] (172390)
- 22 **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to allow leaseholders to buy the freehold of their property; and if he will make a statement. (172997)
- 23 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK International Technology Strategy published on 22 March 2023, what estimate her Department has made of the (a) cost of establishing and (b) annual running costs of the Technology Centre of Expertise. (173015)
- 24 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department has taken to help ensure that emission fixes installed in vehicles are effective. (172965)
- 25 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on vehicles in the UK that have been identified as containing prohibited defeat devices since 2015. (172966)
- 26 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department has taken to restrict the use of illegal emissions technology since 2015. (172967)

- 27 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average waiting time was for a Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency practical driving test in (a) Greater Manchester and (b) West Didsbury test centres in the last 12 months. (173086)
- 28 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has taken recent steps to help prevent approved driving instructors selling practical driving exams for a profit. (173087)
- 29 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department have reviewed the powers the Civil Aviation Authority has to enforce and strengthen regulations. (173054)
- 30 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish the results of the consultation on reforming aviation consumer policy: protecting air passenger rights published on 31 January 2022. (173055)
- 31 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for what reasons pickup trucks classed as never transporting tools or equipment are eligible for tax benefits; and if he will make an assessment of the impact of that tax on road safety. (173056)
- 32 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to promote the Restart programme to employers. (173032)
- 33 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to expand the Restart scheme in the context of the closure of the Job Entry Targeted Support scheme. (173037)
- 34 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to expand the Restart scheme. (173038)
- 35 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people completed the Restart scheme since its establishment; and how many of those people were sanctioned while on the Restart scheme in (a) York and (b) the UK. (173039)
- 36 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of (a) splitting and (b) alternating payments of (i) child benefit and (ii) other payments between separated parents. (173107)
- 37 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the provision of dentistry in Halton in the last (a) three, (b) six, (c) 12 and (d) 24 months. (173077)
- 38 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dentists there were in (a) Halton, (b) the North West, (c) England and (d) the UK in the last (i) three, (ii) six, (iii) 12 and (iv) 24 months. (173078)

- 39 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of adults that visited a dentist in (a) Halton, (b) the North West, (c) England and (d) the UK in the last (i) three, (ii) six, (iii) 12 and (iv) 24 months. (173079)
- 40 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of children that visited a dentist in (a) Halton, (b) the North West, (c) England and (d) the UK in the last (i) three, (ii) six, (iii) 12 and (iv) 24 months. (173080)
- 41 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children were admitted to hospital for tooth decay extractions in (a) Halton, (b) the North West, (c) England and (d) the UK in the last (i) three, (ii) six, (iii) 12 and (iv) 24 months. (173081)
- 42 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many adults were admitted to hospital for tooth decay extractions in (a) Halton, (b) the North West, (c) England and (d) the UK in the last (i) three, (ii) six, (iii) 12 and (iv) 24 months. (173082)
- 43 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the reports published in November 2022 on independent investigations into the care and treatment of Emily, Christie and Nadia by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust, if he will undertake a review of the geographical boundaries of that Trust. (173117)
- 44 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to help ensure that all parts of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys Mental Health Trust operate safely. (173118)
- 45 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much humanitarian aid his Department has provided to help with food shortages in East Africa in the last year; and how much he plans to allocate in the next financial year. (173097)
- 46N **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (172343)
- 47 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to page 168 of his Department's annual report and accounts 2021 to 2022, published on 19 July 2022, in which institutions the £14,794 million of callable capital is subscribed. (172990)

- 48 **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on potential responses to the Ugandan Government's Anti-Homosexuality Bill 2023. (173028)
- 49 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he plans to take steps to refer Iran to the UN Security Council. (173074)
- 50 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Iran on humanitarian support for people in Iran. (173075)
- 51 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made with Cabinet colleagues of the threat posed by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps to (a) the UK, (b) the UK's interests in the Middle East and (c) Iranians critical of the Iranian regime who are living in the UK. (173096)
- 52 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she has made an assessment of the threat posed by potential hate preachers supporting the persecution of and attacks on the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in the UK; and whether her Department holds data on the number of visas refused due to the individual supporting the persecution of Ahmadiyyas. (173098)
- 53N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it has been the policy of her 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. [Transferred] (172408)
- 54 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding her Department allocated to Border Force Maritime Command in the 2021-22 financial year. (172993)
- 55 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to reply to correspondence of (a) 24 January and (b) 16 February from the hon. Member for Weston-super-Mare relating to a constituent, Samantha Smith. (173006)
- 56 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has any plans to change the penalties imposed on people who have not paid for their TV license because they cannot afford to. (173046)
- 57 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the impact of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 on Gypsy, Roma and Traveller people. (173047)

- 58 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 9 November 2022 to Question 83745 on Police: Travellers, for what reason the Home Office does not hold information on the number of police forces which have adopted Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community (a) engagement strategies, (b) liaison officers and (c) points of contact for engagement. (173048)
- 59 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children who went missing were subsequently found and returned to safety in the last 12 months. (173049)
- 60 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent steps she has taken to help (a) find and return to safety and (b) prevent the further disappearance of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. (173050)
- 61 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's data on ministerial travel costs for October to December 2022 on 23 March, how much of the £713.07 spent on her visit to Paris on 13 November 2022 was spent on (a) Eurostar tickets, (b) overnight accommodation and (c) other expenses. (173000)
- 62 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's publication of data on ministerial gifts for October to December 2022 on 23 March, whether any (a) import VAT or (b) customs duty was paid on the gifts she received from the (i) French interior minister on 13 November 2022 or the (ii) Italian interior minister on 16 November 2022, upon their transport back to the UK. (173004)
- 63 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the transparency data entitled Home Office: ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings, October to December 2022, published on 23 March 2023, whether the Fortnum and Mason hamper for the French interior minister contained any dairy products. (173005)
- 64 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of the Responsible Car Wash Scheme on compliance and standards in the car washing industry. (173108)
- 65 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of establishing a local authority-led licensing scheme for the car washing industry. (173109)
- 66 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to end labour exploitation in the car washing industry. (173110)

- 67 **Gareth Davies** (Grantham and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the The Mull of Kintyre Review, HC 1348, published July 2011, what assessment he has made of the implications of that review on similar cases that occurred between 1983 and 2011. (173114)
- 68 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the written statement entitled Ajax Payments Update, UIN HCWS652, made by the Minister for Defence Procurement on 20 March 2023, who met or will meet the costs of the user validation trials for the AJAX programme. (172975)
- 69 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, who in his Department has had access to the draft Sheldon report on the Ajax lessons learned review. (172976)
- 70 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) initial operating capability and (b) full operating capability dates for the mine hunting capability being co-developed with France are. (172977)
- 71 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what contracts have been awarded by his Department as part of the Mobile Fires Platform as of 24 March 2023. (172978)
- 72 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the (a) procurement and (b) whole life cost of the mobile fires platform. (172979)
- 73 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding has been allocated to the mobile fires platform. (172980)
- 74 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what capabilities will be provided by the mobile fire platform. (172981)
- 75 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the report entitled Defence in a Competitive Age, published by his Department on 22 March 2021, CP 411, how many Tranche 1 Typhoons will be retired by 2025. (172982)
- 76 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the report entitled Defence in a Competitive Age, published by his Department on 22 March 2021, CP 411, whether his Department has completed the retirement of the oldest CH-47 Chinooks. (172983)
- 77 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the report entitled Defence in a Competitive Age, published by his Department on 22 March 2021, CP 411, whether the two Type 23 frigates planned to be retired have left service. (172984)

- 78 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the report entitled Defence in a Competitive Age, published by his Department on 22 March 2021, CP 411, whether his Department has retired the RAF's BAe146. (172985)
- 79 **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 Alconbury; and how many personnel are based at that site. (172986)
- 80 **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 Alconbury. (172987)
- 81 **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 Feltwell; and how many personnel are based at that site. (172988)
- 82 **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 Feltwell. (172989)
- 83 **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of calls to the Courts Service were requests for information on claimant data in the latest period for which data is available.[R] (173011)
- 84 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much and what proportion of the UK's subscribed capital to the European Investment Bank has been returned; how much subscribed capital remains to be returned; and when this capital will be returned. (172991)
- 85 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of tariffs placed on the UK's trade with European countries on the UK's inflation rate. (173104)
- 86 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Approved mileage rates. (173043)
- 87 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to take steps to review the Lifetime ISA property value threshold against house prices in London. (173044)
- 88 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to help people use their investment in a Help to Buy ISA in (a) Hampstead and Kilburn constituency and (b) other areas where average housing costs exceed £450,000. (173045)

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- 89 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport on the potential merits of introducing a price stability mechanism for the production of sustainable aviation fuel in the UK. (173008)
- 90 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of implementing a contracts for difference scheme, similar to that used to in the wind sector, for the production of sustainable aviation fuels. (173009)
- 91 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing a price support mechanism for sustainable aviation fuel. (173010)
- 92 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 23 March to Question 167062 on Charities: Foreign Companies, what other tax reliefs besides Gift Aid are claimed by the 25 EU-EEA charities, that give rise to the forecast revenue yield of (a) £5 million in 2024-25 and (b) £10 million per year from 2025-26 onwards, resulting from his proposed withdrawal of those reliefs from April 2024 onwards. (173001)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jonathan Reynolds** (Stalybridge and Hyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment of the compatibility of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill with the Windsor Framework. (173012)
- 2N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support UK companies to make trade agreements with individual US states; and if he will make a statement. (172998)
- 3N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for education, health and care plans in schools. (173090)
- 4N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the Energy Bill Support Scheme provides equal help to each household when multiple householders have a shared single domestic energy connection for billing purposes but are classed as separate households for council tax and other official purposes. (173029)

- 5N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the operational costs are for (a) pre-payment energy meters that require (i) card or coin and (ii) remote payment and (b) standard smart meters on direct debit. (173092)
- 6N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of providing funding from the public purse to cover the standing charge for pre payment meters. (173093)
- 7N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether (a) zoos and (b) aquariums will be eligible for higher-tier support under the Energy Bills Discount Scheme. (173076)
- 8N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if the Government will accept the recent request from the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food to visit the UK. (173113)
- 9N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to protect (a) puffins, (b) kittiwakes and (c) other marine life from the industrial fishing of their food source of sandeels; and whether she is taking steps to (a) ban and (b) restrict supertrawlers from access to UK waters. (173115)
- 10N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits for anglers of maintaining the Environmental Information Regulations (2004). (173116)
- 11N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans her Department has to keep current fur trade bans in the context of the Retained EU Law Bill. [Transferred] (171496)
- 12N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of 9 January, Official Report column 139WH, what discussions she has had with the devolved administrations on the potential merits of banning the use of snares. (173060)
- 13N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what progress he has made on the cost variation request submitted in October 2022 in relation to Fitzgerald House and the associated cladding remediation quotation in Tooting constituency. (173069)
- 14N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 23 March 2023 to Question 169443 on Mayors: Powers, what were the conclusions of that public sector equalities duty analysis; and if he will place a copy of that analysis in the House of Commons Library. (173094)

- 15N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that (a) Right to Manage Companies and (b) Residential Management Companies who do not wish to exercise the option of appointing a building safety director will be able discharge their obligations under Part 4 of the Building Safety Act 2022. (173057)
- 16N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that resident directors in charge of Right-to-Manage companies and Resident Management Companies who do not wish to exercise the option of appointing a building safety director will be able to secure insurance cover against the new liabilities arising from Part 4 of the Building Safety Act 2022. (173058)
- 17N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how much funding has been allocated to organisations in Northern Ireland by the European Social Fund in the 2022-23 financial year. (173027)
- 18N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK International Technology Strategy published on Published 22 March 2023, for what reasons that document does not reference (a) association with Horizon Europe and (b) alternatives to Horizon Europe; and whether she plans to take steps to re-join the Horizon Programme. (173013)
- 19N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK International Technology Strategy published on Published 22 March 2023, where the Technology Centre of Expertise will be based. (173014)
- 20N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to The UK's International Technology Strategy; published on 22 March, CP 810, what estimate her Department has made of the cost of (a) establishing and (b) running the Technology Centre of Expertise; by what criteria priority nations for delivering an International Technology Strategy implementation plan were identified; and whether her Department will publish a list of those nations. (173017)
- 21N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much science funding was spent on projects located outside of the South East in this financial year; and whether her Department will take steps to increase the proportion of science funding spent outside the South East over the next five years. (173018)
- 22N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress her Department has made on developing a domestic supply of medical isotopes as part of the Medical Radionuclide Innovation Programme. (173059)

- 23N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many full time equivalent staff in his Department are working on the response to the Managing pavement parking consultation. (173083)
- 24N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many consultations that closed before the 31 December 2020 are awaiting a response from his Department. (173084)
- 25N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many public consultations his Department have (a) undertaken and (b) responded to within 12 weeks of their closing, since 12 December 2019. (173085)
- 26N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when the oldest debt was incurred for cases in which Universal Credit was reduced due to historical overpayment of tax credits due to an error made by an official in the last 12 months. (173019)
- 27N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for cases in the past year where Universal Credit has been reduced due to historical overpayment of tax credits due to official error, what is the average debt each recipient is required to repay. (173020)
- 28N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many claimants had their Universal Credit reduced due to a historical overpayment of tax credits due to an error made by an official in the last 12 months. (173021)
- 29N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of families receiving income-related benefits that used food banks in the last 12 months; and what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of that estimate. (173022)
- 30N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reasons Universal Credit claimants will wait 9 months to be considered for Restart. (173031)
- 31N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how he plans to measure the success of the Restart Programme; and what steps he is taking to ensure that the programme operates effectively. (173033)
- 32N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy to extend the length of the Restart Programme for people who have had a long period of unemployment. (173034)
- 33N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether refugees can be placed on the Restart scheme. (173035)
- 34N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department is taking steps to help improve access to English for Speakers of Other Languages courses through the Restart scheme. (173036)

- 35N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2023 to Question 166295 on Mental Health Services: Artificial Intelligence, how much of the £123 million provided for AI technologies will be designated for the development of AI technologies for mental health treatment. (173067)
- 36N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2023 to Question 166295 on Mental Health Services: Artificial Intelligence, when he plans to publish the results of the app testing. (173068)
- 37N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will include Cystic Fibrosis patients on the medical exemption list to make them eligible for free prescriptions on the NHS. (173111)
- 38N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the timeframe is for the appointment of a new partner to manage the distribution of funds to increase the number of automated external defibrillators in communities; and when he expects the scheme to be open for grant applications. (173088)
- 39N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, to what territory the 2030 roadmap for UK-Israel bilateral relations, signed on 21 March, applies. (172996)
- 40N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many UK Tech Envoys his Department currently has; and whether his Department plans to take steps to increase the number of Tech Envoys. (173016)
- 41N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 March 2023 to Question 169226 on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Aviation, on how many occasions that the Secretary of State has travelled overseas on non-scheduled flights with members of (a) the media and (b) business delegations in the travelling party in the period since 1 January 2021. (173002)
- 42N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the cost to claimants of applying for compensation under the Windrush compensation scheme; and if she will make a statement. (173073)
- 43N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding her Department allocated to Border Force Maritime Command in the 2022-23 financial year. (172992)
- 44N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding her Department allocated to Border Force Maritime Command in the 2020-21 financial year. (172994)

- 45N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff Border Force Maritime Command had on 1 March 2023. (172995)
- 46N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what is the total number of full time equivalent staff currently employed within the Small Boats Operational Command; how many new members of staff have joined the Small Boats Operational Command since 31 January 2023; and when she expects to meet her target to recruit 700 new members of staff to Small Boats Operational Command. (173023)
- 47N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding was provided to the National Crime Agency to tackle cross-channel people smuggling in (a) 2021-22, (b) 2022-23 and (c) 2023-24. (173024)
- 48N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many enforcement visits were carried out by Immigration Enforcement Officers in relation to suspected illegal working offences in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (173025)
- 49N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of how many people resident in the UK are victims of (a) human trafficking and (b) modern slavery. (173112)
- 50N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether people who are granted Leave To Enter under a British National Overseas Visa are entitled to get married in the UK. (173026)
- 51N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether in the context of the war in Ukraine he has recently reviewed the potential for future use of the AJAX vehicles in (a) surveillance and (b) reconnaissance. (172970)
- 52N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the written statement entitled Ajax Payments Update, UIN HCWS652, made by the Minister for Defence Procurement on 20 March 2023, how many (a) operational AJAX vehicles and (b) trained personnel will comprise the trained and deployable squadron to meet initial operating capability. (172971)
- 53N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the written statement entitled Ajax Payments Update, UIN HCWS652, made by the Minister for Defence Procurement on 20 March 2023, when his Department will pay the balance of the payments to General Dynamics Land Systems UK for the AJAX programme withheld since December 2020. (172972)
- 54N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the written statement entitled Ajax Payments Update, UIN HCWS652, made by the Minister for Defence Procurement on 20 March 2023,

whether the balance of the payments to General Dynamics Land Systems UK for the AJAX programme, withheld since December 2020, will be paid irrespective of the new schedule and its milestones. (172973)

55N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the written statement entitled Ajax Payments Update, UIN HCWS652, made by the Minister for Defence Procurement on 20 March 2023, at which future milestones in the new schedule future contract payments to General Dynamics Land Systems UK for the AJAX programme will become payable. (172974)

56N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department's recent research into the service history of Flight Sergeant Peter Brown established whether he was paid the same rate of (a) war service gratuity payment and (b) post war service credit upon leaving the Royal Air Force in 1950 as white service personnel of the same rank engaged in the same duties discharged in the same period. (172999)

57N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 23 March 2023 to Question 169225 on Ministry of Defence: Aviation, on how many occasions he has travelled overseas on non-scheduled flights with members of (a) the media and (b) business delegations in the travelling party in the period since 1 January 2021. (173003)

58N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether it is his Department's policy to encourage the use of Standard Delivery formats in Pre-Sentence Reports. [R] (173091)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 March

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the evidence gathering stage of the inquiry into allegations of bullying made against the Rt hon. Member for Esher and Walton has concluded. (173041)

2N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to publish the results of the inquiry into allegations of bullying made against the Rt hon. Member for Esher and Walton. (173042)

3N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she is taking steps to implement the 18+1 ethnicity monitoring system for data collection in education for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. (173089)

4N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of the drug Scopolamine. (172968)

- 5N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much and what proportion of his Department's annual expenditure is being spent on preventing ill health in the 2022-23 financial year. (173040)
- 6N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of funding allocated to hospices to assist with energy bills. (172969)