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## Questions tabled on Friday 28 April 2023

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### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 2 May

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the number and proportion of (a) 18 to 24, (b) 25 to 60, (c) 60 to 70 and (d) over 70 year-olds that have photographic identification. [Transferred] (183128)
- 2 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's new story entitled Voter Identification - FAQs, published on 26 May 2021, what the (a) sample size and (b) geographic area was that was used to determine that 98 per cent of electors owned a photographic document that was on the list of acceptable types of identification under the Voter Identification policy. [Transferred] (183129)
- 3 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people of state pension age will start to pay tax for the first time on their pensionable income due to the freezing of the personal allowance at £12,570 following the increase of the state pension by 10.1 per cent. [Transferred] (183125)

## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 3 May

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps his Department has taken to support business activities which (a) improve the climate, (b) reduce poverty and (c) reduce inequality. (183275)
- 2N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to support the growth of battery technology companies. [Transferred] (904752)
- 3 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had discussions with the Competition and Markets Authority on a potential merger between ASDA and EG Group. (183278)
- 4 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of the shortage of health visitors on (a) children with special educational needs and disabilities and (b) other vulnerable children. (183232)
- 5 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to provide Sharia-approved student finance available for Muslim students. (183272)
- 6N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many jobs did Phase 1 of the public sector decarbonisation scheme support. [Transferred] (183047)
- 7N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made on the percentage of Britain's carbon emissions that derive from (a) domestic and (b) public buildings. [Transferred] (183048)
- 8N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help improve the energy efficiency of (a) schools, (b) NHS buildings, (c) leisure facilities and (d) local authority public buildings. [Transferred] (183050)
- 9N **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support nuclear technology companies. [Transferred] (904758)
- 10 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to reduce agricultural pollution as a means for improving the ecological status of rivers in England. (183240)

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- 11 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a (a) ban and (b) tax on artificial grass for commercial and domestic use. (183276)
- 12 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make it her policy to (a) ban the sale of or (b) tax artificial grass which is installed in commercial and domestic properties. (183277)
- 13 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she is taking steps to help reduce the presence of antimicrobial-resistant superbugs originating from industrial farms in water courses. (183224)
- 14 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what progress his Department has been made on distributing Levelling Up Round 2 funding to successful bids. (183288)
- 15 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she is taking steps to improve mobile phone signal strength and coverage in Shropshire. (183239)
- 16 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions his Department has had with Tesla on its timescales for developing its autopilot software from beta to full self-driving. (183222)
- 17 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, on what legal basis Tesla Autopilot is able to operate on roads in the UK. (183223)
- 18 **Bob Stewart** (Beckenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding his Department has provided to Transport for London for the repair of potholes on (a) roads, (b) the principle road network and (c) London borough roads in the (i) 2023-24 financial year and (ii) previous five financial years. (183220)
- 19 **Bob Stewart** (Beckenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the funding provided to each London borough by TFL for the maintenance of the principal road network in (a) financial 2023-24 and (b) the last five financial years. (183221)
- 20 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing Universal Credit payments for people under 25 to the same rate as for people over 25. (183251)

- 21 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 17 April 2023 to Question 175486 on Universal Credit: Armed Forces, how many Universal Credit claimants have been identified as (a) serving and (b) having served in the armed forces by local authority area for the assessment periods ending on 1 March 2023. (183287)
- 22 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps his Department has taken to implement the policies set out in the Women's Health Strategy for England, published on 30 August 2022. (183273)
- 23 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Government's Maternity Disparities Task Force is next scheduled to meet. (183263)
- 24 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will revise the Terms of Reference for the Maternity Disparities Task Force in order to ensure they (a) adequately reflect the multiple and complex reasons underlying those disparities and (b) explicitly mention racism. (183264)
- 25 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will require the Maternity Disparities Task Force to publish clear and measurable success metrics. (183265)
- 26 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure ethnicity data is effectively gathered, and to reduce delays in data delivery, in order to tackle disparities in maternal health. (183266)
- 27 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to include projections of the numbers of mental health staff that will be recruited to support people with Parkinson's in the NHS workforce plan. (183248)
- 28 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish NHS data on access to Talking Therapies for Anxiety and Depression through the long-term conditions pathway by condition. (183249)
- 29 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of mental health support available for people with Parkinson's in Cheshire and Merseyside integrated care systems area; and if he will make a statement. (183250)
- 30 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Hemel Hempstead of 9 November 2022 and 12 January 2023, reference MP77327. (183238)
- 31 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the renewal of the truce in Yemen. (183280)

- 32 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help tackle female genital schistosomiasis in countries where those diseases are endemic; and whether his Department plans to increase aid funding for prevention programmes for neglected tropical diseases. (183225)
- 33N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when charities in Ukraine are expected to receive the £2.3 billion from Roman Abramovich's sale of Chelsea. [Transferred] (183217)
- 34 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the difficulties victims of domestic abuse experience in (a) severing contracts for services to which their abusers are a party and (b) in continuing to have access to those services; and if she will take steps to strengthen the rights of victims in such circumstances. (183235)
- 35 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applications were processed by her Department in the last 12 months; and how many and what proportion of these applications were made by Palestinians. (183258)
- 36 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of applications for asylum made by Palestinian people were successful in the last 12 months. (183259)
- 37 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veteran ID cards have been distributed by local authority area as of 25 April 2023. (183286)
- 38 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prosecutions each licensing authority has brought under the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 governing a blind person's right to travel in licensed taxis with their guide dogs since January 2022, broken down by licensing authority. (183252)

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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 9 May

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that immunocompromised people at polling stations can still vote if they do not take off their face masks inside to verify identification; and whether people will be offered the option to remove face masks outside of polling stations for verification purposes. (183274)

- 2N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) in total and (b) full-time equivalent staff in his Department are working on the rollout of Veteran ID cards. (183283)
- 3N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 24 April 2023 to Question 180273 on Students: Cost of Living, whether his Department plans to respond to the report's recommendations. (183227)
- 4N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Centre for Social Justice's report entitled Cracks in Our Foundations, published February 2023, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of that report's findings on (a) primary school teachers views on the impact of support for children with speech, language and communication needs on foundational skills post pandemic, (b) head teachers use of local NHS or out-of- school speech therapist services for speech and language support in their school and the availability of those services and (c) trends in demand for speech and language needs support post pandemic. (183230)
- 5N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the implications of trends in the number of children referred for mental health care. (183231)
- 6N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the Ofgem's levels of reliance on (a) the Sustainable Biomass Programme and (b) other industry certification schemes to independently assess an organisation's compliance with UK Biomass Sustainability Rules. (183270)
- 7N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions she has had with (a) the Welsh Government, (b) Powys County Council, (c) Thames Water, (d) Seven Trent Water and (e) United Utilities on proposals to redirect water supplies from Llyn Fyrnwy to the South East of England. (183241)
- 8N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department is taking steps to help support the professional horticulture sector to develop responsibly-sourced alternatives to peat that can be produced at volume and which maintain the quality of the produce. (183246)
- 9N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, on what evidential basis she has reduced the timeframe for tree and plant growers to test peat-free growing media before a ban becomes law. (183247)
- 10N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many jobcentres there are in the UK; and how many and what proportion of these are fully accessible for disabled people. (183260)

- 11N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what step his Department is taking to make job centres accessible. (183261)
- 12N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if his Department will provide dedicated funding for assistive technology to support disabled people to access services in jobcentres. (183262)
- 13N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report published by The Lancet in July 2022 entitled Outsourcing health-care services to the private sector and treatable mortality rates in England, 2013–20: an observational study of NHS privatisation, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of that report's statement that its findings suggest further privatisation of the NHS might lead to worse population health outcomes; and if he will commission an investigation into the potential impact of the use of private health care providers by the NHS on mortality rates. (183271)
- 14N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to make a decision on funding for the provision of primary ophthalmic services for children in non-residential special schools. (183268)
- 15N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the findings of a survey by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists published in April 2023 on (a) the average vacancy rates in speech and language therapy services and (b) the level of difficulty managers said they faced in recruiting to both children's and adults' services. (183228)
- 16N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the increase in child referrals for mental health care in 2021-22 shown by NHS statistics. (183229)
- 17N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, on what grounds a hospital can change its records regarding a patient's next of kin (a) after the patient has been admitted and (b) without the consent of the (i) patient and (ii) patient's next of kin as designated at the time of admission; and what processes are in place for (A) recording and (B) changing hospital records on a patient's next of kin. (183219)
- 18N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients have been waiting for more than 18 months for treatment on an NHS waiting list in Stockport constituency. (183279)
- 19N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of mental health-related sick days which were taken by departmental staff in each of the last five years. (183253)

- 20N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many mental health-related sick day absences were taken by staff in his Department in each month since April 2022. (183254)
- 21N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any complaints were made against him by staff as (a) Secretary of State between 5 July 2022 and 6 September 2022 and (b) Minister of State between January 2018 to November 2018. (183255)
- 22N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his Department's total spend was on human resources in each of the last five years. (183256)
- 23N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of departmental staff who took sick absences were related to stress, anxiety, depression or other mental health reasons in each of the last five years. (183257)
- 24N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of evacuating (a) non-British nationals with relevant entry clearance from Sudan and (b) non-British nationals with family reunion visas. (183226)
- 25N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on the rollout of veteran ID cards up to 28 April 2023. (183281)
- 26N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many civil servants from his Department (a) in total and (b) in full-time equivalent posts are allocated to work on the rollout of veteran ID cards. (183282)
- 27N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many complaints his Department received about the rollout of Veteran ID cards in (a) 2020, (b) 2021, and (c) 2022. (183284)
- 28N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 104 of the Armed Forces Covenant and Veterans annual report 2022, published 19 December 2022, what were the average waiting times for (a) Transition, Intervention and Liaison Services and (b) Complex Treatment Services under Op Courage by Clinical Commissioning Group area. (183285)
- 29N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the sea-going status is of Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels; and which of those ships are (a) operationally available, (b) undergoing maintenance or a refit and (c) temporarily unavailable due to mechanical problems. (183243)
- 30N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the Royal Fleet Auxiliary's total annual expenditure was on vessel maintenance, including unscheduled work in each year since 2010. (183244)

- 31N **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) duration and (b) value of vessel maintenance contracts were signed by the Royal Fleet Auxiliary in each year since 2010. (183245)
- 32N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when his Department expects to have completed its implementation of local regime leads across the entire prison estate through the National Regime Model. (183236)
- 33N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if his Department will publish data on the average time spent out of cell in each prison in England and Wales. (183237)
- 34N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing an independent inquiry into the selling of disguised remuneration schemes. (183269)
- 35N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help (a) young people with disabilities and (b) other children to access (a) Child Trust Funds and (b) Junior ISAs. (183242)
- 36N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, for what reason the provisions of section 48(1) of the Wales Act 2017 have not been brought into force. (183233)
- 37N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent discussions she has had with the Leader of the House on the Parliamentary timetable for the Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Bill. (183234)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 6 June

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to make a decision on funding for primary ophthalmic services for children in non-residential special schools. (183267)