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Questions tabled on Friday 12 May 2023

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Questions for Answer on Monday 15 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment had been made of the efficacy of existing non-animal methods of safety testing of cosmetic products ingredients before it began issuing licenses for animal testing. [Transferred] (184477)
- 2 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many international medical students are studying at UK universities. [Transferred] (184716)
- 3 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many international medical students who completed their degree in the UK left the UK once qualified in the last five years. [Transferred] (184718)
- 4 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an estimate of how many Fixed Penalty Notices each police service has issued for contraventions on 20mph speed limits in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (184629)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 16 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what guidance has been published to assist with the security of churches. (184815)

- 2 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to support electric vehicle manufacturing. (184806)
- 3 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, steps her Department is taking to increase investment in the domestic battery recycling industry. (184807)
- 4 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the report by the British Geological Society entitled Potential for Critical Raw Material Prospectivity in the UK, published on 17 April 2023, what steps her Department is taking to develop a domestic critical minerals industry. (184808)
- 5 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the expected impact on levels of participation in the National Tutoring Programme of changes in the subsidy rate in academic years (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24. (184839)
- 6 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when her Department plans to publish the Review of Post-18 Education and Funding. (184841)
- 7 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the budget for allocation round five of the contracts for difference scheme to help meet (a) increased construction costs and (b) Government targets for the rollout of renewable energy. (184786)
- 8 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the output of offshore wind. (184787)
- 9N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to take steps to help progress renewable projects that are at an advanced planning stage through the connections queue. [Transferred] (184638)
- 10N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether officials in his Department have had discussions with National Grid on decreasing the waiting time for new grid connections for renewable energy projects. [Transferred] (184695)
- 11N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken to make new National Grid connections on new renewable energy projects in the UK. [Transferred] (184696)
- 12 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what analysis his Department has undertaken of the comparative cost to consumers of (a) an electricity system with nuclear as part of the energy mix and (b) a system based on variable renewables alone; and if he will place a copy of this assessment in the House of Commons Library. (184799)

- 13N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending eligibility for the Warm Home Discount to people with Reynaud's. [Transferred] (184701)
- 14 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reason the number of laws listed on the retained EU law dashboard has decreased from 1,781 to 1,671; and which laws were removed in the latest iteration of the dashboard. (184800)
- 15 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Retained EU Law Bill, what assessment she has made of (a) the need to maintain the current standards on pesticides as a minimum and (b) concern from the investment industry over pesticide-related biodiversity loss; and if she will make a statement. (184804)
- 16 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what safeguards her Department plans to introduce to minimise the risk of insect farming contributing to antimicrobial resistance. (184816)
- 17 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to help ensure compliance with health regulations as the insects as food and feed industry expands. (184817)
- 18 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to promote safe environmental practices in the insects as food and feed industry. (184818)
- 19 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the environmental impact of the agricultural industry using insects as animal feed. (184819)
- 20 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 28 March 2023 to Question 173051, what steps her Department have taken to examine the use of cages for laying hens. (184809)
- 21 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to provide funding to farmers to transition to cage-free farming systems in 2023. (184810)
- 22 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of undercover investigation footage from Carr Farm in East Yorkshire published by the Daily Mail newspaper on 14 April 2023. (184811)
- 23 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 20 April 2023 to Question 179978 on Poultry: Animal Housing, if she will make an estimate of the costs to industry of a ban on the use of cages for laying hens. (184812)

- 24 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of funding for the Inter Faith Network on community cohesion, and if he will make a statement. (184865)
- 25 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a blind bidding system for purchasing houses. (184840)
- 26N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact on air quality of extending the DLR from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (184759)
- 27N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the impact on small and medium businesses of extending the DLR from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead; and if he will make a statement. [Transferred] (184761)
- 28 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 10 May 2023 to Question 183251 on Universal Credit: Young People, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of aligning Universal Credit for people under 25 with the eligibility of 23 years for the National Living Wage. (184835)
- 29 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 10 May 2023 to Question 183251 on Universal Credit: Young People, for what reason people under 25 who live independently are paid a lower rate of Universal Credit than those aged 25 years and over. (184836)
- 30 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the time taken to process Access to Work applications; and what steps he is taking to ensure that applications are processed in a timely manner. (184864)
- 31 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many applications made to the Access to Work Scheme were outstanding as of 3 May 2023. (184788)
- 32 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made a recent assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of requiring people to have a valid certificate of medical insurance before being granted an immigration visa. (184855)
- 33 **Ben Everitt** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of GP surgeries in England that have sent patients directly for brain imaging through head (a) MRI and (b) CT scans in each of the last five years. (184862)

- 34 **Ben Everitt** (Milton Keynes North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether local health bodies hold data on how many GP surgeries across England have sent patients directly for brain imaging through head (a) MRI and (b) CT scans in each of the last five years. (184863)
- 35 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 April 2023 to Question 182114 on Prescriptions, whether his Department plans to issue guidance to pharmacies to help ensure that prescriptions for residents of care homes are dispensed and dispatched promptly. (184866)
- 36 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the press release entitled Number of defibrillators to be increased with new funding, published by his Department on 29 December 2022, when his Department plans to invite interested parties to bid for this grant funding. (184828)
- 37 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2023 to Question 146994 on Defibrillators: Public Places, what his Department's estimated timeline is for completing the procurement processes for the £1 million fund to expand defibrillator access in the community. (184829)
- 38 **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 May to question 172423 on Protective Clothing: China, whether his Department has made an estimate of potential usable energy generation from incineration of the items of Personal Protective Equipment disposed of since September 2022. (184826)
- 39 **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support his Department provides for (a) people diagnosed with fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva and (b) their families. (184859)
- 40 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to ensure that the Ukraine Recovery Conference focuses on achieving a sustainable recovery. (184801)
- 41 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that civil society organisations representing (a) environment, (b) sustainability and (c) nature interests are able to attend the Ukraine Recovery Conference. (184802)
- 42 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's (a) process and (b) criteria was for selecting attendees for the Ukraine Recovery Conference; and if he will place a copy of the attendees list in the House of Commons Library. (184803)

- 43 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department last reviewed the list of accepted occupations for passport application and photo counter-signatories; and whether she plans to increase the number of accepted occupations on that list. (184830)
- 44 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has provided to passport applicants who do not know anyone who meets the criteria for photograph counter-signatories. (184831)
- 45 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether Ukrainian crew members working on cruise ships in the UK will be eligible to apply to one of the visa schemes for Ukrainian nationals, including the Ukrainian Extension Scheme. (184832)
- 46 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle the rise in transphobic hate crime. (184853)
- 47 **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many LGBTQI+ people are in immigration detention in the UK. (184790)
- 48 **Anthony Browne** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue was received from capital gains tax raised on carried interest gains in the 2021-22 financial year; and what the post-behavioural costings are for subjecting carried interest to income tax treatment in all cases in each financial year to 2025-26. (184856)
- 49 **Anthony Browne** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the potential cost of applying carried interest to income tax treatment in all cases. (184857)
- 50 **Anthony Browne** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential risk of capital flight resulting from the application of carried interest to income tax treatment in all cases. (184858)
- 51 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of increasing Official Development Assistance funding for the The Prosperity Fund. (184842)
- 52 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many applications (a) crown servants, (b) contractors and (c) their family members have submitted to the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation under Regulation 64 of the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 since 1 August 2022; and how many times that Office has granted an application under General Licence INT-2022-1845976 in that period. (184789)

- 53 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what HMRC's target response times are for (a) public enquiries and (b) Member of Parliament enquiries; and if he will provide details of performance against those targets for each of the last six months. (184849)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 17 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Written Statement of 10 May 2023 on Regulatory Reform Update, HCWS764, what changes to EU-derived reporting requirements could save businesses £1 billion a year. (184793)
- 2N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment her Department has made of the potential for creation of new jobs by extending the DLR from Gallions Reach to Thamesmead; and if she will make a statement. (184861)
- 3N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on eligible persons not receiving the Warm Home Discount because of delays to documents being sent to energy suppliers by that Department. (184822)
- 4N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many households were on their local authority waiting list for social housing in (a) the last six months, (b) 2022, (c) 2020 and (d) 2018. (184860)
- 5N **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is taking steps to facilitate the process for consideration of the Full Business Case for the Middlewich Eastern Bypass in the Congleton constituency. (184805)
- 6N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much the Great British Railways transition team has spent on consultants in each month since October 2022. (184837)
- 7 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Office of Rail and Road requested that Network Rail consult in line with the Safety Representative and Safety Committee Regulations 1977 in respect of Network Rail's modernising maintenance programme. (184813)
- 8 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what training has been provided to Network Rail safety representatives on the changes brought in by the Network Rail's modernising maintenance programme. (184814)

- 9N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department is taking steps to tackle hygiene poverty for welfare claimants. (184824)
- 10N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he is taking steps to help ensure the accessibility of sanitary products for people in poverty. (184820)
- 11N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department taking to reduce waiting times for (a) GP and (b) hospital appointment waiting times for women with endometriosis. (184821)
- 12N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 3 May to question 172423 on Protective Clothing: China, what proportion of the items of Personal Protective Equipment disposed of since September 2022, has been (a) donated to other countries, (b) recycled and (c) sold. (184825)
- 13N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of usable energy generation from the 3.14 billion items of PPE removed from stock through incineration up to 28 February 2023. (184827)
- 14N **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) National Institute for Health and Care (NICE), (b) NHS England and (c) other system partners on the potential merits of lowering the discount rate applied to technologies with health gains evaluated by NICE. (184823)
- 15N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the (a) whereabouts and (b) wellbeing of the Nigerian women and girls kidnapped by Boko Haram from Chibok in 2014. (184833)
- 16N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to restore access to immunisation services around the world. (184834)
- 17N **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she is taking steps to classify the Wagner group as a proscribed terrorist organisation. [Transferred] (184727)
- 18N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 10 May 2023 to Question 183671 on Fraud, where on the Action Fraud website the requested information is available; and how many incidents were reported to Action Fraud by (a) individuals and (b) organisations where fraud was attempted but no losses occurred in the 12 months to 31 March 2023. (184797)

- 19N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 10 May 2023 to Question 183671 on Fraud, whether the data published on the Action Fraud website includes attempted fraud; and whether the statement in the data section of the Action Fraud website that only fraud offences amounting to a crime under the Home Office Crime Recording rules are included in the data is accurate. (184798)
- 20N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether all UK donations to Ukraine of (a) Challenger 2; (b) AS90; (c) FV340 Bulldog; (d) Stormer; (e) FV103 Spartans; (f) M113; (g) Wolfhound; (h) Mastiff; (i) Husky; and (j) FV104 armoured vehicles have been delivered to Ukraine. (184791)
- 21N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the annual SME spend in (a) monetary value and (b) proportionate contractual value for the individual 19 prime contractors. (184792)
- 22N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department will begin to record information on the reasons for the granting of warrants to allow energy firms to force entry into people's homes. (184838)
- 23N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information (a) his Department and (b) HM Prison Service holds on the ethnicity of prison officers that have completed annex A of a use of force report in each of the last five years. (184843)
- 24N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle potential racial disparities in the use of force in prisons. (184844)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 18 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tony Lloyd** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had recent discussions with the International Seabed Authority on (a) the likelihood of the Authority agreeing to issue exploitation licences for deep-sea mining projects and (b) what assessment is required to examine the potential impact of such mining projects on deep-sea ecosystems prior to exportation licences being issued. (184794)
- 2N **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the transition of the Bacton gas terminal to hydrogen energy on businesses. [Transferred] (904997)

- 3N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will conduct an equality impact assessment on the requirement of voter ID following the local elections on 4 May 2023. [Transferred] (184709)
- 4N **Tony Lloyd** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with the International Seabed Authority on whether it would issue exploitation licences for deep-sea mining projects prior to the establishment of sufficient evidence about the potential impact on deep-sea ecosystems. (184795)
- 5N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the (a) Home Secretary and (b) Secretary of State for Education on improving access to UK universities for students from EU countries. (184845)
- 6N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for (a) Education and (b) the Home Department on reducing (i) barriers and (ii) costs of obtaining visas for EU students studying at UK universities. (184846)
- 7N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held discussions with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the installation of additional interconnectors to EU countries, including in the North Sea. (184847)
- 8N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department are taking to re-coup costs from unpaid medical treatment provided to non-entitled persons. (184854)
- 9N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any of the Storm Shadow missiles gifted to Ukraine are (a) assembled, (b) stored and (c) serviced at DM Beith. (184850)
- 10N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of (a) the (i) military and (ii) other risks of providing Storm Shadow missiles to Ukraine and (b) the potential impact of supplying those missiles on the safety of (A) defence munition centres and (B) their neighbouring population. (184851)
- 11N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Storm Shadow missiles are being gifted to Ukraine; and at what cost to the public purse. (184852)
- 12N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it is his policy to increase defence cooperation with the EU outside of the UK's cooperation obligations to EU countries under NATO. (184848)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 22 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the progress of trial schemes for e-scooters; and what plans he has to introduce legislation on e-scooters before those trials expire in 2024.

(184796)