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Questions tabled on Wednesday 12 July 2023

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 13 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much Government funding was allocated to dementia research in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (193377)
 - 2 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 April 2023 to Question HL6976 on Sahel: Security, whether his Department has provided (a) technical support and (b) training to the Directorate General of External Research in Cameroon. [Transferred] (193312)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 17 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department is taking steps to prevent public contracts being awarded to companies that blacklist workers.rs. (193823)
- 2N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 3 July 2023 to Question 191383 on Veterans: LGBT+ People, when he plans to publish the findings of the LGBT Veterans Independent Review. (193745)

- 3N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 24 April 2023 to Question 181258 on Ageing, what assessment his Department have made of the adequacy of cross-government preparedness for an increase in the older population. (193594)
- 4N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what criteria his Department has in place for appointing personnel to Pay Review Bodies. (193582)
- 5N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department is taking steps to prevent public contracts being awarded to companies that blacklist workers. (193583)
- 6 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what social value criteria the Government considers when awarding public contracts. (193584)
- 7 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what social value criteria the Government considers when awarding public contracts. (193807)
- 8 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department is taking steps to prevent public contracts being awarded to companies that blacklist workers. (193808)
- 9N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she plans to take to help improve business productivity levels in the next twelve months. (193555)
- 10 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions her Department has had with representatives of the International Seabed Authority on development of the Mining Code. (193668)
- 11 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department are taking to increase the number of inspections carried out by the Health and Safety Executive. (193799)
- 12 **Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with Arts Council England on steps to promote freedom of speech and conscience in that organisation. (193795)
- 13 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to ensure people that people from all socio-economic backgrounds can participate in community sports. (193785)
- 14 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions has she had with businesses on intergrading sport and activity into the working day. (193786)

- 15 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with local authorities on incorporating activity and sports in town planning decisions. (193788)
- 16 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she had with the Secretary of State for Transport on improving active travel routes to encourage use for leisure activities. (193789)
- 17 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will have discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) employers on the potential merits of businesses providing (i) showers and (ii) changing rooms to help encourage workers to participate in sport activities prior to or during working hours. (193790)
- 18 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help increase participation in grassroots (a) sports and (b) other physical activity by women and girls. (193691)
- 19 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the potential impact of the University and College Union marking and assessment boycott on student visa applications by students (a) studying at a UK higher education institution in the 2022-23 academic year and (b) who wish to apply to study at a UK higher education institution in the 2023-24 academic year; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the boycott on the international reputation of UK higher education institutions. (193679)
- 20 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has held discussions with representatives of higher education institutions on the potential impact of the University and College Union marking and assessment boycott (a) the experience of students at affected institutions, (b) the reputation of the higher education sector and (c) international students who wish to continue studying in the UK and require an award decision to apply for a visa from the UK. (193680)
- 21 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department takes to monitor the content of (a) training and (b) lessons on critical race theory provided by (i) FLAIR and (ii) other third party organisations. (193545)
- 22 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the number of external providers teaching critical race theory in schools. (193546)
- 23N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to offer additional funding to areas where the Early Years Supplementary Grant results in below national average funding for early years education. (193824)

- 24 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will provide the number of teachers by gender that left the profession in academic years (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23 to date in England. (193700)
- 25 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will provide the number of teachers by subject taught that left the profession in academic years (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23 to date in England. (193701)
- 26 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will provide details of the most common reasons provided for teacher absences in academic years (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23 to date. (193702)
- 27 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department has taken to support teachers following the recommendations of her Department's research report entitled Working lives of teachers and leaders, published in April 2023. (193703)
- 28 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken to support accredited initial teacher training providers to support their new delivery partners. (193704)
- 29 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken to support delivery partners of accredited initial teacher training providers to ensure they know how many teachers they will be able to recruit. (193705)
- 30 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she has taken to help reduce repetition between initial teacher training courses and the early career framework. (193706)
- 31N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the (a) cost and (b) eligibility of childcare on the diversity of PHD candidates studying STEM subjects. (193644)
- 32N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many NVQ Level 6 Environmental practitioner places were available for students in the North East of England during the last academic year; and how many students completed this course. (193645)
- 33 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of NVQ Level 6 Environmental practitioner degrees in the North East of England; and what discussions she has had with industry stakeholders on the availability of that course. (193646)

- 34N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of schools at risk of closure due to disrepair or unsafe building materials in (a) Newcastle central constituency, (b) the North East and (c) the UK. (193647)
- 35 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has had discussions with representative of Birkbeck University on its proposed reductions to its Mathematics and Statistics Department. (193653)
- 36 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of reductions to university mathematics departments budgets on the UK's ambition to become a global science and technology superpower by 2030. (193654)
- 37 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of incentives to universities of ensuring that mathematics courses are widely available. (193655)
- 38N **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the number of supply chain jobs that will be created in (a) Devon and (b) the UK from the installation of a subsea electricity generation and storage connection to Morocco by 2030. [Transferred] (193289)
- 39 **Alun Cairns** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating a set common standards used for the fitting of solar panels on domestic and commercial properties. (193660)
- 40 **Alun Cairns** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of (a) vandalism and (b) other damage to (i) solar farms and (ii) other energy-generating facilities on energy supplies; and what assessment he has made of the adequacy of security arrangements for such sites. (193661)
- 41N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what guidance his Department has prepared for energy suppliers when a customer declines a smart meter installation on multiple occasions. (193605)
- 42N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of a customer's right of refusal to install a smart meter on the progress of the ongoing rollout. (193606)

- 43N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of seeking association with the Euratom Research and Training Programme. [Transferred] (193378)
- 44N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it remains his policy for the hydrogen economy to develop large cluster networks, large scale storage and integration with gas networks by 2028-2030 as set out in the UK Hydrogen Strategy, publish in August 2021. (193540)
- 45N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 4 July 2023 to Questions 191725, 191726 and 191727 on Hydrogen, what the additional considerations associated with transmission level blending are. (193544)
- 46 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what her Department's timeline is for transferring all abstraction licenses into the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. (193578)
- 47 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of British farming machinery has been (a) built domestically and (b) imported from overseas since 2010. (193550)
- 48 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, If she will publish the submissions made by representative bodies with her Department engaged during the review of the Canal and River Trust grant. (193718)
- 49 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what grant funding she plans to give the Canal and River Trust in each year from 2023/24 to 2026/27. (193719)
- 50 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much grant funding was awarded to the Canal and River Trust in each year from 2011/12.. (193720)
- 51 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to her Written Statement of 10 July 2023 on Future funding for the Canal and River Trust, HCWS934, what the certain conditions are that have to be met for a new long term funding package. (193721)
- 52 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact on the (a) health, (b) wellbeing, (c) environmental and (d) levelling up benefits of healthy and accessible waterways of the level of future funding for the Canal and River Trust. (193722)

- 53 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of waste disposal in England. (193723)
- 54 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an estimate of the number of active illegal waste sites. (193724)
- 55 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of her Department's oversight of the waste industry. (193725)
- 56 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment she has made of trends in household recycling rates. (193726)
- 57 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps she has taken to increase recycling rates. (193727)
- 58N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of reservoir capacity (a) in and (b) serving Yorkshire. (193568)
- 59 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has met her Brazilian counterpart to discuss the Mariana Dam disaster. (193589)
- 60N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she plans to provide further funding to local communities under the Frequently Flooded Allowance. (193825)
- 61N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps she has taken to protect cross-border communities in England and Wales from flooding. (193826)
- 62N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on flooding in rivers that cross the English-Welsh border. (193827)
- 63 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the progress report by the Committee on Climate Change entitled Progress in reducing emissions, published on June 2023, what actions she is taking to increase tree canopy cover. (193695)
- 64 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of amending planning obligations to require developers to contribute to a fund for maintaining trees on new developments. (193696)

- 65 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to help tackle levels of debt in the water industry. (193801)
- 66N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the proportion of designated green belt land that meets the criteria for registration as brownfield land. (193570)
- 67 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which organisations Ministers in her Department met between 1 May 2022 and 31 May 2023 to discuss General Licence 43 for releasing gamebirds in protected areas. (193813)
- 68 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with which stakeholders Ministers in her Department held discussions on the renewal of General Licence 43 for releasing gamebirds on protected areas between 1 May 2022 and 31 May 2023. (193814)
- 69 **Dr Jamie Wallis** (Bridgend): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if her Department will publish the Animal Welfare Committee's Opinion on the Welfare of Farmed Fish at the Time of Killing 2023. (193689)
- 70 **Miriam Cates** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, which local authorities have been invited to to take part in the simplification pathfinder pilot. (193818)
- 71N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what his timetable is for (a) the second consultation on the decision to make the design standard for all new homes accessible and adaptable and (b) the implementation for that decision. (193595)
- 72N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure there is a sufficient supply of accessible and adaptable homes for older and disabled people who require such housing. (193596)
- 73N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he plans to respond to the letter from the hon. Member for Luton South, dated 28 June 2023. (193811)
- 74 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of providers offering leasehold building insurance to local authorities in London. (193634)

- 75N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the potential changes in the level of (a) employment and (b) private sector co-investment in R and D projects since the end of European Regional Development Fund support for innovation. [Transferred] (193394)
- 76N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make it his policy to change the definition of Gypsies and Travellers in the document published by his Department entitled Planning policy for traveller sites in 2015 to that used in the 2012 version. (193742)
- 77N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent estimate she has made of when the Intellectual Property Office will publish its code of conduct on copyright and artificial intelligence. (193559)
- 78N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether it is her Department's policy that companies using copyrighted data to train artificial intelligence models must seek appropriate licences. (193560)
- 79N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she hold discussions with her international counterparts on the use of unlicensed data to train artificial intelligence models at the global summit on Artificial Intelligence. (193561)
- 80N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the oral evidence of the Prime Minister to the Liaison Committee on 4 July 2023, HC1602, what steps her Department is taking to implement the (a) reporting and (b) licensing of large training runs for artificial intelligence. (193562)
- 81 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 10 July 2023 to Question 191947 on Ofcom: Managers, what swift and appropriate actions can Ofcom take if a senior manager leaves to join a company it regulates. (193673)
- 82 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 10 July 2023 to Question 191947 on Ofcom: Managers, how many times have former Ofcom employees joined a company regulated by Ofcom within 12 months of their employment ending with Ofcom in the last five years. (193674)
- 83N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions she has had with the life science research sector on (a) the recruitment of scientists from EU countries and (b) the Horizon programme. (193735)

- 84N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions she has had with the life sciences sector on collaboration by UK scientists with research bases in the EU. (193736)
- 85N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of not associating with the Euratom Research and Training Programme on domestic science and research capability. (193633)
- 86 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps UK Research and Innovation is taking to support foundational mathematical research. (193652)
- 87 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to provide additional funding to the Camp Hill railway line in Birmingham for increases in costs arising from the delay in opening that line until the end of 2024. (193667)
- 88 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has been made of the potential impact of closing train station ticket offices in Leeds East on the (a) safety and (b) accessibility of passenger rail travel in Yorkshire. (193792)
- 89 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to help ensure that the requirements of design standard CD195, Designing for cycle traffic, are applied in all National Highways regions. (193714)
- 90 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to allow disabled people who are in receipt of the standard mobility award for Personal Independence Payment to pay their vehicle tax to the DVLA through a direct debit scheme. (193737)
- 91N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an estimate of the number and proportion of public electric vehicle charging points that have a speed of less than (a) 8kW and (b) 50kW. (193770)
- 92N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) train tickets, (b) season tickets and (c) railcards were sold through ticket offices from 2015-2022. (193728)
- 93 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will hold discussions with Transport for London on the potential merits of providing live real time location information for bus services. (193751)
- 94 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to make free wi-fi for passengers mandatory at railway stations. (193752)

- 95 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the impact of the use of e-scooters on pedestrians. (193776)
- 96 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate he has made of the number of privately-owned e-scooters. (193777)
- 97 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of trends in the level of use of e-scooters. (193778)
- 98 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he is taking steps to encourage a shift from cars to (a) e-scooters and (b) other forms of active travel. (193779)
- 99 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with relevant stakeholders on the potential merits of banning silent e-scooters. (193780)
- 100 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many collisions there have been between people riding e-scooters and (a) pedestrians and (b) other road users in each of the last five years. (193781)
- 101N**Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has been made of the potential impact of the potential closure of train station ticket offices in Middlesbrough on the (a) safety and (b) accessibility of passenger rail travel in the North East. (193659)
- 102N**Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is taking steps to support unprofitable bus routes in hard-to-reach rural areas. (193581)
- 103 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is taking steps to support unprofitable bus routes in hard-to-reach rural areas. (193802)
- 104 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has been made of the potential impact of closing train station ticket offices in Warrington North constituency on the (a) safety and (b) accessibility of passenger rail travel in the North West. (193820)
- 105N**Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will place in the Library a copy of his letter to the Great Western Railway Managing Director, Mark Hopwood, on 30 May 2023, on the railway ticket offices consultation. (193666)
- 106 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of closing train station ticket offices in Coventry South constituency on the (a) safety and (b) accessibility of passenger rail travel in the West Midlands. (193819)

- 107N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of claimants in the searching for work Universal Credit conditionality regime showed evidence of employment in at least one week of the first (a) 13, (b) 26 and (c) 39 weeks following the claim in the most recent period for which this data is available. (193639)
- 108N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 10 July 2023 to Question 192319 on Unemployment: Chronic Illnesses, if he will publish further details of the work his Department is undertaking with (a) other Departments and (b) organisations to increase the Department's understanding of the potential relationship between NHS waiting lists and long-term sickness in the labour market through analysis of available data. (193640)
- 109N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2023 to Question 192317 on Employment Schemes: Disability, if he will publish further details on the expected timeline for returning the number of Disability Employment Advisors to the Department's core demand level. (193641)
- 110N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people on Universal Credit have accessed Free Courses for Jobs skills provision in each of the last 12 months. (193643)
- 111N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 8 June 2023 to Question 187662 on Universal Credit: Deductions, if he will provide the data set out in table one for the periods (a) March 2020 to February 2021 and (b) March 2021 to February 2022. (193658)
- 112N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many complaints were (a) made and (b) upheld about the Child Maintenance Service in each year since 2018. (193815)
- 113 **Stephen Crabb** (Preseli Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessments his Department has made regarding the adequacy of the managing toilet needs or incontinence descriptor for Personal Independence Payment claims. (193591)
- 114 **Stephen Crabb** (Preseli Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department issues guidance to benefit assessors on assessing (a) Crohn's Disease, (b) Ulcerative Colitis and (c) other fluctuating conditions for Personal Independence Payments. (193592)
- 115N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the cost of the (a) development of the Pensions Dashboard Programme to date and (b) programme on completion. (193574)
- 116N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when he plans that the Pensions Dashboard Programme will be ready for use. (193575)

- 117 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) risk and (b) equality assessments are made of the use of Artificial Intelligence to assess Universal Credit applications. (193707)
- 118 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the number of pharmacy closures since 1 January 2023. (193617)
- 119 **Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce endoscopy waiting lists in (a) Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System and (b) Basildon and Brentwood constituency. (193563)
- 120 **Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System plans to take to increase the number of endoscopy procedures for patients in Basildon and Billericay constituency. (193564)
- 121N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of children have been given the measles, mumps and rubella vaccination in each of the last three years. (193554)
- 122N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress his Department has made on reducing rates of childhood obesity. (193565)
- 123N**Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet members of the Medcan Family Foundation to discuss the availability of advanced unlicensed medicinal cannabis for those people who had been diagnosed with childhood epilepsy. (193547)
- 124 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 10 July 2023 to Question 191949 on NHS: Absenteeism, what assessment he has made of the increases in the NHS staff absence rate since 2019; and what is the highest recorded NHS staff absence rate. (193670)
- 125 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 10 July 2023 to Question 191948 on Coronavirus: Vaccination, whether his Department has made an assessment of the (a) value for money of, (b) reduction of contractual liabilities in and (c) lessons learned from its supply agreement with Valneva. (193671)
- 126 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many contracts worth more than £1 million his Department has entered into where the (a) goods and (b) services contracted for have not been received and are no longer expected to be received in the last five years. (193672)

- 127N**Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of trends in the length of waiting lists for mental health services in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England. (193603)
- 128N**Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the average waiting time for children and adolescent mental health services in (a) Coventry, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England; and what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting lists for those services in those areas. (193604)
- 129N**Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer 6 July 2023 to Question 192041 on Respiratory Syncytial Virus: Vaccination, when he expects to announce his policy position on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination programme. (193585)
- 130N**Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of patients are admitted to a specialist stroke bed within 72 hours of a stroke. (193587)
- 131N**Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 19 June 2023 to Question 189197 on Smoking, whether his Department holds information on the number of stop smoking services that have been available nationally in each of the last 10 years. (193588)
- 132 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what new capital funding was made available to primary care estates in the financial year 2022-23 in (a) Feltham and Heston constituency and (b) London. (193635)
- 133 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that every hospital has or has access to a neonatal intensive care unit. (193656)
- 134 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reach stillbirth and mortality rates 2025 targets. (193657)
- 135 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of plain packaging on levels of consumption of e-cigarettes. (193734)
- 136N**Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding provided for the NHS Workforce Plan will be for professional development of (a) medical staff and (b) non-medical staff. (193771)
- 137N**Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to review the workforce planning data in the NHS Workforce plan. (193772)

- 138N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to introduce a delivery strategy for (a) the retention proposals in and (b) other aspects of NHS Workforce Plan. (193773)
- 139 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle childcare issues faced by NHS staff. (193774)
- 140 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an estimate of how many NHS workers will transfer to another NHS career under the NHS Workforce Plan. (193775)
- 141 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2023 to Question 192573 on Health Services: Waiting Lists, what the average waiting list time for specialist clinical (a) care and (b) surgery was in (i) February, (ii) April and (iii) June 2023 for people in Wirral South constituency. (193607)
- 142 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of standardising (a) salaries and (b) access to NHS pensions for dental nurses employed by private dentists and those dentists with an NHS contract in line with those dental nurses employed directly by the NHS. (193690)
- 143 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate he has made of the number of additional GPs that will be recruited by 2023. (193692)
- 144 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to provide office space to enable the recruitment of additional trainee doctors. (193693)
- 145 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the retention of (a) GPs and (b) other primary healthcare staff. (193694)
- 146 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase the number of inspections carried out by the Health and Safety Executive. (193579)
- 147 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of which NHS Trusts (a) were and (b) were not on track to meet their 18 month targets in the elective recovery plan as of 1 July 2023. (193650)
- 148 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of waiting times for elective care on the mental health of people with arthritis. (193651)

149N**Kate Osborne** (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to reduce endoscopy waiting lists in (a) the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System and (b) South Tyneside.

(193793)

150N**Kate Osborne** (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System plans to take to increase the availability of endoscopy procedures for patients in Jarrow constituency.

(193794)

151N**Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the current time limit to complete Occupational English Tests on medical professionals sitting the test in (a) the South West and (b) the rest of the UK; and whether he has plans to change the time limit.

(193665)

152 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that people with type 1 diabetes have access to new diabetes technology.

(193748)

153 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of children and young people presenting to community-based mental health services started to receive help within four weeks of referral in each of the last five years for which data are available.

(193681)

154 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of children and young people who made an urgent presentation to community-based mental health crisis services were seen within 24 hours from referral in each of the last five years for which data are available.

(193682)

155 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many call-outs relating to mental ill health in children were attended by each NHS ambulance service in England in each of the last five years for which data are available.

(193796)

156N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the cost-effectiveness of the work of the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund in Colombia.

(193553)

157N**Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding the British Council plans to spend on developing grassroots football in (a) China and (b) Xinjiang in China in the financial year 2023/24; and what sums the British Council spent on developing grassroots football in China in each of the last three financial years.

(193636)

- 158 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help international counterparts tackle gynaecological disease. (193803)
- 159 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implication for his policies of a suspension of food assistance to families in Gaza by the World Food Programme; and if he will make a statement. (193810)
- 160 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to his counterpart in China on the arrest warrants for and HK\$1 million bounty on eight self-exiled pro-democracy activists and law makers from Hong Kong. (193782)
- 161 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his international counterparts on suspending extradition treaties to (a) Hong Kong and the (b) People's Republic of China in the context of the issuing of arrest warrants by Hong Kong police for overseas Hong Kong activists, including three activists living in the UK. (193783)
- 162 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 5 July 2023 to Question 191934, what his Department's projected spend on international climate finance is for the current financial year. (193676)
- 163N**Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to secure the release of British hostages in Iran. (193812)
- 164N**Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) reduce the risk of the use of nuclear weapons and (b) fulfil the UK's obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty. [Transferred] (193417)
- 165 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Global Health Framework Objective 4, what steps he has taken to lead a global campaign promoting open science for global resilience. (193648)
- 166 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support international collaboration on research projects to improve crop resilience. (193649)
- 167 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of potential (a) bomb factories, (b) mines, (c) military equipment and (d) improvised explosive devices in Jenin. (193797)

- 168 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Palestinian on security control in Jenin. (193798)
- 169 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the veracity of allegations of the false imprisonment of Sri Lankan nationals in Diego Garcia in the British Indian Ocean Territory; and if he will make a statement. (193556)
- 170 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many deaths have been recorded in the British Indian Ocean Territory in each of the past 10 years for which figures are available. (193557)
- 171 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many reports of crime in the British Indian Ocean Territory his Department received in each of the last five years. (193558)
- 172 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many convictions there have been in the British Indian Ocean Territory in each of the last five years. (193569)
- 173 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has met his Brazilian counterpart to discuss the ongoing impact of the Mariana Dam incident. (193744)
- 174N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish audit reports of the Palestinian Recovery and Development Programme. (193539)
- 175N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, for what reason data on his Department's (a) spending over £25,000 has not been updated since 1 September 2022 and (b) government procurement card spending over £500 has not been updated since 24 November 2022. (193577)
- 176 **Sir Conor Burns** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the break date is for the contracts between her Department and hotels in Bournemouth for housing asylum claimants. (193597)
- 177 **Sir Conor Burns** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the end date is in the contracts between her Department and hotels in Bournemouth housing asylum claimants. (193598)
- 178 **Sir Conor Burns** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels are housing asylum seekers in (a) Bournemouth West constituency, (b) Bournemouth East constituency, (c) Poole constituency, (d)

Mid Dorset and North Poole constituency, (e) Southampton Itchen constituency, (f) Southampton Test constituency and (g) Romsey constituency; and how many asylum seekers are housed in each of those constituencies. (193599)

179 **Sir Conor Burns** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department holds information on the number of people awaiting asylum determination in each parliamentary constituency. (193600)

180 **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have absconded from hotels or other similar accommodation since 1st January 2023; and in how many of those cases her Department has lost contact with the asylum seeker. (193541)

181 **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers absconded from (a) hotels and (b) other similar accommodation since 1 January 2023; and in how many and what proportion of those cases was all contact with her Department lost. (193542)

182 **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason refugee integration loans are interest free. (193543)

183 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to protect Hong Kong human rights activists in the UK. (193784)

184 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made a recent assessment of the extent of the use of (a) intermediaries and (b) communications specialists for child suspects in police custody in England and Wales. (193747)

185 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has had recent discussions with the Northern Ireland Department of Justice on the use of (a) intermediaries and (b) communications specialists for child suspects in police custody. (193749)

186 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of appropriate adults acting in a (a) voluntary and (b) paid-for professional capacity for children in police custody. (193750)

187 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 10 July 2023 to Question 191940 on Offenders: Deportation, what proportion of applications for the Facilitated Return Scheme are (a) considered and (b) decided within 20 days. (193669)

188 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 10 July 2023 to Question 191943, whether she has plans to hold discussions with chief constables on police officers (a) facing in-work poverty and (b) using food banks. (193675)

- 189N**Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what (a) discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on and (b) estimate she has made of the number of international students studying in the UK who are required to depart the UK to obtain a further student visa and who have been affected by the University and College Union marking and assessment boycott. (193677)
- 190 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to introduce concessions to enable students currently residing in the UK on a student visa to apply for a new student visa without departing the UK when an award for their current course has been deferred as a result of the University and College Union marking and assessment boycott. (193678)
- 191N**Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many arrests have been made in the last 12 months related to the sale of illegal vapes. (193586)
- 192 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many American Bully XL dogs were seized by the police in each year since 2013. (193548)
- 193N**Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of staffing levels in the National Crime Agency. [Transferred] (193490)
- 194N**Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which charitable organisations (a) Ministers and (b) officials from her Department have met with to discuss how to prevent trafficking for sexual exploitation on Adult Services Websites; and on how many separate occasions they met for this purpose in each calendar year since 2017. (193571)
- 195N**Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many victims of trafficking who have been exploited on adult services websites (a) officials and (b) Ministers from her Department have met with in each calendar year since 2017. (193572)
- 196N**Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on how many occasions (a) officials and (b) Ministers from her Department have met with victims of trafficking for (i) labour, (ii) sexual and (iii) criminal exploitation in each calendar year since 2017. (193573)
- 197N**Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to paragraph 2.2.11 of the UK Annual Report on Modern Slavery, how much funding was provided for prevention work to raise awareness of the risks and signs of sexual exploitation among users of Adult Services Websites; which organisations received that funding; and if she will publish the (a) results and (b) evaluation of this campaign. (193576)

- 198N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 1 November 2022 to Question 72950 on Home Office: Vivastreet, what discussions her Department has had with Adult Services Websites on developing a code of conduct for the operation of their industry; and whether she plans to publish that code. (193590)
- 199 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many individuals born in the UK between 2 October 2000 and 29 April 2006 to a British citizen father and an EU citizen mother have (a) submitted applications for naturalisation as their parents were unmarried at the time of their birth and (b) been granted British citizenship. (193688)
- 200 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2023 to Question 192551 on Asylum: Applications, whether her Department records the length of asylum application interviews for each applicant. (193611)
- 201 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2023 to Question 192551 on Asylum: Applications, what steps her Department has taken to streamline the processes used when assessing asylum applications. (193612)
- 202 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2023 to Question 192551 on Asylum: Applications, how many asylum application decision-makers were employed on (a) 12 July 2023 and (b) 12 July 2021. (193613)
- 203 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she is taking steps to ensure that adequate safeguarding checks are made on sports massage therapists. (193608)
- 204 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether there are restrictions in place preventing sports massage therapists from treating people aged under 18. (193609)
- 205 **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of requiring that all sports massage therapists undergo enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks. (193610)
- 206N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is taking steps to (a) accelerate and (b) support the transition to new approach methodologies for (i) research and (ii) experiments; and if she will make a statement. (193743)

- 207 **Martin Docherty-Hughes** (West Dunbartonshire): To ask the Leader of the House, with reference to her oral contribution of 12 June 2023 on Members of Parliament: Risk-based Exclusion, Official Report, column 110, whether she plans for the new cross-party forum to consider proposals on the transparency of political donations. (193642)
- 208 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on taking steps to improve ethnic diversity as part of (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) Royal Air Force recruitment programmes since 2019. (193549)
- 209 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of vehicles procured for the British Army have been manufactured in the UK since 2010; and what proportion has been imported. (193551)
- 210N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much has the Government contributed to the NATO Comprehensive Assistance Package for Ukraine as of 12 July 2023. (193552)
- 211N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 July 2023 to Question 192253 on Afghanistan: Refugees, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) eligible principals his Department has placed on commercial flights from Pakistan to the UK for relocation under the ARAP scheme. (193567)
- 212N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department plans to make an assessment of the adequacy of the delivery of the War Pension Scheme. (193809)
- 213N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, to which organisations his Department provides funding to operate the Veterans' Gateway. (193817)
- 214N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the advertisement for Senior Responsible Owner - Armoured Cavalry Programme on the gov.uk website, whether this is the first time a vacancy for a senior responsible owner in his Department has been advertised externally. (193566)
- 215N **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the use of food banks by former service personnel who were medically-discharged in the last five years. (193631)
- 216N **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme. (193638)
- 217 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the impact of surface fleet maintenance support contracts tendered under the Naval Support Integrated Global Network on employees of His Majesty's Naval Base, Portsmouth. (193697)

- 218 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to help support His Majesty's Naval Base, Portsmouth, in transitioning from the Future Maritime Support Programme to the Naval Support Integrated Global Network surface fleet maintenance support. (193698)
- 219 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) increase employment and (b) protect jobs in surface fleet maintenance support at His Majesty's Naval Base, Portsmouth. (193699)
- 220 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of court fines have been written back in each year since 2010. (193601)
- 221 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of court trials for (a) rape, (b) sexual assault, (c) violence against a person, (d) murder, (e) theft, (f) possession of weapons and (g) fraud have been delayed each year since 2010. (193615)
- 222 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of theft investigations were closed due to the victim did not support police action in each year since 2010. (193616)
- 223 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of theft cases were stopped after a defendant had been charged due to a victim no longer supported the prosecution in each year since 2010. (193618)
- 224 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of theft cases in which the victim or witness no longer supported the prosecution were stopped on the day of trial in each year since 2010. (193619)
- 225 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of fraud investigations were closed due to the victim not supporting police actions in each year since 2010. (193620)
- 226 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of fraud cases were stopped after a defendant had been charged due to a victim no longer supporting the prosecution in each year since 2010. (193621)
- 227 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data his Department holds on the percentage of fraud cases which did not proceed due to a victim or witness no longer supporting the case for prosecution on the day of trial in each year since 2010. (193622)
- 228 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of robbery investigations were closed before coming to court because the victim did not support police action in each year since 2010. (193623)

- 229 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of robbery cases stopped after a defendant had been charged due to a victim no longer supporting the case for prosecution in each year since 2010. (193624)
- 230 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of robbery cases were ended where a victim or witness no longer supported the case for prosecution on the day of trial in each year since 2010. (193625)
- 231 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of possession of weapon cases were stopped after a defendant had been charged due to a victim no longer supporting the case for prosecution in each year since 2010. (193626)
- 232 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of possession of weapon cases were stopped where a victim or witness no longer supported the case for prosecution on the day of trial in each year since 2010. (193627)
- 233 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data his Department holds on the percentage of possession of weapon investigations which were closed once a charge had been made due to the victim not supporting police actions in each year since 2010. (193628)
- 234 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of possession of weapon cases were stopped after a defendant had been charged due to a victim no longer supporting the prosecution in each year since 2010. (193629)
- 235 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what percentage of possession of weapon cases were stopped where a victim or witness no longer supported the case for prosecution on the day of trial in each year since 2010. (193630)
- 236N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the net fee income of His Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service in each of the last 10 years. (193632)
- 237 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to the Belfast East constituency. (193760)
- 238 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Minister from his Department last visited Belfast North constituency. (193761)
- 239 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Minister from his Department last visited Belfast South constituency. (193762)
- 240 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Minister from his Department last visited Belfast West constituency. (193763)

- 241 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Minister from his Department last visited East Antrim constituency. (193764)
- 242 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Minister from his Department last visited East Londonderry constituency. (193765)
- 243 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Minister from his Department last visited Fermanagh and South Tyrone constituency. (193766)
- 244 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to the Foyle constituency. (193767)
- 245 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Minister from his Department last visited Lagan Valley constituency. (193768)
- 246 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when a Northern Ireland Office Minister last made an official visit to Mid Ulster constituency. (193769)
- 247N**Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the targeted measures announced in the Budget 2023 on reducing economic inactivity among people aged 50-64. (193593)
- 248N**Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he expects to publish the findings of the consultation on the digital pound. (193753)
- 249N**Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the (a) the Welsh Government and (b) stakeholders representing those who rely on access to cash are engaged through the (i) Central Bank Digital Taskforce, (ii) the Central Bank Digital Currency Engagement Forum and (iii) The Central Bank Digital Currency technology forum on issues relating to a Central Bank Digital Currency. (193754)
- 250N**Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in the Welsh Government on the potential implications of a Central Bank Digital Currency on Welsh citizens in the context of (a) areas with poor digital connectivity and (b) Wales' age demographics. (193755)
- 251N**Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking ensure that stakeholders who (a) rely on cash and (b) choose to use cash are engaged in the next steps following the publication of the Government's response to the consultation on the digital pound. (193756)

- 252N**Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy that a Central Bank Digital Currency will not be rolled out until all (a) households and (b) businesses in Wales have the ability to access a stable internet connection. (193757)
- 253 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether any costs will be associated with accessing the proposed Central Bank Digital Currency; and if he will make a statement. (193758)
- 254 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the introduction of a Central Bank Digital Currency will be complementary to the cash infrastructure. (193759)
- 255N**Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government is taking to tackle excess profits in the energy sector. (193580)
- 256 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government is taking to tackle excess profits in the energy sector. (193800)
- 257N**Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Preseli Pembrokeshire constituency. (193710)
- 258N**Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Rhondda constituency. (193711)
- 259N**Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Swansea East constituency. (193712)
- 260N**Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Swansea West constituency. (193713)
- 261N**Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, on what date a Minister from his Department last undertook an official visit to Clwyd South constituency. (193729)
- 262N**Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Clwyd West constituency. (193730)
- 263N**Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last visited Cynon Valley constituency. (193731)
- 264N**Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last visited Delyn constituency. (193732)

- 265N **Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last visited Dwyfor Meirionnydd constituency. (193733)
- 266N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Aberavon constituency. (193683)
- 267 **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Aberconwy constituency. (193684)
- 268N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Alyn and Deeside constituency. (193685)
- 269N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Arfon constituency. (193686)
- 270N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Blaenau Gwent constituency. (193687)
- 271N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what recent steps the Government has taken to close the (a) gender, (b) ethnicity and (c) disability pay gaps. (193821)
- 272N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made a recent assessment of the impact of the Government's policy on no recourse to public funds on single mothers. (193822)
- 273 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps the Government taking to help close the (a) gender, (b) ethnicity and (c) disability pay gap. (193804)
- 274 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if her Department will make an equality impact assessment of the potential impact of the no recourse to public funds condition on single mothers. (193805)
- 275 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a reasonable adjustment disability passport template to facilitate people with disabilities when changing employers and in recording their workplace requirements. (193806)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 18 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to (a) promote and (b) support aspiring entrepreneurs in (i) Plymouth and (ii) the UK. (193717)
- 2N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to respond to the consultation on Phase 3 of the Industrial Energy Transformation Fund. (193662)
- 3N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on decarbonisation of businesses not awarded funding from Phase 3 of the Industrial Energy Transformation Fund. (193663)
- 4N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of closing train station ticket offices in Plymouth on the (a) safety and (b) accessibility of passenger rail travel in the South West. (193787)
- 5N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many full-time equivalent staff in his Department are working on pay negotiations with unions that represent NHS staff. (193708)
- 6N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much Official Development Assistance funding was spent by the British Council in China by (a) project and (b) region in (i) 2022-23 and (ii) 2023-24. (193637)
- 7N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 July 2023 to Question 192551 on Asylum: Applications, how many asylum decisions were made between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. (193614)
- 8N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent progress his Department has made on releasing funds from the Brownfield, Infrastructure and Land Fund to Homes England. (193716)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- 1 **Paul Bristow** (Peterborough): What diplomatic steps he is taking to help support the de-escalation of violence in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (906032)

- 2 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): What recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (906033)
- 3 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of recent violence in Israel and Palestine. (906034)
- 4 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): If he will take steps with his Sri Lankan counterpart to ensure accountability for alleged war crimes in Sri Lanka. [R] (906035)
- 5 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): What recent steps his Department has taken to help meet the UK's international climate finance commitments. (906036)
- 6 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): What steps he is taking to support the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan. (906037)
- 7 **Mark Menzies** (Fylde): What steps he is taking to improve diplomatic relations with the Indo-Pacific region. (906038)
- 8 **Chris Clarkson** (Heywood and Middleton): What diplomatic steps he has taken to help strengthen NATO unity. (906039)
- 9 **Mrs Heather Wheeler** (South Derbyshire): What progress his Department has made on improving economic relations with the Indo-Pacific region. [R] (906040)
- 10 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): Whether his Department has received recent representations on the adequacy of the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. (906041)
- 11 **Ms Marie Rimmer** (St Helens South and Whiston): What discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the issuing of arrest warrants for Hong Kong nationals living overseas. (906042)
- 12 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): What recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the human rights situation in Kashmir. (906043)
- 13 **Ian Levy** (Blyth Valley): What steps he has taken to help improve food security in developing countries. (906044)
- 14 **Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): What recent steps he has taken to support the work of the British Council in response to the conflict in Ukraine. [R] (906045)
- 15 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of recent violence in Israel and Palestine. (906046)
- 16 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): What steps he is taking to provide consular support to British nationals detained overseas. (906047)
- 17 **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): What diplomatic steps he is taking to tackle human rights violations in Iran. (906048)
- 18 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): What steps he is taking to help support stability in the Western Balkans. (906049)

- 19 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): What steps his Department is taking to help secure peace in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (906050)
- 20 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): What diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure the safety of LGBT+ human rights defenders and activists in Uganda. (906051)
- 21 **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): What recent assessment he has made of the UK's progress on meeting its COP26 spending commitment on international climate finance by 2026. (906052)
- 22 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of using Official Development Assistance funding for programmes by the Home Department on his international development priorities. (906053)
- 23 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of recent violence in Israel and Palestine. (906054)
- 24 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of recent violence in Israel and Palestine. (906055)
- 25 **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): If he will make it his policy to provide consular support to British nationals detained in North East Syria. (906056)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- T1 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (906057)
- T2 **Tom Randall** (Gedling): (906058)
- T3 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): (906059)
- T4 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): (906060)
- T5 **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): (906061)
- T6 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): (906062)
- T7 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): (906063)
- T8 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): (906064)
- T9 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): (906065)
- T10 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): (906066)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 19 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to support the commercialisation of science and technology research in green steel. (193602)
- 2N **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the seriousness of the fire risk posed by lithium batteries in e-scooters. (193664)
- 3N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to extend Guaranteed Minimum Pension protections to pensions accrued before 1988. (193715)
- 4N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish any data his Department holds on the impact of industrial action in the NHS on waiting lists. (193738)
- 5N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were waiting over 18 months for NHS treatment in England as of 12 July 2023. (193739)
- 6N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a list of (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful bids for the New Hospitals Programme. (193740)
- 7N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have waited for more than 62 days for an urgent referral for cancer to be diagnosed or ruled out in the last year. (193746)
- 8N **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency on the adequacy of response times to requests for further information on clinical trials. (193791)
- 9N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Family Reunion visa applications from 2022 are outstanding. (193741)
- 10N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when a Minister from his Department last made an official visit to Gower constituency. (193709)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 20 July

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals requiring that brain tumour tissue used for (a) biopsy and (b) analysis is frozen rather than stored in paraffin blocks. (193816)