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Questions tabled on Thursday 20 July 2023

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Questions for Answer on Monday 4 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department issues to Heads of Departments on meeting with the Civil Service Sex Equality and Equity Networks; and if he will make a statement. (195302)
- 2 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff support the Cabinet's Domestic and Economic Affairs (Union) committee (a) full-time, (b) part-time and (c) on flexible working arrangements. (195540)
- 3 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the budget is of the Cabinet's Domestic and Economic Affairs (Union) committee. (195542)
- 4 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when his Department will next publish an up-to-date organogram. (195543)
- 5 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of civil service flexitime working practices on productivity levels in Whitehall. (195325)
- 6 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants from all Government Departments attended the Sharm el-Sheikh Climate Change Conference in November 2022. (195330)

- 7 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department's Disability Unit of the (a) adequacy of availability of and (b) strength of demand for courses in British Sign Language. (195473)
- 8 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church of England takes to gather feedback from its congregation to inform future plans. (195512)
- 9 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church takes to (a) measure the effectiveness of its engagement initiatives and (b) make adjustments based on the feedback received. (195513)
- 10 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to foster inter-faith dialogue and collaboration with other religious communities. (195515)
- 11 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to support and empower lay leaders to take an active role in Church ministries and activities. (195516)
- 12 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church is taking to collaborate with local schools and educational institutions to promote positive values and to engage with students and educators. (195517)
- 13 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much the Department for International Trade spent on (a) training and (b) staff supporting equality, diversity and inclusivity in (a) 2021 and (b) 2022. (195309)
- 14N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate her Department has made of the amount of money owed by insolvent businesses under the (a) Bounce Back Loan Scheme, (b) Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme and (c) Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Scheme. [Transferred] (194892)
- 15 **Mary Glendon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of increasing limits on (a) stakes and (b) prizes for the land-based gambling industry. (195507)
- 16 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what estimate she has made of how many short term holiday lets that do not pay business rates because of small business rate relief. (195443)

- 17 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of commissioning a national memorial to honour Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by public subscription. (195357)
- 18 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help implement the recommendations in the report of the Independent Commission for Equity in Cricket entitled Holding up a mirror to cricket. (195361)
- 19 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Independent Commission for Equity in Cricket report Holding Up A Mirror To Cricket, what recent discussions her Department has had with (a) the ECB and (b) the MCC on that report's findings. (195362)
- 20 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Independent Commission for Equity in Cricket report Holding Up A Mirror To Cricket, if her Department will discuss recommendation 18 of that report with the MCC. (195363)
- 21 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to ban vaping brands from promoting their products through (a) sponsorship and (b) other means to children. (195574)
- 22 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of holiday clubs for parents of children with SEND. [Transferred] (195244)
- 23 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care about the potential merits of facilitating the universal provision of Family Hubs across the UK. (195556)
- 24N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan, what steps she is taking to test the prototype local and national inclusion dashboard. (195490)
- 25N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan, when her Department plans to publish the local and national inclusion dashboard. (195491)
- 26 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to deliver updated Ofsted and CQC Area SEND inspections. (195492)

- 27 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan, how many early years staff have signed up for training to gain a Level 3 early years SENCO qualification. (195493)
- 28 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department has taken to conduct a pilot study of varying standard requirements on English and mathematics for apprenticeships. (195494)
- 29 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on considering the evidence required to access flexibilities to standard English and mathematics requirements for apprenticeships. (195495)
- 30 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when her Department plans to publish the results of the consultation on the Stable Homes, Built on Love: Implementation Strategy. (195496)
- 31 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when her Department plans to publish its response to the consultation entitled Children's social care national framework and dashboard, published on 2 February 2023. (195497)
- 32 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when her Department plans to publish its response to the consultation entitled Child and family social worker workforce, published on 2 February 2023. (195498)
- 33 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) nurseries and (b) childminders that closed in Greater London in the 2022-23 financial year; and how many childcare places were affected by these closures. (195499)
- 34 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) nurseries and (b) childminders that closed in the South East in the 2022-23 financial year; and how many childcare places were affected by these closures. (195500)
- 35 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) nurseries and (b) childminders that closed in the South West in the 2022-23 financial year; and how many childcare places were affected by these closures. (195501)
- 36 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) nurseries and (b) childminders that closed in the West Midlands in the 2022-23 financial year; and how many childcare places were affected by these closures. (195502)

- 37 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) nurseries and (b) childminders that closed in the West Midlands in the 2022-23 financial year; and how many childcare places were affected by these closures. (195503)
- 38 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) nurseries and (b) childminders that closed in the North East in the 2022-23 financial year; and how many childcare places were affected by these closures. (195504)
- 39 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) nurseries and (b) childminders that closed in the Yorkshire and the Humber in the 2022-23 financial year; and how many childcare places were affected by these closures. (195505)
- 40 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of (a) nurseries and (b) childminders that closed in the West Midlands in the 2022-23 financial year; and how many childcare places were affected by these closures. (195506)
- 41 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve careers advice on options for vocational learning. (195308)
- 42 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of students who have received chemistry or physics bursaries for undertaking a PGCE accept a job in a state school at the end of their training; and what proportion of those teachers who remain in such employment after five years. (195557)
- 43 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many primary schools in England use literacy resources at Key stage 1 designed specifically for (a) deaf children and (b) other visual learners that include visual languages to support access and inclusion in early literacy as of July 2023. (195561)
- 44 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what percentage of pupils taking A-Levels received the grades A* to E and U in each subject by each region of England in each academic year since 2019. (195600)
- 45 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what percentage of pupils taking GCSEs received the grades 9 to 1 in each subject in each region of England in each academic year since the introduction of that grading system. (195601)
- 46 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the uptake of National Professional Qualifications. (195602)

- 47 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teachers in schools in Mid Bedfordshire constituency left the profession in the academic years (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (195603)
- 48 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teachers in schools Mid Bedfordshire constituency were recruited in the academic years (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (195604)
- 49 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teachers in schools in (a) Portsmouth South and (b) Portsmouth North constituency left the profession in the academic years (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (195605)
- 50 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teachers in schools in (a) Portsmouth South and (b) Portsmouth North constituency left the profession in the academic years (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (195606)
- 51 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teachers were recruited in (a) Portsmouth South and (b) Portsmouth North constituency in each academic year since 2019-20. (195607)
- 52 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many careers advisors were working in schools in the (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23 academic years. (195608)
- 53 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to encourage the use of artificial intelligence in schools. (195609)
- 54 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many full-time equivalent mental health professionals were working in schools in the (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23 academic years. (195610)
- 55N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 2 of the Department for Education's consultation response entitled Higher Education Policy Statement and Reform: Government consultation response, published in July 2023, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of proposals to cap the numbers of students on low quality courses on (a) students and (b) providers in each English region; and whether she discussed the potential impact of those proposals on the levelling up agenda with the Secretary of State for Education before the publication of the Government consultation response. [Transferred] (195021)
- 56 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether he Department is taking steps to support families on low incomes through provision of nutritious meals for children over school holidays. (195548)

- 57 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to mitigate the risk of industrial action in (a) schools and (b) colleges. (195385)
- 58 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to risk 2 on page 25 of her Department's annual report and accounts 2022-23, published on 18 July 2023, what steps her Department is taking to mitigate the potential risk of a widening in pupils' attainment gap as a result of a differential recovery from the pandemic. (195386)
- 59 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to mitigate the risk of a school building collapse resulting from structural safety issues. (195387)
- 60 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's annual report and accounts for 2022/23, published in July 2023, what steps she is taking to mitigate the risk 4 on looked-after children placement market failure. (195388)
- 61 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's annual report and accounts for 2022/23, published in July 2023, what steps she is taking to mitigate the risk 5 on financial instability resulting from high needs cost pressures. (195389)
- 62 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's annual report and accounts for 2022/23, published in July 2023, what steps she is taking to mitigate risk 6 on cyber security. (195390)
- 63 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the total underspend was in the 16-19 education budget for financial 2022-23; and if she will set out the value of underspends in that budget in each of the previous four financial years. (195391)
- 64 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 21 June 2022 to Question 17077 on Department for Education: Public Expenditure, if she will publish the (a) highest 10 areas of cross-departmental programme expenditure to which her Department plans to contribute over the spending review period 2022-23 to 2024-25 and (b) amount of programme expenditure allocated to each area over that period. (195393)
- 65 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 21 June 2022 to Question 17076, if she will publish the (a) highest 10 areas of programme expenditure under the exclusive control of her Department during the spending review period 2022-23 to 2024-25 and (b) amount of programme expenditure allocated to each area during that period. (195394)

- 66 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding was (a) planned and (b) spent in each of the ten highest areas programme expenditure under the exclusive control of her Department in each month of each financial year of this spending review period. (195397)
- 67 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding was (a) planned and (b) spent in each of the ten highest areas of cross-departmental programme expenditure in each month of each financial year of this spending review period. (195398)
- 68 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) civil servants and (b) special advisers have access to each of her social media accounts; what the job titles are of each of the people who have access; whether each of these people has undertaken cybersecurity training; and if she will make a statement. (195399)
- 69 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department has on cybersecurity precautions for the use of Minister's social media accounts while overseas. (195400)
- 70 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the average cost of a full time nursery place for a two year old in Houghton and Sunderland South constituency. (195418)
- 71 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much her Department (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on tax-free childcare in the financial year 2022-23. (195419)
- 72 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department has provided to (a) HM Inspectors and (b) Ofsted Inspectors on recording in individual school reports whether a school uses (i) Alternative Provision, (ii) Alternative Provision which is or is not registered with Ofsted and (iii) Alternative Provision which is or is not otherwise regulated; and if she will place a copy of this information in the Library of the House of Commons. (195420)
- 73 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department has issued to (a) HM Inspectors and (b) Ofsted Inspectors on recording in individual school reports (i), the names of the specific providers of Alternative Provision used by the school, (ii) current Ofsted judgements of the overall effectiveness of the specific providers of Alternative Provision used by the school and (iii) the steps taken by inspectors to assess the quality and understand the use of Alternative Provision by the school in each of the last five years; and if she will place a copy of this information in the Library of the House. (195422)

- 74 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what directions and guidance her Department has been produced for Ofsted on inspecting schools and educational settings providing Alternative Provision on (a) the priority for and (b) the nature and purpose of those settings. (195425)
- 75 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent guidance she has given to schools on teaching pupils about the dangers of (a) smoking and (b) vaping. (195572)
- 76 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Advanced Learner Loans were granted for courses in British Sign Language in each of the last five years. (195469)
- 77 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what additional support funding is available to deaf learners or the parents of deaf learners through the (a) Adult Education Budget and (b) other forms of funding in each of the last five years. (195470)
- 78 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the accessibility of British Sign Language (a) classes and (b) qualifications for parents with deaf children who are ineligible for the adult education budget. (195471)
- 79 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many qualifications in British Sign Language up to Level 2 have been (a) undertaken by and (b) funded through the adult education budget for (i) deaf learners and (ii) the parents of deaf children in each of the last five years. (195472)
- 80 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to Question 44 of the oral evidence given by her Department's Chief Operating Officer to the Committee of Public Accounts on 13 July 2023, HC1338, for what reason her Department has not published the full results of the Condition Data Collection 1 survey. (195580)
- 81 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to Question 44 of the oral evidence given by her Department's Chief Operating Officer to the Committee of Public Accounts on 13 July 2023, HC 1338, when she plans to publish the full results of the Condition Data Collection 1 survey. (195581)
- 82 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will reopen the Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding scheme to enable households that were eligible for that scheme and did not apply to access that support; and if he will make an estimate of the number of households that have not yet received that support. (195303)

- 83N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 13 July 2023 to Question 193032 on Energy Charter Treaty, if he will publish all risk assessments held by his Department concerning the UK's membership of the Energy Charter Treaty. (195569)
- 84 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what progress he has made on extending the Skills Passport for offshore oil and gas workers to work in (a) renewables, (b) Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage and (c) hydrogen industries; and how many workers are involved in the pilot version of the Skills Passport. (195410)
- 85 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the proportion of electric vehicle charging points located in rural areas. (195323)
- 86 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will take steps to prevent solar panel installations on Grade 1, 2 and 3 agricultural land. (195324)
- 87 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many and what proportion of eligible households have received an Alternative Fuel Payment in (a) South Holland and the Deeping constituency (b) Lincolnshire. (195329)
- 88 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of potential regional disparities in fuel prices; and if he will make a statement. (195544)
- 89 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of using salt caverns below the former Royal Navy facility at Portland Port for (a) hydrogen and (b) natural gas storage. (195528)
- 90 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support hydrogen storage technology. (195529)
- 91 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of including (a) hydrogen and (b) natural gas storage technologies in salt caverns through the Energy Bill. (195531)
- 92 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she has taken to increase the number of vets trained in England. (195521)
- 93 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the number of vets available to carry out veterinary checks on the imports of animal products arriving in the UK. (195522)

- 94 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of commercial loans for businesses in the poultry sector. (195523)
- 95 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many registered vets are there who are qualified to carry out import checks on animal products arriving in the UK. (195524)
- 96 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many vets are employed by her Department; and how many were employed in each year since 2018. (195526)
- 97 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has had recent discussions with relevant stakeholders on the phasing out of cages for laying hens. (195441)
- 98 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which seeds that are permitted under Article 49(1) of Regulation (EC) 1107/2009 have not been provided authorisation for use from 1 January 2024. (195348)
- 99 **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many meetings parties to the Fertilisers common framework have had since the publication in February 2022 of her Department's command paper Fertilisers common framework, CP 595; and when they plan to consult on revised fertilising products regulation. (195591)
- 100 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the written statement entitled Future funding for the Canal and River Trust of 10 July 2023, HCWS924, for what reason she plans to reduce funding for the Canal and River Trust relative to the funding announced in 2012. (195525)
- 101 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Telegraph article of 15 July 2023 on Natural England's approach to planning applications and climate schemes, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Natural England's proposals on (a) the number of low emission vehicle zones and (b) planning applications. (195519)
- 102 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Telegraph article of 15 July 2023 on Natural England's approach to planning applications and climate schemes, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Natural England policy on planning applications on the number of approvals for new housing developments. (195520)

- 103 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make it her policy to increase the air quality grant for local authorities in the next budget. (195376)
- 104 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when she plans to publish the revised National Air Quality Strategy. (195377)
- 105 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which organisations completed air quality modelling to inform the air quality targets set out in the Environmental Improvement Plan. (195378)
- 106 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, on what date she last met the Local Adaptation Advisory Panel for England Steering Group. (195379)
- 107 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for its policies of the Risk Assessment and Risk Planning Committee recommendation to place Local Resilience Forums on a statutory footing. (195380)
- 108 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential financial risk to local authorities from climate change-related weather and temperature incidents. (195381)
- 109 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make it her policy to ring fence funding for local authorities to manage climate-related incidents. (195382)
- 110 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department has taken to communicate the risk of flooding to flood-prone homes along the Silk Stream in Colindale. (195383)
- 111 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing a plan to accelerate the reduction of animal testing in the UK. (195359)
- 112 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Annual Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals, Great Britain 2022, published on 13 July 2023, for what reason the number of eye irritation tests in rabbits increased from 0 in 2021 to 3 in 2022; and whether she is taking steps to help reduce the number of such tests on rabbits in the future. (195360)
- 113N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the progress made to remediate fire safety defects in housing blocks by Taylor Wimpey in Putney constituency. (195563)

- 114 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 12 June 2023 to Question 187240 on Independent Faith Engagement Review, if he will breakdown that expenditure by (a) expenses and (b) other costs. (195475)
- 115 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 14 July 2023 to Question 192907 on Independent Faith Engagement Review, if he will publish the (a) questionnaires and (b) interview scripts used as part of evidence gathering process. (195476)
- 116 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 14 July 2023 to Question 192908 on Independent Faith Engagement Review, which organisations (a) responded to the call for evidence and (b) were contacted directly by the Independent Faith Engagement Adviser. (195478)
- 117 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 14 July 2023 to Question 192913 on Religion, with which faith-based organisations the Government has a policy of not engaging; and whether this was communicated to the Independent Faith Engagement Adviser as part of his work on the review. (195479)
- 118 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 14 July 2023 to Question 192910 on Independent Faith Engagement Review, what oversight there is of the spending of the independent faith adviser. (195482)
- 119 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a new duty of care and statutory obligation for people employed in a local authority to cover incidents which result in death. (195310)
- 120 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of a new tier of governance accountability for councils, in the context of events such as Grenfell Tower. (195311)
- 121 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether the quality of life of a community factors into consideration of called-in planning applications. (195312)
- 122 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010, what plans he has to increase the supply of M4(2)-compliant dwellings. (195575)

- 123 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what plans he has to increase the supply of accessible housing. (195576)
- 124 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department will conduct an impact assessment on the effect of insufficient accessible housing on health and well-being. (195577)
- 125N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what measures his Department has in place to (a) regulate the carbon footprint of new buildings; and in what way those regulations are monitored and (b) reported on for new builds. [Transferred] (195301)
- 126 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, in reference to the upcoming technical consultation on the provision of toilets, whether his Department will consult on the implementation of incontinence bins in publicly accessible male toilets. (195483)
- 127 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the publication of Our East End by Tower Hamlets Council on the activities of the Executive Mayor and councillors in the context of the former Secretary of State's Directions in 2014 on Commissioners monitoring any concerns over the demarcation between publicity for the Authority's benefit and for party political benefit. (195562)
- 128 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help support local councils to tackle loneliness. (195551)
- 129 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of changing planning regulations to introduce a presumption in favour of permitting on street electric vehicle charging infrastructure. (195460)
- 130 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he has taken to support the installation of electric vehicle charging points for people living in (a) residential properties without a driveway and (b) tower blocks. (195461)
- 131N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to encourage (a) innovation and (b) an increase in the use of drug-testing methods that do not involve animals. (195567)
- 132 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Advice on the use of the forced swim test published on 5 July 2023 by the Animals in Science Committee, whether she

plans to fund the further development of human-specific, non-animal methods for research into (a) potential treatments for depression and (b) any other areas where the forced swim test is used. (195527)

133 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that people in rural areas are able to contact emergency services in instances when (a) power and (b) mobile masts are not working and (c) Voice over Internet Protocol has replaced landlines. (195559)

134N**Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the UK's application to join the Horizon Europe Association is linked to the UK's joining the Euratom association. (195449)

135N**Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to support foundational mathematical research. (195509)

136 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions she has had with Birkbeck University on proposed cuts to its mathematics and statistics department. (195510)

137N**Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with South Western Railway on ticket office closures. (195560)

138 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the annual helicopter flying hours were in the offshore oil and gas sector in each year from 2018 to 2022. (195417)

139 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data his Department holds on the number of train stations which did not have (a) tactile paving, (b) disabled toilets, (c) changing places toilets and (d) step-free access to platforms as of 19 July 2023. (195428)

140 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he last met with (a) representatives from the Rail Delivery Group and (b) general secretaries of (i) RMT and (ii) ASLEF to discuss ongoing industrial disputes within the rail industry. (195433)

141 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many rail journeys were undertaken by passengers who purchased their tickets from a ticket office in (a) 2021 and (b) 2022. (195436)

142 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to support (a) British Transport Police staff, (b) train drivers and (c) other railway staff who respond to suicide-related incidents on the rail network. (195437)

- 143 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many public appointments are sponsored by his Department. (195438)
- 144 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to safeguard (a) digital signal systems and (b) other digital critical infrastructure on the rail network from (i) cyber attacks and (ii) failures which risk safety. (195439)
- 145 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what cost was imposed on the public purse by stopping and restarting the CP7 Network Rail Eastern region procurement process. (195440)
- 146 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential effect of (a) station staff and (b) on-board guards on the levels of passenger confidence for (i) all passengers and (b) vulnerable passengers. (195565)
- 147 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many safety critical vacancies there were on the rail network as of 20 July 2023. (195592)
- 148 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what sum was spent on (a) building and (b) refurbishing ticket offices in England in the last year. (195595)
- 149 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 17 April 2023 to Question 177959 on Parking: Pedestrian Areas, when he plans to publish his Department's response to its consultation on Managing Pavement Parking. (195594)
- 150 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with (a) Transport for London and (b) train operating companies on decreasing rail fares for Spelthorne residents travelling to and from London. (195612)
- 151 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of adding independent lifeboat launch vehicles to the list of emergency vehicles that can use blue lights. (195558)
- 152 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what further steps his Department plans to take to reduce the backlog in driving tests, in the context of current waiting times. (195564)
- 153 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas scheme. (195570)

- 154 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the (a) frequency and (b) reliability of bus services in (i) Barnsley and (ii) each region. (195546)
- 155 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the safety of (a) pedestrians and (b) other road users. (195547)
- 156 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is taking steps to help increase the use of hydrotreated vegetable oil fuel. (195328)
- 157 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions has he had with Cabinet colleagues on reducing the fuel duty on Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil fuels. (195355)
- 158 **Ms Karen Buck** (Westminster North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 17 July 2023 to Question 191729 on Universal Credit: Private Rented Housing, for what reason he did not supply the information requested in that Question on how many and what proportion of those households in receipt of universal credit with the housing element in payment had rents that exceeded the local housing allowance in (a) March 2020, (b) March 2021, (c) March 2022 and (d) March 2023. (195304)
- 159 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many safety critical maintenance jobs on offshore oil and gas installations were deferred by operators in each year since 2019. (195402)
- 160 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the role of contractor companies in the offshore oil and gas industry in the (a) safety case assessments and (b) the voluntary reporting scheme for safety-critical maintenance work on offshore oil and gas installations. (195403)
- 161 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent steps he has taken to ensure that the voluntary reporting scheme for safety-critical maintenance work on offshore oil and gas installations is compliant with the provisions covering risk assessments in Regulation 3 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999. (195404)
- 162 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many safety case assessments the Health and Safety Executive has received from duty holders in the offshore oil and gas sector since 2018-19. (195405)
- 163 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate he has made of the rate of compliance by operators in the offshore oil and gas industry with the requirements of the Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc.) Regulations 2015. (195406)

- 164 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what guidance his Department issues to duty holders in the North Sea oil and gas industry are their legal obligations to train (a) staff and (b) contractors to comply with the Offshore Installations (Offshore Safety Directive) (Safety Case etc.) Regulations 2015. (195407)
- 165 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which contractor companies in the offshore oil and gas industry require their employees to work three week-on, three week-off shift patterns on production installations. (195408)
- 166 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent steps he has taken to assess the safety of grating systems for workers on offshore (a) fixed and (b) mobile oil and gas platforms. (195409)
- 167 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which duty holders in the North Sea oil and gas industry participate in the voluntary reporting scheme for safety-critical maintenance work on offshore oil and gas installations. (195411)
- 168 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the oil and gas industry's guidance on Maintenance Backlog Measurement, Interpretation and Management Guideline, issued on 2 March 2022, on the (a) measurement, (b) recording and (c) clearance of all categories of safety critical maintenance backlogs on installations on the UK continental shelf. (195412)
- 169 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an estimate of the average backlog of safety-critical maintenance work on oil and gas installations in the North Sea; and if he will compare that backlog with the figures released in the Health and Safety Report 2022 published by Offshore Energies UK. (195413)
- 170 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which offshore oil and gas installations on the UK Continental Shelf established a safety committee in line with Regulation 19 of the Offshore Installations (Safety Representatives and Safety Committees) Regulations 1989 in each year since 2019. (195414)
- 171 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of (a) duty holders, (b) contractors and (c) trade unions in the offshore oil and gas industry on backlogs of safety critical maintenance work on operational oil and gas installations on the UK continental shelf. (195415)

- 172 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a mandatory requirement for duty holders to report all data relating to safety critical maintenance work on operational oil and gas installations on the UK Continental Shelf; and if he will make a statement. (195416)
- 173 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help support self-employed people with the cost of work-related training. (195599)
- 174 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when does his department expect to complete their review of alternative options for entry to Pension Protective Fund. [Transferred] (195122)
- 175 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to introduce paid leave for kinship carers. (195356)
- 176 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to ensure that concerns about (a) pain and (b) fatigue are considered in Personal Independence Payment assessments for claimants with (i) Crohn's Disease and (ii) ulcerative Colitis. (195484)
- 177 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people with (a) Crohn's Disease and (b) Ulcerative Colitis were awarded zero points on a Personal Independence Payment assessment for the managing toilet needs or incontinence descriptor in 2022. (195485)
- 178 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) families were eligible for and (b) eligible families took up the childcare support component of universal credit in each of the last five years. (195421)
- 179 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average value of support claimed under the childcare costs element of universal credit is; and what the average number of children per claimant in respect of whom claims are made is. (195423)
- 180 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many children of compulsory school age live in households in receipt of Universal Credit with a household income after tax and before benefits of less than (a) £7,400, (b) £9,075 and (c) £9,390 a year in England. (195588)
- 181 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many children of compulsory school age live in households in receipt of Universal Credit with a household income after tax and before benefits of less than (a) £7,400, (b) £9,075 and (c) £9,390 a year in each region of England. (195589)

- 182 **Paul Bristow** (Peterborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Question 135 of his oral evidence to the Health and Social Care Committee on 20 June 2023, HC 1093, whether his Department plans to implement the recommendation in the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities report entitled *Nicotine Vaping in England: 2022 evidence update summary*, published on 29 September 2022, by requesting that the Committee on Toxicity update their review, entitled *Statement on the toxicological evaluation of novel heat-not-burn tobacco products*, published in December 2017. (195587)
- 183 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the most important factors for the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of NHS staff from EU countries. (195451)
- 184 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 19 July 2023 to Question 193672 on Department of Health and Social Care: Contracts, 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 12 months. (195429)
- 185 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 19 July 2023 to Question 193672 on Department of Health and Social Care: Contracts, what estimate he has made of the cost of providing an answer to that Question. (195430)
- 186 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 19 July 2023 to Question 193672 on Department of Health and Social Care: Contracts, what systems are in place for Ministers to track spending on (a) all contracts and (b) contracts where problems are encountered. (195434)
- 187 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer to Question 193672 on Department of Health and Social Care: Contracts, if he will seek advice from (a) the National Audit Office and (b) other external bodies on improving the financial monitoring of contracts entered into by his Department. (195435)
- 188 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS operations have been postponed as a result of strikes by doctors in the last six months. (195442)
- 189 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much and what proportion of funding provided to the NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight integrated care system for diagnostic funding was spent on diagnostic endoscopy procedures in NHS Portsmouth in the 2022-23 financial year. (195395)

- 190 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take with NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care System to increase the delivery of endoscopy procedures for patients in Gosport constituency. (195396)
- 191 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 July 2023 to Question 191810 on Ultrasonics, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of increasing access to MR-Guided Focused Ultrasound treatments on (a) the ability of patients to return to work and (b) the economy. (195486)
- 192 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the funding allocations for the Renal Clinical Networks for 2024-25 and 2025-26. (195351)
- 193 **Karl McCartney** (Lincoln): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the uptake of (a) cigarettes, (b) vapes, (c) HTPs and d) nicotine pouches by young people in each of the last five years. (195424)
- 194 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce maternal mortality. [Transferred] (195271)
- 195 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 July 2023 to Question 191296 on patient waiting times for MR-Guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) treatment for Essential tremor, what assessment his Department made of the adequacy of the capacity of the two MRgFUS treatment centres on reducing wait times for Essential Tremor patients. (195364)
- 196 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the cost to the public purse of the pay demand made by the British Medical Association junior doctors committee. (195375)
- 197 **Ian Paisley** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the funding for antimicrobial resistance research through the Global AMR Innovation Fund, whether his Department has a long-term investment strategy for stimulating non-profit innovation to help tackle antimicrobial resistance. (195480)
- 198 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to provide support to hospices for end-of-life care units. (195549)
- 199 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will provide ongoing support to children's hospice support grants. (195550)

- 200 **Dominic Raab** (Esher and Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding his Department (a) allocated to and (b) spent on research on brain tumours in each year since 2018. (195426)
- 201 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to reduce waiting times for cancer treatment in (a) Romford constituency, (b) the London Borough of Havering and (c) England. (195345)
- 202 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on taking steps to limit the access of children to (a) vapes and (b) e-cigarettes. (195571)
- 203 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number and proportion of school-age children who (a) smoke cigarettes and (b) use (i) vapes and (ii) e-cigarettes. (195573)
- 204 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the level of healthcare needs that residents at the proposed new asylum accommodation centre at MDP Wethersfield will have; what healthcare provision will be available on-site; whether residents will be registered with local GPs off-site; what estimate she has made of the number of GP practices in the local area; and what assessment she has made of the (a) capacity of those practices to take on new patients and (b) levels of experience in working with asylum seekers and refugees. (195532)
- 205 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 18 July 2023 to Question 193957 on Brain Cancer: Genetics and the report by OurBrainBank entitled Glioblastoma, The neglected disease in the cancer treatment revolution, published July 2023, what assessment he has made for the potential implications for his policies that OurBrainBank research estimated that whole genome sequencing analysis was carried out on approximately 1.6% of brain tumour patients and 1.3% of glioblastoma patients diagnosed since April 2021. (195457)
- 206 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps NHS England is taking to increase diagnoses of dementia. (195462)
- 207 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding was recovered by NHS England from dental providers in Cornwall in 2021-22; and how much recovered funding was reallocated for the delivery of NHS dentistry in (i) Cornwall and (ii) St Ives, West Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. (195463)
- 208 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made a comparative assessment of geographic variations in the rates of Units of Dental Activity for NHS dental contracts. (195464)

- 209 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of setting a minimum Unit of Dental Activity rate of £30 on the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of NHS dental professionals in (i) the South West, (ii) St Ives, (iii) West Cornwall and (iv) the Isles of Scilly. (195465)
- 210 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of NHS dental contracts were handed back to NHS England in Cornwall in the 2021-22 financial year. (195466)
- 211 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dental professionals were (a) registered as practicing (i) full- and (ii) part-time and (b) performed more than one course of NHS treatment a month in Cornwall in the 2021-22 financial year. (195467)
- 212 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dental contract pilots have been conducted since 2010; and what the findings were of those pilots. (195468)
- 213 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help people in Sudan who have been granted entry clearance to the UK but face obstacles to leaving Sudan. (195352)
- 214 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 29 June 2023 to Question 190954 on Afghanistan: Development Aid, whether parts of that funding has been ringfenced to support Afghan women and girls. (195432)
- 215 **Mary Glendon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the World Bank on the countries it is negotiating with on (a) development policy financing and (b) seed laws. (195508)
- 216 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the UK's contribution to Global Education initiatives. (195590)
- 217 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of Israel Defence Forces reports of Palestinian Islamic Jihad's storage of weapons within civilian and religious sites in Jenin; and if he will make a statement. (195337)
- 218 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussion with his counterparts at the Palestinian Authority on Israel Defence Force's reports of 300 Palestinian Islamic Jihad gunmen in Jenin. (195338)

- 219N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to ensure that sanctions are imposed on (a) Saddam Haftar and (b) other individuals associated with the Wagner Group alleged to have committed war crimes and corruption. (195332)
- 220N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to help prevent Saddam Haftar from (a) transferring funds to the Wagner Group, (b) facilitating illegal migration to Europe from eastern Libya and (c) overseeing the effort to send weapons and fuel to militiamen loyal to Hemedti in Sudan. (195333)
- 221N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to Libya: we are your masters, published by Amnesty International in December 2022, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of imposing sanctions on Saddam Haftar for alleged war crimes committed by his personal militia. (195334)
- 222 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the European Union's decision to refer to the Falklands Islands as Islas Malvinas.. (195518)
- 223 **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 14 July 2023 to Question 193279 on Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill, whether his (a) officials or (b) Ministers provided their counterparts in the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities with a departmental view that the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill complied with the UK's obligations under UN Security Council resolution 2334. (195306)
- 224 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Israeli counterpart on taking steps to help reduce the influence of Iran on Palestinian terror groups. (195368)
- 225 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking diplomatic steps to support the proposal by the Israeli government to construct a land bridge to connect Israel to United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Jordan. (195369)
- 226 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of claims made by Palestinian politician Azzam Al-Ahmad that Palestinian Authority Security Forces recently fought with Islamic Jihad against Israeli security forces in Jenin. (195370)

- 227 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of reports that the Jenin Brigade is operating and storing weapons in civilian areas in the West Bank. (195371)
- 228 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent diplomatic steps his Department has taken to support peace and stability in Ethiopia. (195384)
- 229 **Ian Paisley** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 24 April 2023 to Question 181199 on Development Aid: Genito-urinary Medicine, whether his Department has considered the potential merits of monitoring the (a) level of (i) complications and (ii) mortality during (A) abortion and (B) childbirth, (b) quality of aftercare for women following (1) abortion and (2) childbirth and (c) other outcomes associated with services (x) partly and (y) wholly funded from sexual and reproductive health rights funds. (195456)
- 230 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many foreign nationals have been granted British overseas territories citizenship in each of the past five years. (195340)
- 231 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to improve sanitation facilities on Pitcairn Island. (195341)
- 232 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many crimes were reported on Pitcairn Island in each of the past 10 years. (195342)
- 233 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the implementation of the Public Order Act 2023, what support her Department is providing to local councils that are managing protestors outside facilities providing abortion care. (195307)
- 234 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate she has made of the number of (a) Eritrean and (b) Sudanese children waiting for the outcome of their family reunification applications to the UK. (195353)
- 235 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate she has made of the number of (a) Sudanese and (b) other nationals residing in Sudan who (i) are waiting, (ii) have been waiting for more than two months and (iii) have been waiting for more than three months for the outcome of their family reunification applications to the UK. (195354)

- 236 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking reduce waiting times for decisions on visa applications for people who have already provided all the required documents. (195450)
- 237 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with (a) the Russell Group, (b) Universities UK and (c) other sector stakeholders on proposed restrictions to the ability of international students to bring family members on all but post-graduate research routes. (195313)
- 238 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on how many occasions she had discussions with (a) the Russell Group, (b) Universities UK and (c) other sector stakeholders on the potential impact of changes to immigration rules for international students in 2022. (195314)
- 239 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the total cost to the UK taxpayer has been since January 2020 of housing asylum seekers who have arrived on small boats in hotels and other locations. (195315)
- 240 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the criteria are for appointment to the Migration Advisory Committee. (195326)
- 241 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Albanian nationals have been removed from the UK since 2013. (195331)
- 242 **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of asylum decisions made since 1 January 2023 were classed as administrative decisions; and how many and what proportion of such decisions were (a) explicit withdrawals and (b) implicit withdrawals. (195452)
- 243 **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of asylum decisions made since 1 January 2023 which were classified as (a) explicit and (b) implicit withdrawals led to (i) a successful appeal and (ii) the submission of a new asylum application by the applicant. (195453)
- 244 **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of asylum decisions made since 1 January 2023 which were classified as (a) explicit and (b) implicit withdrawals related to applicants who were living in accommodation provided under section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 when the decision was made. (195454)

- 245 **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of asylum applicants whose claims have been treated as (a) explicit and (b) implicit withdrawals since 1 January 2023 were subsequently (i) held in detention and (ii) removed from the UK. (195455)
- 246 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the prosecution decision in the case of Adam Smith-Connor for praying near an abortion clinic; and what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of Section 9 of the Public Order Act and safe access zones on the protection of freedom of thought and assembly outside abortion clinics. (195584)
- 247N**Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the press release entitled Thousands of asylum seekers to be moved out of hotels, published by her Department on 5 June 2023, in which five countries the deport first, appeal process has restarted; and in which 21 countries her Department is seeking to set up video rooms after receiving necessary consents to establishing live link evidence. (195474)
- 248N**Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increases to the Immigration Health Surcharge on household debt for migrant workers. [Transferred] (195015)
- 249 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what basis the (a) number and (b) location of the Serious Violence Reduction Orders pilot police areas were chosen. (195339)
- 250 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Serious Violence Reduction Orders have been issued in each month since the powers were introduced; and if she will provide a breakdown of those figures by police force area. (195365)
- 251 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on how many occasions stop and search powers have been used under a Serious Violence Reduction Order in each month since those powers were introduced; and if she will provide a breakdown of those figures by police force area. (195366)
- 252 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on how many occasions a stop and search conducted under a Serious Violence Reduction Order has led to an immediate arrest in each month since those powers were introduced; and if she will provide a breakdown of those figures by police force area. (195367)

- 253 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the number of children held longer than the time limit for detention. (195444)
- 254 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that vulnerable children are treated with decency and compassion. (195445)
- 255 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that lone child refugees held in detention centres do not feel intimidated and frightened. (195446)
- 256 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has commissioned a well-being survey of officials in her Department. (195447)
- 257 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle incidences of intimidation or harassment in her Department; and whether her Department has a code of conduct on these issues. (195448)
- 258 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent progress she has made on implementing the Hong Kong Veterans Settlement route announced on 29 March 2023. (195343)
- 259 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with her Chinese counterpart on the Hong Kong Veterans Settlement route announced on 29 March 2023. (195344)
- 260 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her planned timetable is for when increases in the cost of (a) works visas, (b) study visas and (c) the immigration health surcharge will come into effect. [Transferred] (195289)
- 261 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether people accommodated at Wethersfield were transferred from Manston Short-term Holding Facility. (195530)
- 262 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has carried out an Equality Impact Assessment for the new asylum accommodation centre at MDP Wethersfield. (195533)
- 263 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether a legal advice provision is available at the new asylum accommodation centre at MDP Wethersfield; and whether she has made an (a) estimate of the number of legal firms in the local area and (b) assessment of whether local legal firms have the (i) capacity and (ii) necessary expertise to take on clients from that centre. (195534)

- 264 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what criteria and process will be used to determine whether a person seeking asylum is suitable to be accommodated at MDP Wethersfield; whether the criteria and process will be the same as those in her Department's Allocation of Accommodation policy for Napier Barracks; and what changes have been made to the criteria and process for Napier Barracks since the High Court found that they were flawed and unlawful in June 2021. (195535)
- 265 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is taking steps to monitor the suitability of people for accommodation at the MDP Wethersfield site. (195536)
- 266 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been transferred to MDP Weathersfield site since 12 July 2023; and how many people are accommodated at the site. (195537)
- 267 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, where people transferred to MDP Wethersfield were previously accommodated. (195538)
- 268 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether there is an (a) minimum and (b) maximum length of time that people will be accommodated at MDP Wethersfield. (195539)
- 269 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much notice people were given of their transfer to MDP Wethersfield. (195541)
- 270 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to increase the duration of seasonal workers' visas to nine months for people in (a) all sectors of the food supply chain and (b) the ornamental horticulture sector. (195459)
- 271 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will provide a breakdown by nation of origin of the number of physiotherapists granted visas in the last 12 months. (195554)
- 272 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of energy costs on the viability of the businesses of self employed physiotherapists. (195555)
- 273 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, what changes were made to the terms and conditions of security staff who were transferred from the Metropolitan Police to the Parliamentary Security Department. (195568)
- 274 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy applications his Department (a) received and (b) processed in (i) June and (ii) July 2023. (195320)

- 275 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of how many Afghan (a) principals and (b) dependents potentially eligible for relocation to the UK under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy are still in Afghanistan. (195321)
- 276 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether files have been removed from his Department's health records of nuclear test veterans. (195545)
- 277 **Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger** (Bridgwater and West Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of applications for probate were acknowledged as received by HM Courts and Tribunals Service following the submission of an online application and receipt of supporting paperwork within (a) 2, (b) 4, (c) 6, (d) 8 and (e) 10 weeks. (195349)
- 278 **Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger** (Bridgwater and West Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of applications for probate were processed by HM Courts and Tribunals Service within (i) 16, (ii) 20, (iii) 24, (iv) 28 and (v) 32 weeks in the latest period for which data is available. (195350)
- 279 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to help ensure that the Judicial Appointments Commission fulfils its statutory duty to select solely on merit. (195586)
- 280 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate his Department has made of the number and proportion of people who were in employment six months after they have been released from prison in the last twelve months. (195372)
- 281 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the prisoner transfer agreement with Albania. (195373)
- 282 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what progress his Department has made on implementing the recommendations in the report entitled Root and branch review of the parole system: the future of the parole system in England and Wales, published in March 2022. (195374)
- 283 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the report entitled Celebrating Marriage: A New Weddings Law published by the Law Commission on 18 July 2022, HC 557, what steps the Government is taking to implement the changes proposed to permit weddings to take place under the law of England and Wales on board cruise ships registered in the UK. (195481)
- 284 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of processing times for probate applications. (195458)

- 285 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether a parent in Northern Ireland can excuse their child from Relationships and Sex Education,. (195582)
- 286 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether his Department plans to conduct a public consultation of (a) parents and (b) other stakeholders on Relationships and Sex Education before guidance in this area is implemented in Northern Ireland. (195583)
- 287 **Alun Cairns** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he plans for the investigation by officials into an update to Growth Market Exemption legislation to conclude. (195392)
- 288 **Alun Cairns** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has he made of the adequacy of the capacity of the Financial Conduct Authority to regulate cryptocurrencies. (195427)
- 289 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total cost was to the public purse of dismissing Sir Tom Scholar as permanent secretary at the Treasury; and if he will provide a breakdown of those costs. (195431)
- 290 **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when his Department plans to publish the outcome of the consultation entitled Regulation of Buy-Now Pay Later: consultation on draft legislation. (195335)
- 291 **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when his Department plans to lay before Parliament legislative proposals relating to the consultation entitled Regulation of Buy-Now Pay Later: consultation on draft legislation. (195336)
- 292 **Mark Jenkinson** (Workington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many of the parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco that were obliged to introduce a tobacco track and trace system by 2023 have complied with that obligation. [Transferred] (195252)
- 293 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what data his Department holds on revenue accrued to the Exchequer in (a) income tax, (b) national insurance contributions, (c) corporation tax, (d) north sea revenue, (e) non domestic rates, (f) fuel duties, (g) VAT, (h) VAT refunds, (i) alcohol duties, (j) tobacco duties, (k) land and buildings transaction tax, (l) environmental levies, (m) reserved stamp duties, (n) other receipts and (o) other taxes from people domiciled in Scotland in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years. (195566)
- 294 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the impact of VAT on hospitality venues. [Transferred] (195106)
- 295 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what support is available to homeowners who have accrued unmanageable debt due to increased mortgage interest rates. (195552)

- 296 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to increased mortgage interest rates, what steps his Department is taking to promote credit unions. (195553)
- 297 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has considered the potential merits of increasing the premium bond investment ceiling. (195346)
- 298 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to help support homeowners who are unable to make mortgage payments following increases in interest rates in the last 12 months. (195347)
- 299 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of reducing fuel duty on hydrotreated vegetable oil fuel. (195327)
- 300 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to update the Hydrocarbon Oil Duty Act 1979 to categorise hydrotreated vegetable oil as a biodiesel. (195358)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 5 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal is available to people who had served a combined total of five years in the Armed Forces and frontline NHS services on 6 February 2022. (195585)
- 2N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department provides guidance to (a) football clubs and (b) other sporting organisations on the inclusion of non-disparagement clauses preventing people under contract from criticising owners or other specified entities; and if she will make a statement. (195511)
- 3N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of recent trends in the number of applications to register previously unregulated accommodation for looked after 16 and 17 year olds. (195487)
- 4N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of (a) recent trends in the number of inspections that have taken place of previously unregulated accommodation for looked after 16 and 17 year olds and (b) the outcomes of those inspections. (195488)

- 5N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the level of compliance with the registration requirements for accommodation for looked-after 16- and 17-year olds prior to the deadline of 28 October 2023. (195489)
- 6N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to Answer of 20 July 2023 to Question 194577, whether he will take steps to require energy providers not to put households which have been unable to transfer from a Radio Teleswitching System to a Smart Meter on higher tariffs. (195593)
- 7N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to ensure water resilience is considered when building new housing. (195514)
- 8N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) improvement and (b) prohibition notices were issued by Health and Safety Executive inspectors to operators of offshore oil and gas installations in each year since 2016-17; and how many of those notices were related to safety maintenance issues. (195401)
- 9N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, at which meetings the Government was represented at the Sixth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body for a WHO Instrument on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response which took place between 17 and 21 July 2023. (195596)
- 10N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, in which meetings the Government will be represented at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations 2005. (195597)
- 11N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government be represented at Joint Plenary Meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body and the Working Group on Amendments to the International Health Regulations in July 2023. (195598)
- 12N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of the 2024 Armed Forces Pay Review Body settlement for this financial year. (195316)
- 13N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department plans to freeze recruitment of civilian personnel (a) partially and (b) wholly. (195317)

- 14N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what reductions have been made in previously-planned spending for 2023/24 to pay for the additional cost of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body pay settlement in (a) planned spending on civilian personnel, (b) other elements of the planned RDEL budget and (c) the planned CDEL budget. (195318)
- 15N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy applications have been awaiting an initial eligibility decision for more than (a) three, (b) six, (c) 12, (d) 18 and (e) 24 months. (195319)
- 16N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy applications are awaiting an initial eligibility decision from his Department. (195322)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 6 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the (a) prevalence and (b) impact of violence by settlers towards (i) Palestinians and (ii) their property in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (195611)
- 2N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to publish a report of the pilots on alternatives to detention. (195305)
- 3N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral statement of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on Public Sector Pay of 13 July 2023, Official Report, column 525, when she plans to bring forward regulations to increase the immigration health surcharge. (195578)
- 4N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral statement of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on Public Sector Pay of 13 July 2023, Official Report, column 525, when she plans to bring forward regulations to increase visa fees. (195579)
- 5N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending VAT relief on building works for all listed places of worship. (195477)