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Questions tabled on Tuesday 17 October 2023

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T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.

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N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under [S.O. No. 22\(4\)](#).

[R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 18 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 66 of the Higher education policy statement & reform consultation Equality analysis published in February 2022, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of that report's findings on the disparity in percentage increases in loan repayments between female borrowers and male borrowers. [Transferred] (202612)
- 2 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what progress her Department has made on the issuing of energy support payments to people in mobile homes. [Transferred] (202745)
- 3N **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding her Department has provided to Oneweb; and how that funding has been used. [Transferred] (201046)
- 4N **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology what information her Department holds on the number of shares in Eutelsat that are owned by the Chinese government. [Transferred] (201047)
- 5 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many people have been hired by Ofcom in roles relating to equality, diversity and inclusion since 2020. [Transferred] (202718)

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- 6 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate she has made of how many households are affected by the retirement of the public switched telephone Network; and what steps she is taking with telecommunications providers to support vulnerable people so affected. [Transferred] (202681)
- 7 **Hilary Benn** (Leeds Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of prison inmates who have Huntington's disease. [Transferred] (202656)
- 8 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much the Government has spent on housing Afghans in hotel accommodation in Pakistan since August 2021. [Transferred] (202635)
- 9 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many Afghans are being housed in UK-funded hotel accommodation in Pakistan. [Transferred] (202636)
- 10 **Mrs Pauline Latham** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how (a) much funding and (b) many full-time equivalent staff have been allocated to the Forced Marriage Unit in each financial year since its was founded; and how many cases have been reported to that unit in each of those years. [Transferred] (202717)
- 11 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of cash deposit regulations in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 on (a) the ability of SMEs to accept cash payments and (b) people who experience difficulty in conducting transactions via means other than cash. [Transferred] (202551)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 19 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs of 19 September 2023 on Resettlement of Afghans, Official Report, column 1254, how many (a) individuals and (b) families from Afghanistan are being housed in temporary accommodation under the local authority homelessness provision as of 17 October 2023. (202899)
- 2 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs of 19 September 2023 on Resettlement of Afghans, Official Report, column 1254,

- how many ARAP (a) principles and (b) dependents are housed in temporary accommodation under the local authority homelessness provision in the latest period for which data is available. (202900)
- 3 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department is taking steps to recruit employees from the private sector into the civil service. (203003)
- 4 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of Lord Maude of Horsham's report on civil service governance and accountability; and if he will make a statement. (203004)
- 5 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 19 January 2023 to Question 124115 on Public Sector: Pay, whether he has had discussions with the Commissioner for Public Appointments on (a) engagement with unions, (b) time of settlements, (c) the delivery of multiyear deals, (d) revising the appointment process and (e) other reform of the public sector pay review bodies. (203137)
- 6 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the change in rate of the National Living wage in April 2023 on the financial viability of employers in (a) pharmacies and (b) other SMEs in Meriden constituency. (203177)
- 7 **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate she has made of the number of pubs that have closed in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England in each of the last five years. (202996)
- 8 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when she plans to bring forward legislation to extend the use of (a) CE marking and (b) other forms of recognition that goods meet EU requirements beyond 31 December 2024. (202876)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made an estimate of the number of products on the market in Great Britain that use UK Conformity Assessed marking. (202877)
- 10 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she plans to appeal the decision of Mr Justice Linden on 13 July 2023 relating to the use of agency workers to fill in for striking workers. (202965)
- 11 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has held recent discussions with the (a) agriculture, (b) food standards, and (c) labour rights sectors on a potential trade deal with the US. (203105)
- 12 **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what funding her Department allocated to projects to support grassroots sports facilities in Coventry in each of the last five years. (202992)

- 13 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the impact of social media usage on the mental health of people under the age of 18. (202881)
- 14 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to support arts and music organisations following the UK's departure from Creative Europe. (203054)
- 15 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help music centres to recruit young musicians from Europe for training in the UK. (203055)
- 16 **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to encourage boys to read more books. (202997)
- 17 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department provides to (a) schools and (b) other educational establishments to help ensure political impartiality in messaging shared with (i) students and (ii) the wider community. (203097)
- 18 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of providing early intervention services on the number of children that require EHCPs. (203079)
- 19 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of providing funding for exam remarks for students on the pupil premium. (203013)
- 20 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether there has been a reduction in Education Health Care Plans at any of the Local Authorities in Tranche 1 and 2 of the Delivering Better Value in SEND Programme. (203016)
- 21 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has published guidance on the recognition of neurodiversity conditions at Further and Higher Education facilities. (202966)
- 22 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support parents of primary-aged children with childcare outside of school hours. (202973)
- 23 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when her Department plans to bring forward its consultation on minimum energy efficiency standards in the social housing sector. (202970)
- 24 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it remains her Department's policy to provide £3.8 billion to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. (202971)

- 25 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will take steps to extend the ban on forced installations of pre-payment meters to include all households which include a disabled person. (203154)
- 26 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of hybrid vehicles in improving air quality. (203077)
- 27 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether (a) she and (b) the North Sea Transition Authority made an assessment of the potential impact of attaching conditions to the grant of consent to Equinor for the Rosebank oil and gas development in the North Sea on the delivery of decarbonisation targets in the North Sea Transition Deal. (202951)
- 28 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will instruct the North Sea Transition Authority to publish the assessment made of the compatibility of the Rosebank oil field with net zero. (202952)
- 29 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the impact of energy costs on the purchase of shared ownership extra care schemes. (203011)
- 30 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the level of requirement to locate high-capacity battery storage near homes. (203169)
- 31 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of locating battery storage sites away from residential areas. (203170)
- 32 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the impact of waste disposal charges on fly-tipping. (203078)
- 33 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information her Department holds on the enforcement actions undertaken by local authorities against the illegal sale of (a) plastic straws, (b) drink stirrers and (c) plastic-stemmed cotton buds since October 2020. (203176)
- 34 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has had discussions with the Royal Society of Chemistry on the assessment and monitoring of indoor air quality. (203122)
- 35 **Giles Watling** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking to (a) monitor and (b) restrict fur imports from European countries, in the context of outbreaks of avian flu in Europe in 2023. (203115)

- 36 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of how much and what proportion of the £2 billion funding allocated under his Department's strategy entitled Ending rough sleeping for good has been disbursed; and on what projects. (203106)
- 37 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he plans to publish the revised National Planning Policy Framework. (203107)
- 38 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential effectiveness of virtual examination hearings conducted by the Planning Inspectorate. (203007)
- 39 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent steps his Department has taken to develop policy relating to Investment Zones. (203009)
- 40 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing specific funding to social housing providers to eradicate damp and mould in properties. (203012)
- 41 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department will produce guidance for local authorities on spending on emergency homeless dispersal accommodation. (203015)
- 42 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the average response time for enquiries to Home England. (203017)
- 43 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the capacity of delivery agencies for delivering the aims of the Affordable Homes Programme. (203018)
- 44 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many Homes England Investment Partners for the Affordable Homes Programme have filed for insolvency. (203021)
- 45 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on creating healthy homes. (203053)

- 46 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the time period during which landlords cannot apply mandatory grounds for repossession of the property beyond the first six months of the tenancy in the Renters (Reform) Bill. (203175)
- 47 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what advice his Department provides to local councils on planning applications for potentially noisy sites. (203165)
- 48 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of locating high-capacity batteries near residential communities on the adequacy of levels of (a) noise pollution and (b) community safety. (203166)
- 49 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what advice his Department provides to local councils on balancing community concerns with developer proposals. (203167)
- 50 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has had recent discussions with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council on planning applications for high-capacity battery storage. (203168)
- 51 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of car insurance prices in the last 12 months. (203108)
- 52 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with representatives from car insurance providers on the potential impact of insurance premiums on the number of new drivers on the roads. (203109)
- 53 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to Command Paper 946 entitled Network North: Transforming British Transport, published in October 2023, what the evidential basis is for the statement that up to 10,000 homes could be built on the Euston station redevelopment. (203061)
- 54 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on funding for the Network North plan; what estimate he has made of when the transport projects set out in the Network North plan will be delivered; and how much funding his Department has allocated to (a) new stations, (b) electrification, (c) bus corridors and (d) integrated public transport networks in each region. (203062)

- 55 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding was allocated to Phase (a) 2a and (b) 2b of the HS2 project in (i) 2024-25, (ii) 2025-26, (iii) 2026-27, (iv) 2027-28, (v) 2028-29 and (vi) 2029-30 before 4 October 2023. (203063)
- 56 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate his Department has made of the number of planning officers needed to approve plans for each of the Network North projects, broken down by region. (203064)
- 57 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) homes and (b) businesses were acquired by HS2 Limited as part of works relating to Phase 2a and Phase 2b of HS2. (203068)
- 58 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 5 of the command paper, Network North, Transforming British Transport, CP 946, published by his Department in October 2023, if he will publish a breakdown of the £12 billion spending that will be allocated to better connect Manchester with Liverpool. (203069)
- 59 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 18 of the command paper, Network North, Transforming British Transport, CP 946, published by his Department in October 2023 Network North, what estimate he has made of the cost of (a) the Handsacre link, (b) signalling and network upgrades and (c) other work required to enable high speed trains join the conventional rail network to Manchester. (203070)
- 60 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 73 of his Department's Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands, published in November 2021, CP 490, whether it remains his policy that (a) the West Coast Main Line is at capacity and (b) there are no viable choices for new lines and upgrades to the West Coast Main Line. (203071)
- 61 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 3.13 of the Integrated Rail Plan for the North and the Midlands, CP 490, published by his Department in November 2021 pp65, whether a new analysis was conducted before to the decision in Network North for high speed trains to join the conventional network to Manchester. (203072)
- 62 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 62 of the Integrated Rail Plan, published in November 2021, whether it remains his Department's policy that improvement of journey times between Birmingham and Manchester is not possible without additional track capacity. (203073)
- 63 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to Command Paper 946 entitle Network North: Transforming British Transport, published in October 2023, whether Bradford station has an approved business case. (203074)

- 64 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the decision was made to withdraw funding for phases 2a and 2b of HS2. (203075)
- 65 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to expenditure on Microsoft Word training published in DfT: spending over £500, October 2022, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of levels of competency on Microsoft Word among officials in his Department. (202937)
- 66 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will hold discussions with (a) Network Rail and (b) train operators to help support the use of public pianos within railway stations. (203002)
- 67 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer on 16 October 2023 to Question 199996 on Motorways: Speed Limits, on what (a) basis and (b) authority National Highways conducted a trial without scientific advice to support a trial being beneficial to the environment and in reducing emissions. (203005)
- 68 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has held discussions with the insurance industry on taking steps to help reduce motor insurance costs for young drivers in the context of increases in the cost of living. (203006)
- 69 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department are taking to increase the number of women working in the maritime industry. (202962)
- 70 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the Marine Accident Investigation Branch's report into the engine room fire and fatality onboard the Moritz Schulte published August 2023. (202963)
- 71 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Just Transition Task Force report entitled Mapping a Maritime Just Transition, published 9 Nov 2022, what assessment he has made of the implication for his policies of that report's recommendations on the number of seafarers requiring additional training to handle alternative fuels and technologies by 2050. (202964)
- 72 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with Great Western Railway on the potential impact of cancellations to night riviera services during engineering works on passenger revenues. (203117)
- 73 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 16 of Annex B of the Impact Assessment for the Statutory Scheme – Branded Medicines Pricing, what the evidential basis is for

- the assessment that the resources deployed through pharmaceutical investment would come to the UK in another form; and whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential efficiency of alternative deployment of resources. (203129)
- 74 **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of treatment provision for people with endometriosis. (202995)
- 75 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of assessing the nation's palliative care needs in the context of the obligation on Integrated Care Boards to commission such care. [R] (203128)
- 76 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse is (a) of the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme in total and (b) for the recruitment of clinical pharmacists under that scheme as of 16 October 2023; and what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of that scheme on patient outcomes. (202874)
- 77 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve dementia diagnosis rates. (202878)
- 78 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish the major conditions strategy. (202879)
- 79 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that people with dementia are able to access breakthrough treatments as soon as they become available. (202880)
- 80 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department has taken to improve support people with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and what steps he has taken with Cabinet colleagues to improve support for carers of people with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder. (202984)
- 81 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of revising existing (a) training and (b) national curriculum programs for staff within the (i) healthcare and (ii) social sectors to increase the understanding of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder; and if he will commission a public health awareness campaign on the condition for the general public. (202985)
- 82 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had on trial of Galen technology by Imperial College Healthcare, University College London, University

- Hospital of Coventry and Warwickshire, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and University Hospitals Southampton; and whether he plans to roll out that technology. (203019)
- 83N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that children with special educational needs and disabilities receive an initial assessment for speech and language therapy within an appropriate time scale; and how long he plans that a child should wait for an initial assessment. [Transferred] (202724)
- 84 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to review the work of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman. (203049)
- 85 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce the number of NHS cases received by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman. (203050)
- 86 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to promote a culture of listening and learning in the NHS. (203051)
- 87 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to ensure that interventions are made as early as possible to resolve patient and staff complaints within the NHS. (203052)
- 88 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Children and Young People's Hospice Grant for 2024-25 will be ring-fenced. (203132)
- 89 **Ms Anum Qaisar** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding the Government has made available for research into paediatric brain tumours in each of the last five years. (203171)
- 90 **Tom Randall** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps through the forthcoming Major Conditions Strategy to help improve the diagnosis and management of axial spondyloarthritis. (203156)
- 91 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of NHS (a) IT systems and (b) storage systems for patient letters. (203031)
- 92 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the recommendations of the British Society for Echocardiography made in its report entitled The UK Echocardiography Workforce published in June 2023, whether his Department is taking steps to help ensure that the NHS retains a sufficient number of experienced echocardiographers to train new recruits. (202955)

- 93 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Government's figures on covid-19 cases in the UK, whether that figure includes results from all types of covid-19 testing kits. (203155)
- 94 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of funding allocated by his Department to community defibrillator projects. (202975)
- 95 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Chinese counterpart on China's responsibilities under the 1951 Refugee Convention on the non-refoulement of refugees. (202974)
- 96N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the reported forced repatriation of people from China back to North Korea; whether he has made an assessment of the potential risks to these people; whether he has made representations to his counterpart in China on this topic; and whether his Department has made an assessment of the compatibility of these reported forced repatriations with international law. (202866)
- 97 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid to people who have been displaced in Gaza. (202925)
- 98 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the safe evacuation of British nationals from (a) Israel and (b) Gaza. (202926)
- 99 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether (a) he and (b) a Minister in his Department plans to visit Afghanistan. (202931)
- 100 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the level of terrorist threat posed by extremist groups operating in Afghanistan. (202932)
- 101 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to provide support to Afghanistan following earthquakes in October 2023. (202933)
- 102 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to support people in Afghanistan in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (202934)

- 103 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if his Department will launch a public awareness campaign on the requirement for UK citizens to apply for European Travel Information and Authorisation System travel authorisation in order to travel to Europe from 2024. (203042)
- 104 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government plans to vote in support of initiating multilateral negotiations on a framework convention on tax at the UN General Assembly in November 2023. (202863)
- 105 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government supports the creation of a tax framework at the (a) UN and (b) OECD level. (202864)
- 106 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to paragraph 61 of the report of the United Nations Secretary-General on Promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the United Nations, published on 8 August 2023, whether he has made an assessment with the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the compatibility of the options in the table with UK tax policy. (202865)
- 107 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what the priority objectives are for the British Council in the Balkans. (202958)
- 108 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what were the objectives of the British Council's Creative Producers in the Western Balkans 2021-2022 programme. (202959)
- 109 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much funding was provided by the British Council to the DRAGOSLAVIA festival in June 2022. (202960)
- 110 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what were the objectives of the funding provided by the British Council to the DRAGOSLAVIA festival in June 2022. (202961)
- 111 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to secure the release of Jimmy Lai. (202982)
- 112 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): 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 imprisonment of Jimmy Lai. (202983)

- 113 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Israeli counterpart on (a) ending Israeli restrictions on the supply of water, food and fuel into Gaza and (b) rescinding of the evacuation order issued by the Israeli Defence Force. (203138)
- 114 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) provide adequate resources and (b) other support to the International Criminal Court for its investigation into the situation in Palestine. (203139)
- 115 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to restore water, food, fuel and electricity to Gaza. (203140)
- 116 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of compliance with international humanitarian law of Israeli Government restrictions on electricity, food, water and fuel in Gaza. (203141)
- 117 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the compliance with international humanitarian of Israeli Defence Force's evacuation of civilians in Gaza City from their homes. (203142)
- 118 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the provision of humanitarian assistance to internally displaced people within Gaza. (203143)
- 119 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and (b) UK humanitarian agencies operating in Gaza on the (i) funding and (ii) other aid that is needed in Gaza. (203144)
- 120 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with (a) The United Nations Relief and Works Agency and (b) UK humanitarian agencies operating in Gaza on the potential risk of infectious outbreak in Gaza in the context of the restriction on water and fuel supplies. (203145)
- 121 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and (b) UK humanitarian agencies operating in Gaza on the number of water and sanitation facilities (a) continuing to operate and (b) no longer functioning in Gaza. (203146)

- 122 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held discussions with (a) the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and (b) UK humanitarian agencies operating in Gaza on the (i) level of fuel reserves for hospital backup generators in Gaza and (b) implications for continued medical treatment of civilians. (203147)
- 123 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether certificate of applications issued to EU Settlement Scheme applicants cover claims to Universal Credit. (203160)
- 124 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department issues guidance on the criteria to be taken into consideration for decisions on policing sporting events. (202875)
- 125 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of direct entry routes into police ranks of (a) inspector and (b) superintendent. (203080)
- 126 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many crime reports Action Fraud have received in each month since September 2021; and of those, what proportion have met the assessment case criteria implemented by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau to be investigated. (203010)
- 127 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to page 8 of the report Fight for 52, published by the Fire Brigades Union on 14 September 2023, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of variations in the level of maternity pay for firefighters. (203116)
- 128 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Home Office response to report on the re-inspection of family reunion applications published on 21 February 2023, what recent progress her Department has made towards (a) implementing the recommendations made by the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration and (b) ensuring that family reunion applications are processed within the service standard of 12 weeks. (203095)
- 129 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration on a date for publication of his inspection of her Department's Afghan resettlement schemes. (203096)
- 130 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applications were rejected on the grounds of a false claim of LGB in each year since 2010. (203032)

- 131 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to page 16 of HMPPS Annual Digest 2022/23 published on 27 July 2023, how long was taken to refer the 986 Foreign National Offender cases which did not meet her Department's 10 day working target. (203033)
- 132 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people left employment in the Border Force in each year since 2010. (203034)
- 133 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of capacity in UKAS accredited forensic science police laboratories; and whether there is a backlog in cases as of 17 October 2023. (203035)
- 134 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many UK Border Force staff have been posted to (a) Belgium, (b) Germany, (c) the Netherlands and (d) France in each of the last five years. (203036)
- 135 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2023 to Question 200463 on Refugees: Afghanistan, if she will take steps to establish the number of Afghan people based in Pakistan awaiting applications to be processed by the Visa Application Centre. (203022)
- 136 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2023 to Question 200463 on Refugees: Afghanistan, if she will take steps to establish the number of Afghan people based in Pakistan awaiting applications to be processed by the Visa Application Centre. (203023)
- 137 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which police force has the lowest average time taken for issuing firearm and shotgun licenses over the last 12 months. (202912)
- 138 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department plans to take to reduce the waiting time for individuals who have been waiting over three years for firearm and shotgun licenses. (202913)
- 139 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to remove responsibility for issuing firearm and shotgun licenses from West Mercia Police; and if she will make a statement. (202914)
- 140 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to establish a compensation scheme for individuals who have had to wait more than one year for their firearm and shotgun licenses. (202915)

- 141 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of delays in the approval of firearm and shotgun licenses on people for whom a license is essential to their livelihood. (202916)
- 142 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will (a) make an assessment of the performance of police forces in issuing firearms and shotgun licences and (b) centralise the responsibility for issuing those licences with the police force that performs the best against the metrics used for that assessment. (202917)
- 143 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure regional security in the Middle East in addition to the deployment of Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels to the eastern Mediterranean. (202924)
- 144 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what railway logistics capabilities his Department holds. (202887)
- 145 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many railway (a) locomotives, (b) carriages, (c) containers his Department holds in its inventory. (202888)
- 146 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many trained train drivers his Department employs. (202889)
- 147 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many trained railway engineers his Department employs. (202890)
- 148 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the importance of rail assets for the delivery of defence outcomes. (202891)
- 149 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many rail facilities his Department (a) owns and (b) has access to. (202892)
- 150 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many defence contracts are being used as part of his Department's revised industrial participation policy; with which companies they were placed; and for what work they cover. (202893)
- 151 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department plans to conclude its revised Industrial Participation Policy trials. (202894)
- 152 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to publish details of the revised Industrial Participation Policy after trials have ended. (202895)

- 153 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, will he plans to publish the revised Industrial Participation Policy. (202896)
- 154 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department have made of the potential merits of mandating industrial participation as part of defence contracts. (202897)
- 155 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what mechanisms his Department have to enforce industrial participation as part of the revised Industrial Participation Policy trial. (202898)
- 156 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure the (a) timely delivery and (b) quality of Challenger 2 hulls to Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land for upgrade to Challenger 3 specification. (202923)
- 157 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many British nationals are serving in (a) the French Foreign Legion and (b) other foreign militaries, by national military, as of 17 October 2023. (203026)
- 158 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are suspended from active duty due to an ongoing criminal investigation as of 17 October 2023. (203027)
- 159 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) army, (b) RAF and (c) Royal Navy careers fairs were carried out in each year since 2015. (203028)
- 160 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the recommended calorific intake was for a British Army Soldier in each year since 2015. (203029)
- 161 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) tank shells, (b) 81mm mortar, (c) javelin, (d) 5.56 x 45mm rounds and (e) Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems were fired on training exercises in each year since 2015. (203030)
- 162 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 September 2023 to Question 197421 on Aviation: Prime Minister, how many domestic flights were provided to the Prime Minister on the Envoy aircraft of the RAF's Command Support Air Transport fleet between 5 September and 17 October 2023; and what the cost of each such flight was. (202943)
- 163 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September 2023 to Question 197420 on Aviation: Prime Minister, how many rotary-wing flights were provided by the RAF's Command Support Air Transport fleet to the Prime Minister between 5 September and 17 October 2023; and what the cost of each such flight was. (202944)

- 164 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 September 2023 to Question 197421 on Aviation: Prime Minister which plane was used by the Prime Minister to fly from Northolt to (a) Leeds on 9 January, (b) Blackpool on 19 January, (c) Newquay on 9 February, (d) RAF Leeming on 10 February, (e) Anglesey on 23 March, and (f) Aberdeen on (i) 31 July and (ii) 2 September 2023. (202945)
- 165 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 September 2023 to Question 197421 on Aviation: Prime Minister, which taskings were completed on G-ZAHS in addition to flying the Prime Minister from Northolt to Inverness on 13 January and to Manchester on 3 April 2023. (202946)
- 166 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisons reported a rat infestation in (a) 2022-2023 and (b) 2021-2022. (203089)
- 167 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an estimate of the average length of time between a case being referred to the Crown Prosecution Service and a prosecution decision being reached. (203014)
- 168 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 9 May 2023 to Question 183105 on Family Courts: Standards, how many judicial sitting days there were in (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23; and how many judges were recruited in each of those years. (203020)
- 169 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he plans to ringfence funding for Women Centres for future financial years. (203056)
- 170 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his oral statement on Prison Capacity on 16 October 2023, what steps he is taking to expand the work of Women's Centres. (203057)
- 171 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the provision of safe housing to women leaving prison on levels of (a) reoffending and (b) safety of those women. (203058)
- 172 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to provide community based substance misuse and mental health services for women leaving prison. (203059)
- 173 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he is taking steps to (a) provide women with jobs on leaving prison and (b) help women to transition into work. (203060)
- 174 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prison governors have worked at (a) two, (b) three, (c) four and (d) more than four prisons since 2010. (203037)

- 175 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what subscriptions to (a) magazines, (b) television channels and (c) newspapers his Department funds for officials. (203038)
- 176 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the food budget was per-prisoner per day in each year since 2015 in private sector prisons. (203039)
- 177 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many sexual assaults by inmates on inmates were recorded in young offender institutions by institution in each of the last 10 years. (203040)
- 178N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department considered proposals for private financing for Euston HS2 station between between 13 February 2020 and 15 July 2022. (203067)
- 179 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the number of people residing in Northern Ireland who are likely to have been underpaid their state pension as a result of their national insurance record not including the correct entitlement of home responsibilities protection from 1978 to 2000. (203148)
- 180 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has plans to provide additional funding for advice services in Northern Ireland to assist people who have been underpaid their state pension as a result of an incorrect attribution of home responsibilities protection credits. (203149)
- 181N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent steps they have taken to support hospitality and tourism in rural areas. (203158)
- 182 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what revenue was generated by the Plastic Packaging Tax in 2022-23. (203120)
- 183 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the effectiveness of the Plastic Packaging Tax in raising the volume of recycled plastic used in packaging materials. (203121)
- 184 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the level of potential risk that the development of the Rosebank oil field leads to stranded assets. (202953)
- 185 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the value of tax relief available for the development of the Rosebank oil field under the investment allowance; and if he will place a copy of that estimate in the Library of the House. (202954)
- 186 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of [Date] on [Subject], what subscriptions to (a) magazines, (b) television channels and (c) newspaper his Department pays for. (203041)

- 187 **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to ensure that any underspend of the allocated Equitable Life compensation will be distributed amongst policyholders. (203001)
- 188 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to fund pay increases for public sector workers at the rate of inflation or greater in the Autumn Statement 2023. (203134)
- 189 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to increase (a) basic and (a) new state pension by at least the September 2023 rate of increase in average earnings. (203135)
- 190 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to increase public sector pay in 2024-25 by at least the September 2023 growth in average earnings. (203136)
- 191N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will set a target date by which there will be no gender pay gap for all employees. [Transferred] (202548)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the objective of the Government Consulting Hub to grow the Civil Service's internal capability, how many officials have participated in civil service learning programmes for the purposes of equipping them with the skills to deliver work commonly undertaken by consultants. (202910)
- 2N **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of Government spending on legacy IT systems 2023. (203101)
- 3N **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Government is taking to replace legacy IT systems; and what the estimated expenditure on replacing those systems is. (203102)
- 4N **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what was the cost to the public purse of external contractors used to maintain legacy IT systems in the most recent period for which data is available. (203103)
- 5N **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of the (a) number of items and (b) cost to the public purse of Government IT equipment introduced in the (i) 1980's, (ii) 1990's and (iii) 2000's. (203104)

- 6N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the contracts agreed by his Department with (a) Alma Economics on 27 September 2023, procurement reference CCZZ23A21, and (b) Russell Reynolds Associates Ltd on 13 October 2023, procurement reference CCZX23A03, if he will publish the Schedule 20 annexes specifying the services to be delivered under each of those contracts. (202941)
- 7N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many employers found to be in breach of minimum wage regulations were (a) named publicly and (b) not named publicly due to mitigating circumstances since the commencement of the National Minimum Wage Naming Scheme. (202911)
- 8N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she plans to take to facilitate consultation with relevant stakeholders on any future trade partnership with the US; and if she will make a statement. (203130)
- 9N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the levels of loneliness and social isolation in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England; and what (i) financial and (ii) other steps her Department is taking to tackle loneliness and social isolation in those areas. (202998)
- 10N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with Ofcom on tackling the use of sexist and misogynistic language in broadcast news. (203090)
- 11N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of removing the cap on charity lottery sales. (203091)
- 12N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to NICE's draft for consultation entitled Harmful gambling: identification, assessment and management, published in October 2023, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on that consultation's draft guidance on GPs asking patients presenting with a mental health issue about their potential gambling habits. (203092)
- 13N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Gambling Commission on whether it plans to release the results of its 2021 call for evidence on affordability checks. (203093)
- 14N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to page 89 of the policy paper entitled A sustainable future - reforming club football governance, what recent discussions her Department has had with stakeholders on the potential merits of conducting

- (a) trials for alcohol sales in sight of the pitch for clubs in the National League and League Two and (b) a review of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985. (203094)
- 15N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to ensure that relationships, sex and health education statutory guidance includes a requirement for pupils to be taught about the risks associated with e-cigarettes and vapes. (202978)
- 16N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish a timeline of the deployment of demountable classrooms for St Leonard's Catholic School in the City of Durham. (203125)
- 17N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of schools closing due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete on children's mental health. (203126)
- 18N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the local authority decision-making process when deciding specialist placement for SEND children; and if she will make a statement. (202872)
- 19N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department are taking to reduce the number of EHCP applications going to appeal; and if she will make a statement. (202873)
- 20N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 24 April 2023 to Question 181721 on Energy: Prices, when her Department plans to publish a consultation on a social tariff for energy. (203150)
- 21N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 24 April 2023 to Question 181721 on Energy: Prices, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of a social tariff for energy. (203151)
- 22N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to support disabled people with the cost of energy. (203152)
- 23N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions her Department has had with energy (a) providers and (b) suppliers on supporting households that include a disabled person. (203153)
- 24N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Social housing tenants helped to cut energy bills with £80 million for home upgrades, how many social homes will be insulated under that funding scheme. (203123)

- 25N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much and what proportion of insulation costs per home will be funded by the additional £80 million under the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund; and whether (a) social housing tenants and (b) local councils will be required to contribute towards the cost of those insulation upgrades. (203124)
- 26N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions her Department has had with energy providers on the provision of (a) financial and (b) welfare support to households which include a disabled person. (203024)
- 27N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what her planned timescale is for publishing the Waste Infrastructure Roadmap; and if she will make an assessment of the level of existing waste infrastructure required to meet the Government's target to halve residual waste by 2042. (203119)
- 28N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce fly-tipping on private land in rural areas. (202902)
- 29N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Written Statement of 5 June 2023 on General licensing, UIN HCWS820, how many applications to release gamebirds (a) on and (b) within) 500 metres of Special Protection Areas has her Department (i) received, (ii) approved and (iii) sought advice from Natural England. (202935)
- 30N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will outline his planned timetable for the Parking (Code of Practice) Act 2019 impact assessment, in the context of the closure of the private parking code of practice call for evidence on 8 October 2023. (202904)
- 31N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he plans to publish consultation submissions to the private parking charges and debt recovery fees call for evidence. (202906)
- 32N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 40p of Network North: transforming British transport, CP 946, published by his Department in October 2023, how much he plans to spend on fixing potholes in (a) 2024/25 and (b) 2025/26. (202967)
- 33N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his department plans to publish a response to L-category vehicles consultation. (202968)
- 34N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to The Plan for Drivers, published 2 October 2023, what 20mph zones his Department expects to be affected by changes in guidance. (202969)

- 35N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate his Department has made of the total cost of Network North projects in 2023 prices. (203065)
- 36N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, for which Network North projects his Department has undertaken (a) an environmental impact assessment and (b) a local consultation. (203066)
- 37N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will provide a breakdown of new funding for transport in South Yorkshire as a result of the cancellation of phase 2a of HS2. (202986)
- 38N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish a map of the area defined as the north in the command paper, Network North, Transforming British Transport, CP 946, published by his Department in October 2023. (202987)
- 39N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which projects in the Network North scheme are funded (a) partly and (b) wholly by his Department. (202988)
- 40N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to Command Paper 946 entitled Network North: Transforming British Transport and published in October 2023, what recent discussions he has had with devolved combined authorities on that scheme. (202989)
- 41N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of motorcycle air vests in reducing injuries to motorcyclists; and if he will make a statement. (202905)
- 42N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate his Department has made of the cost to the public purse of closing phases 2a and 2b of HS2 in financial years (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25, (c) 2025-26 and (d) 2026-27. (203098)
- 43N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of how much compensation will be paid to (a) contractors, (b) rolling stock suppliers and (c) other business following the decision not to proceed with Phase 2B of the HS2 project. (203099)
- 44N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether Network Rail were consulted on the decision to create the Network North plan. (203100)
- 45N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that PIP assessors take into account the hidden symptoms of multiple sclerosis when making their assessments; and what recent assessment he has made of the impact of the PIP assessment process on the mental health of people with multiple sclerosis. (203161)

- 46N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to support people who have been made redundant to (a) access training and skills support and (b) find suitable alternative employment in (i) Coventry North East constituency, (ii) Coventry, (iii) the West Midlands and (iv) England. (202994)
- 47N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the (a) factors that contribute to long-term unemployment and (b) impact of long-term unemployment on (i) families, (ii) communities and (iii) the economy; and what steps his Department is taking to (A) reduce and (B) minimise the impacts of long-term unemployment. (202999)
- 48N **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when his Department plans to respond to the correspondence of 19 July 2023, reference JK41078, from the hon. Member for Solihull. (203008)
- 49N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of benefit claims were subject to sanctions in the last three months for which data is available per constituency; and how much was the (a) total and (b) average sum of benefit income lost by claimants due to sanctions in each constituency in that period. (203043)
- 50N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of universal credit claims were subject to deductions in the most recent month for which data is available per constituency; what was the (a) average and (b) total sum of deduction per constituency; what proportion of deductions were used to repay advance payments; and if he will make a statement. (203044)
- 51N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of expanding the swap to stop scheme to include smoking cessation products such as nicotine replacement therapies. (202976)
- 52N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of extending prescribing rights for stop smoking medicines to (a) dentists, (b) opticians and (c) specialist nurses. (202977)
- 53N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate he has made of the number of NHS workforce vacancies in (a) Coventry, (b) the West Midlands and (c) England; and what steps he is taking to fill such vacancies in those areas. (202993)
- 54N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the transparency data entitled Ministry of Justice data: ministers hospitality, gifts, travel and meetings,

January 2023 to March 2023, for what reason a meeting on 13 January 2023 with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Lords on the New Hospitals Programme was removed from the release. (202936)

55N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Royal College of General Practitioners' report entitled *Fit for the Future: Reshaping general practice infrastructure in England*, published in May 2023, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of that report's finding that almost three in four members that requested funding to upgrade their premises in the last year were unsuccessful in obtaining that funding. (203045)

56N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase spending on (a) estates and (b) infrastructure for primary care. (203046)

57N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken to review whistleblowing processes in the NHS. (203048)

58N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is the Minister taking to increase access to NHS dental services in County Durham. (202956)

59N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reasons his Department has not responded to the Health and Social Care Select Committee's report on NHS dentistry within two months of its publication on 14 July 2023. (202957)

60N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much the UK Health Security Agency Vaccine Development and Evaluation Centre spent on research and development in the (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23 financial years; and how much it expects to spend in 2023-24. (202981)

61N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department issues on the training NHS staff should receive on (a) assistance dogs and (b) supporting blind and visually impaired people. (202948)

62N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of blind and visually impaired people were prevented from accessing NHS estates with guide dogs in the last 12 months. (202949)

63N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse was of outsourcing radiology scans to external teleradiology companies in each of the last five years. (203081)

- 64N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of teleradiology companies used by the NHS are based outside the UK. (203082)
- 65N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of radiologists using existing NHS radiology technology on the time it takes for them to interpret scans. (203083)
- 66N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with humanitarian organisations on delivering aid in Gaza. (203164)
- 67N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has received legal advice on the Israeli Government's (a) evacuation order issued on 12 October 2023 to civilians and (b) recent military operations in Gaza. (203076)
- 68N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has received legal advice on the Israeli Government's recent military operations in Gaza. (203110)
- 69N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Israel on the compatibility of restrictions in the provision of (a) water, (b) food and (c) electricity to Gaza with international law. (203111)
- 70N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on helping to ensure that the Israeli Defence Force's actions in Gaza adhere to the Geneva Conventions. (203112)
- 71N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on humanitarian access to Gaza. (203113)
- 72N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with which UK-based humanitarian organisations he has held discussions on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. (203114)
- 73N **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what meetings he has had since 7 October 2023 with aid and charity organisations operating in Gaza on the provision and access of British aid. (203172)
- 74N **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the press release of 16 October 2023 entitled UK announces £10 million humanitarian aid for civilians in Occupied Palestinian Territories, whether he plans to publish the (a) process and (b) mechanisms by which that aid will be distributed in Gaza. (203173)

- 75N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of expanding public spaces protection orders to all public places as defined by her Department. [Transferred] (200805)
- 76N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data her Departments holds on the number of asylum seekers who have arrived in the UK via the Republic of Ireland in each of the last three years. (203174)
- 77N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of implementing the recommendations on the sale of fireworks in the (a) Policy Statement BVA position on the use and sale of fireworks, published by the British Veterinary Association in October 2019, and (b) RSPCA campaign entitled Change firework laws to protect animals on the welfare of animals. (203163)
- 78N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the UK's national threat level following the recent (a) Hamas terrorist attack in Israel and (b) Israeli military operations in Gaza. (203133)
- 79N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of security checks for naturalisation applications have expired and required subsequent re-vetting in the last month for which data is available. (202947)
- 80N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how long has her Department's current longest-running naturalisation application taken so far to be processed as of October 2023. (202950)
- 81N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the contract notice for the provision of a competence assessment and moderation process for the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner, published by her Department on 5 October 2023, when that Office plans to finalise the question papers for candidates to become (a) Level 1, (b) Level 2, and (c) Level 3 Immigration Advisers. (202940)
- 82N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much was paid to her Department by Educational Testing Service in compensation for shortcomings in administering its Test of English for International Communication between 2011 and 2014. (202868)
- 83N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether Educational Testing Service will be permitted to tender to provide the Secure English Language Test. (202869)

- 84N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help support students who were falsely accused by Educational Testing Service of cheating in its Test of English for International Communication; and if she will make a statement. (202870)
- 85N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many buildings on the parliamentary estate are constructed with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. (203127)
- 86N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of recent (a) inflation and (b) interest rates on his Department's plan to develop a £242 billion 10-year equipment plan for the Armed Forces, as announced in The defence equipment plan 2022 to 2032, published in November 2022. (202909)
- 87N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the annual cost to the public purse of running the Army Foundation College. (202979)
- 88N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of girls under the age of 18 in the armed forces were victims of crimes under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in (a) 2021 and (b) 2022; and how many of these cases were dealt with by the (i) police and (ii) Royal Military police. (202980)
- 89N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the operational status of each of the Royal Navy's frigates and destroyers is by name of ship. (202927)
- 90N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) end of service year for each Type 23 frigate and (b) in service year for each Type 26 frigate due to replace those frigates is. (202928)
- 91N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the planned personnel strength of the British Army in the next five years is. (202929)
- 92N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the Government plans to undertake its next defence and security review. (202930)
- 93N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected out of service date for HMS Westminster is. (202882)
- 94N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it is his Department policy to take steps to modernise HMS Westminster. (202883)

- 95N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 September 2023 to Question 197345, when HMS Westminster's modernisation works will be completed. (202884)
- 96N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the earliest date is that HMS Westminster will be ready for deployment following modernisation works. (202885)
- 97N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department plans to retire HMS Westminster from Royal Navy Service within the next 12 months. (202886)
- 98N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to expedite the processing of cases of Afghan people who had senior roles in UK-Afghanistan security cooperation under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy. (202990)
- 99N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many complete Challenger 2 power packs are (a) in active use and (b) in storage as of 17 October 2023. (202918)
- 100N**Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's Written Statement of 19 September 2023 on New Accommodation Offer, HCWS1053, whether allowances for private accommodation will vary by region. (202919)
- 101N**Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Written Statement of 19 September 2023 on New Accommodation Offer, HCWS1053, how he plans to use the existing defence accommodation estate. (202920)
- 102N**Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2023 to Question 199705 on Navy: Greenwich Hospital, how many times his predecessor meet any Director of Greenwich Hospital. (202921)
- 103N**Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October 2023 to Question 199706 on Navy: Greenwich Hospital, whether he holds Ministerial responsibility for (a) safeguarding and (b) other matters relating to the provision of education at the Royal Hospital School. (202922)
- 104N**Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff at the (a) Army Foundation College, (b) Infantry Training Centre and (c) Army Training Centre have been (i) prosecuted and (ii) found guilty of (A) sexual offences against recruits and (B) other offences related to the treatment of recruits. (203047)

- 105N Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of expanding the list of subjects defined as positions of trust in Section 22A of the Sexual Offences Act 2003; and if he will make a statement. (202871)
- 106N Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of prisoners housed in England were offenders with a fixed home address in Wales in (a) September 2023 and (b) each of the last three years. (203085)
- 107N Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of prisoners housed in Wales were offenders with a fixed home address in England in (a) September 2023 and (b) each of the last three years. (203086)
- 108N Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders with a fixed home address in Wales were housed in prisons in England in (a) September 2023 and (b) each of the last three years, by prison. (203087)
- 109N Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of offenders with a fixed home address in Wales were housed in English prisons during (a) September 2023, and (b) each of the last three years per prison. (203088)
- 110N Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the management information bulletin on the Community Payback Rapid Deployment project pilots published by his Department on 24 August 2023, how many people completed unpaid work under the pilots between 19 July and 17 October 2023; and how many hours of unpaid work were completed. (202938)
- 111N Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much his Department spent on (a) administering the Community Payback Rapid Deployment project pilots between 19 July and 17 October 2023, and (b) ensuring the effective oversight of work completed under the pilots. (202939)
- 112N Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the ten most common Criminal Justice System offence codes were or which custodial sentences of between (a) 14 days and 6 months and (b) 6 months and 12 months were handed down by courts in England and Wales in (i) 2021/22 and (ii) 2022/23; and how many sentences of those lengths were handed down in relation to each offence code. (202942)
- 113N Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to his oral contribution of 16 October 2023, Official Report, column 24, what steps the Government plans to take to help ensure that Israel's actions to defend itself are in line with international humanitarian law. (202867)

- 114N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) the Scottish Government or (b) representatives instructed to act on behalf of the Scottish Government on the role of the Lord Advocate and potential changes to the Scotland Act. (203131)
- 115N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent estimate he has made of the number of Help to Buy ISAs that have been opened in each of the last two years. (202908)
- 116N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps he is taking to help support small businesses in the hospitality industry; and whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the VAT threshold for those businesses. (203162)
- 117N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the number of closures of (a) bank branches and (b) free-to-use ATMs in (i) Coventry North East constituency, (ii) Coventry, (iii) the West Midlands and (iv) England in each of the last three years. (203000)
- 118N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his oral contribution of 20 June 2023, Official Report, column 694, what the evidential basis is for not accepting the findings of the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics. (203025)
- 119N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the level of fiscal support his Department is providing to pubs. (203159)
- 120N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing VAT on motorcycle air vests to help increase their usage. (202903)

Questions for Answer on Monday 23 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress the Government has made on implementing the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry's report entitled Second Interim Report, published on 5 April 2023. (202907)
- 2N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many artificial intelligence researchers work in her Department. (203084)

- 3N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the National Patient Safety Alert entitled Shortage of methylphenidate prolonged-release capsules and tablets, lisdexamfetamine capsules, and guanfacine prolonged-release tablets, issued on 27 September 2023, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support and (b) provide information to people who are impacted by supply disruptions for their prescribed medication. [Transferred] (202601)
- 4N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department provides (a) guidance and (b) training to police officers on ensuring that (i) Hamas logos and chants are swiftly identified and (ii) any person suspected of promoting terror in the UK is arrested. (202991)
- 5N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the safety of accommodation for UK armed forces in Duqm in Oman. (203118)
- 6N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to support the hospitality and tourism sectors. (203157)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

- 1 **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): What progress her Department has made on ensuring equality of school funding through the national funding formula. (906621)
- 2 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland): What steps she is taking to improve financial education in secondary schools. (906622)
- 3 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): What steps she is taking to improve support for children with special educational needs and disabilities. (906623)
- 4 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): What steps she is taking to help support students with the cost of living. (906624)
- 5 **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): What steps she is taking to increase the number of primary school children meeting expected standards in maths. (906625)
- 6 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of take up of free school meals. (906626)
- 7 **Paul Maynard** (Blackpool North and Cleveleys): What steps she is taking to reduce the number of pupils persistently absent from schools. (906627)
- 8 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): What steps her Department is taking to improve provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities. (906628)
- 9 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): What steps her Department is taking to promote the uptake of higher technical qualifications. (906629)

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- 10 **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): What assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the availability of music education in schools. (906630)
 - 11 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): What steps her Department is taking to improve provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities. (906631)
 - 12 **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): What steps she is taking to help support students with the cost of living. (906632)
 - 13 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): What steps she is taking to improve school buildings. (906633)
 - 14 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of core school funding for the 2023-24 academic year. (906634)
 - 15 **Caroline Ansell** (Eastbourne): What recent assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the holiday activities and food programme. (906635)
 - 16 **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): What steps she is taking to improve support for children with special educational needs in Walsall South constituency. (906636)
 - 17 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): What steps her Department is taking to improve provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities. (906637)
 - 18 **Damien Moore** (Southport): Whether her Department has conducted a review of the effectiveness of provider access legislation. (906638)
 - 19 **James Grundy** (Leigh): What steps her Department is taking to increase access to childcare for working parents. (906639)
 - 20 **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): Whether her Department is taking steps to increase the number of multi-disciplinary subjects taught to students before university. (906640)
 - 21 **Mrs Heather Wheeler** (South Derbyshire): What steps her Department is taking to support people aged 16 to 19 in education. (906641)
 - 22 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of planned reforms to university admissions on the (a) number and (b) demographic characteristics of students applying to university. (906642)
 - 23 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the number of apprenticeship starts in the 2022-23 academic year. (906643)
 - 24 **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): What steps she is taking to help ensure the availability of high-quality childcare. (906644)
 - 25 **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): What recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding for special needs education. (906645)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

- T1 **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (906646)
- T2 **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): (906647)
- T3 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): (906648)
- T4 **Kate Kniveton** (Burton): (906649)
- T5 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): (906650)
- T6 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): (906651)
- T7 **James Daly** (Bury North): (906652)
- T8 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): (906653)
- T9 **Aaron Bell** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): (906654)
- T10 **Antony Higginbotham** (Burnley): (906655)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 24 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the limit for claims under the Disabled Facilities Grant from £30,000 to (a) £50,000 and (b) another amount. (202972)
- 2N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with international partners to support the Colombian Government's peace talks with (a) the EMC and (b) other armed groups in Colombia. (202901)