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Questions tabled on Wednesday 18 October 2023

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 19 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Attorney General, if she 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. [Transferred] (203014)
- 2 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the impact of energy costs on the purchase of shared ownership extra care schemes. [Transferred] (203011)
- 3 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (202881)
- 4 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of hybrid vehicles in improving air quality. [Transferred] (203077)
- 5 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether certificate of applications issued to EU Settlement Scheme applicants cover claims to Universal Credit. [Transferred] (203160)

- 6 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (203148)
- 7 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (203149)
- 8N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost to the public purse was of the prosecution of individuals undertaking (a) unsafe and (b) illegal installation of gas-safe regulated products in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (202716)
- 9N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the amount of court time used in proceedings against individuals who have allegedly installed gas-safe products without being gas-safe registered in the last 12 months. [Transferred] (202740)
- 10 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (203135)
- 11 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Royal Society of Chemistry on the assessment and monitoring of indoor air quality. [Transferred] (203122)
- 12N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the contribution of the Minister for Veterans Affairs in the debate on Resettlement of Afghans on 19 September 2023, Official Report, column 1253, how many and what proportion of the Afghans housed in hotel accommodation in March 2023 were given at least one offer of permanent accommodation before 31 August 2023. [Transferred] (202637)
- 13 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, 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 his Department's 10 day working target. [Transferred] (203033)
- 14 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (202863)
- 15 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government supports the creation of a tax framework at the (a) UN and (b) OECD level. [Transferred] (202864)

- 16 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (202865)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 20 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, what estimate she has made of the total costs incurred by the Serious Fraud Office in pursuing the cases dropped on 24 August 2023 against (a) the Alpha and Green Park Group of companies, (b) ENRC and (c) Rio Tinto. (203244)
- 2 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what support the Government is providing to veterans who developed chronic illnesses after serving in the Gulf. (203402)
- 3 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment her Department has made of the potential (a) merits and (b) costs of linking the UK's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) to the EU's ETS. (203307)
- 4 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has held recent discussions with the lithium battery manufacture industry on support for Cornwall Lithium. (203298)
- 5 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had discussions with her EU counterparts on the opinion on lithium (a) carbonate, (b) chloride and (c) hydroxide adopted by the European Chemicals Agency Committee for Risk Assessment. (203427)
- 6 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate she has made of the total costs incurred since January 2021 by (a) her Department and (b) the Insolvency Service in pursuing the disqualification proceedings dropped in October 2023 against five former board members of Carillion Construction Ltd. (203243)
- 7 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to regulate the advertising of gambling (a) to young people, and (b) generally. (203297)

- 8 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Higher Education leaders responded to the letter from the Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education to all Higher Education leaders of 5 June 2023. (203268)
- 9 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the letter from the Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education to all Higher Education leaders of 5 June 2023, how many Universities have signed up to the University Mental Health Charter Programme since the date of that letter. (203269)
- 10 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the letter from the Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education to all Higher Education leaders of 5 June 2023, what proportion of the university leaders that he wrote to (a) attended and (b) sent a delegate to the online Charter Question and Answer session on 19 June 2023. (203270)
- 11 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools have been the subject of parental complaints about the teaching of religious and sexual education in each year since 2010. (203204)
- 12 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools reported anti-Semitic incidents in each year since 2013. (203205)
- 13 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on introducing early intervention services for children without an education, health and care plan. (203359)
- 14 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has plans to update guidance to schools on the use of seclusion rooms. (203258)
- 15 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions she has had with Ofgem on the adequacy of regulation for (a) electricity and (b) gas standing charges. (203328)
- 16 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to remove (a) electricity and (b) gas standing charges for customers on pre-payment meters. (203329)
- 17 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the press release entitled Communities at the heart of new fund to boost local growth and energy security, published by her Department on 11 August 2023, when she plans to open the community energy fund for applications. (203285)

- 18 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department has taken to help prepare the UK fishing fleet for the transfer of EU quotas to the UK by June 2026 in the context of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement. (203425)
- 19 **Sir Robert Goodwill** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department is taking steps to help reduce the transition costs for farmers moving to regenerative agricultural methods. (203256)
- 20 **Sir Robert Goodwill** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of regenerative agriculture on achieving the Government's climate goals while increasing UK food security; and whether her Department is taking steps to increase the adoption of regenerative farming practices. (203257)
- 21 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce instances of theft of farm equipment and machinery. (203259)
- 22 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department is taking to improve conviction rates for pet theft. (203303)
- 23 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has had discussions with representatives from home insurance providers on the potential impact of trends in the price of insurance premiums on policyholders. (203398)
- 24 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a specialist housing court. (203400)
- 25 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the time taken to process cases by Section 8 tribunals. (203401)
- 26 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2023 to Question 199185 on Sleeping Rough, and with reference to page 36 of his Department's publication entitled End Rough Sleeping for Good, CP 713, published in September 2022, what steps he has taken to share accountability with devolved administrations for delivering a strategy on ending Rough Sleeping by the end of this parliament. (203330)
- 27 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential fiscal merits of requiring all local elections in England to be conducted on the same day every four years. (203358)

- 28 **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has published advice for local authorities on the (a) control and (b) removal of giant hogweed on land near to public right of way where there may be a risk to public health. (203224)
- 29 **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she plans to invite representatives from civil society to the AI Safety Summit. (203185)
- 30 **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she plans to include the proliferation of AI-generated child abuse imagery on the agenda for the AI Safety Summit. (203186)
- 31 **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps the Government is taking to prevent the proliferation of AI-generated child sexual abuse imagery. (203187)
- 32 **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent progress her Department has made on reducing AI-generated child sex abuse imagery. (203188)
- 33 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to her Department's announcement of £8 million to fund new satellite connectivity in up to 35,000 of the hardest to reach premises, whether she plans to make an assessment of the potential merits of including premises in Ceredigion constituency as part of that scheme. (203382)
- 34 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to respond to each of his Department's open consultations relating to transport safety. (203189)
- 35 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the decision to move the ban on the sale of new diesel and petrol cars from 2030 to 2035 on (a) consumers and (b) investor confidence in electric vehicles. (203195)
- 36 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to item 30 in his Department's policy paper entitled The plan for drivers, published on 2 October 2023, what steps he plans to take with industry to myth-bust concerns about electric vehicles. (203196)
- 37 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 43 of his Department's report entitled Bus back better: national bus strategy for England, published on 15 March 2021, what recent progress his Department has made on the rollout of a zero-emission bus fleet. (203327)
- 38 **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish maps of the (a) properties and (b) land purchased by HS2 Ltd for Phase 2b east of the HS2 project. (203216)

- 39 **Mark Eastwood** (Dewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress he has made on updating circular 01/2007 on Use of speed and red-light cameras for traffic enforcement: guidance on deployment, visibility and signing, published by his Department on 31 January 2007. (203414)
- 40 **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many times the Wales Rail Board has met since it was established. (203272)
- 41 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the safety of pedestrians in (a) City of Durham constituency and (b) County Durham. (203410)
- 42 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of using (a) the Stockport-Stalybridge line to Denton, (b) the Ashton Moss line and (c) Crowthorn Curve to (i) facilitate rail growth from Stockport to Manchester Victoria and (ii) alleviate pressure at Piccadilly and the Deansgate-Oxford Road chord. (203241)
- 43N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department considered proposals for private financing for Euston HS2 station between 13 February 2020 and 15 July 2022. [Transferred] (203067)
- 44 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to build a railway line between Northampton and Market Harborough. (203397)
- 45 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions his Department has held with local authorities on equality of access to tender processes for new bus fleets. (203299)
- 46 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his Department plans to publish guidance on socially and economically necessary bus services. (203379)
- 47 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 50 of the National Bus Strategy for England, when his Department plans to commence the review of the rights of local authorities to set up new municipal bus companies. (203380)
- 48 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his Department plans to publish its response to the consultation on ending the sale of new non-zero emission buses, coaches and minibuses. (203381)
- 49 **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what percentage of payband SCS2 civil servants in his Department on full-time equivalent contracts are women as of 18 October 2023. (203384)

- 50 **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what percentage of civil servants in his Department on temporary contracts are women as of 18 October 2023. (203385)
- 51 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of Jobcentre plus offering employment support to unemployed individuals not in receipt of out-of-work benefits. (203288)
- 52 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans he has for the long-term role of Youth Hubs in society; and if he will make a statement. (203289)
- 53 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what plans he has to disseminate best practice identified by his Department's Employment Data Lab. (203290)
- 54 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to make an assessment of the potential impact of his Department's employment data lab on the effectiveness of (a) job centres and (b) existing employment services. (203291)
- 55 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the Youth Employment Group's report entitled Young Person's Guarantee published 27 September 2023; and if he will make a statement. (203292)
- 56 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the use of artificial intelligence on the functioning of the welfare system. (203281)
- 57 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the Health and Safety Executive's timeline is for further consideration of the proposed mandatory classification and labelling for lithium (a) carbonate, (b) chloride and (c) hydroxide under article 37A of the GB Classification, Labelling and Packaging Regulation. (203426)
- 58 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether it remains his policy to provide 5,000 new hospital beds for winter 2023. (203399)
- 59 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve the waiting times for patients referred to NHS hospital trusts for (a) hearing and (b) sight loss. (203322)
- 60 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of access to (a) adult hearing loss services and (b) sight loss services in Bradford South constituency. (203323)

- 61 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing fracture liaison services across England. (203324)
- 62 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of regional disparities in the provision of fracture liaison services on patients. (203325)
- 63 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing restrictions on the sale of high caffeine (a) drinks and (b) foods to under-16-year-olds. (203326)
- 64 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help improve survival rates for people with pulmonary fibrosis. (203267)
- 65 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to allocate remaining funding from the People at the Heart of Care funding for adult social care reform. (203360)
- 66 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that the Federated Data Platform protects the confidentiality of patient details outside of (a) clinical and (b) research requirements. (203345)
- 67 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to monitor the use of the Federated Data Platform. (203346)
- 68 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to communicate to patients about the (a) Federated Data Platform and (b) use of their data. (203347)
- 69 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, against what criteria the potential provider of the Federated Data Platform will be assessed to ensure it has the capabilities to deliver the project. (203348)
- 70 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the federated data platform on (a) healthcare and (b) the ability of health authorities to identify trends to support the provision of healthcare. (203349)
- 71 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the value for money of the federated data platform. (203350)

- 72 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that non-hearing children are able to access auditory verbal approach therapy where it is deemed that they would benefit from it. (203352)
- 73 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to train up to 300 therapists to specialise in the auditory verbal approach for non-hearing children. (203353)
- 74 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the estimate of Auditory Verbal UK's estimate that £2 million funding over 10 years would strengthen services for deaf children, if he will have discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of allocating funding for that purpose. (203354)
- 75 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to promote screening for breast cancer to people who are eligible. (203355)
- 76 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to provide women with education on self-examining for breast cancer. (203356)
- 77 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) reduce waiting lists for ophthalmology care and (b) ensure that access to care is prioritised according to need. (203395)
- 78 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending eye care liaison officer provision to provide (a) emotional support and (b) practical advice for newly diagnosed individuals. (203396)
- 79 **Holly Mumby-Croft** (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of adding cystic fibrosis medication to the prescription charge exemption list. (203421)
- 80 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of people diagnosed with a bipolar condition. (203277)
- 81 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Department has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the findings in the report entitled Bipolar Minds Matter, published by Bipolar UK in November 2022. (203282)
- 82 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has plans to review the regulation of sweeteners in drink products. (203295)

- 83 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a timescale for the implementation of the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan. (2033296)
- 84 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) his Department and (b) NHS England plan to review the performance of the Innovative Medicines Fund. (2033304)
- 85 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many medicines have qualified for (a) managed access and (b) interim funding under the Innovative Medicines Fund ahead of routine commissioning. (2033305)
- 86 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much and what proportion of allocated funding for the Innovative Medicines Fund has been disbursed since its launch in June 2022. (2033306)
- 87 **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many full-time equivalent staff are working on (a) developing and (b) maintaining the My Planned Care platform. (2033363)
- 88 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much official development assistance his Department has spent on disability-specific projects in each year since 2010; and what proportion of total official development assistance spending in those years was spent on disability-specific projects. (2033314)
- 89 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to (a) provide funding to and (b) otherwise support (i) the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, (ii) other UN agencies, (iii) Medical Aid for Palestinians and (iv) other UK-based organisations in responding to the situation in Gaza. (2033392)
- 90 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what consular support his Department is providing to (a) hostages held in Gaza and (b) their families. (2033393)
- 91 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Sri Lankan counterpart on the treatment of Sri Lankan nationals in the British Indian Ocean Territory. (203235)
- 92 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his counterparts in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories on the escalation of violence in the West Bank. (2033300)
- 93 **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 report of the UN Special Rapporteur

on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, entitled A/78/324: Thematic study on the global trade in weapons, equipment and devices used by law enforcement and other public authorities that are capable of inflicting torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, published by the United Nations Human Rights Office on 24 August 2023; and whether he has had discussions with his international counterparts in the UN on establishing a treaty to regulate the trade in such weapons, equipment and devices. (203301)

- 94 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the human rights situation in Hong Kong. (203302)
- 95 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to his Israeli counterparts on the welfare of people with disabilities in Gaza. (203334)
- 96N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Prime Minister's 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. [Transferred] (202867)
- 97 **Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to work with the police to identify Hamas supporters at anti-Israel rallies in the UK. (203420)
- 98 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were arrested in connection with protests organised by Just Stop Oil in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (203202)
- 99 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were arrested in connection with protests organised by Extinction Rebellion in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (203203)
- 100 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-crime hate incidents relating to posts made on Facebook were investigated by the police in each year for which records exist. (203207)
- 101 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-crime hate incidents relating to posts made on X were investigated by the police in each year for which records exist. (203208)
- 102 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many non-crime hate incidents relating to posts made on TikTok were investigated by the police in each year for which records exist. (203209)

- 103 **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues, (b) the Linda Norgrove Foundation and (c) the Scottish Government on the potential merits of opening the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme to nursing students from Afghanistan. (203341)
- 104 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what actions her Department is taking to combat the rise in hate crimes following the Hamas terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October. (203394)
- 105 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people whose asylum applications were rejected have been deported in the last 12 months. (203279)
- 106 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many convicted foreign-born criminals were deported in the last 12 months. (203280)
- 107 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to bring into force the provisions of the Public Order Act 2023 introducing safe access zones around abortion clinics. (203201)
- 108 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has budgeted for the modernisation of HMS Westminister. (203222)
- 109 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of Iranian military facilities established in Syria. (203278)
- 110 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the cost to the public purse has been of legal actions brought by the Good Law Project in each year since 2017. (203206)
- 111 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been prosecuted in the UK for (a) offences relating to discrimination and (b) religiously motivated acts against Christians since 1997. (203210)
- 112 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to improve substance misuse services for people in prison; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking a public health approach to such misuse. (203351)
- 113 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference his Oral Statement of 16 October 2023 on Prison Capacity, Official Report, columns 59-60, what steps his Department will take monitor the reoffending rates of offenders who (a) are released early from custodial sentences and (b) receive non-custodial sentences. (203284)

- 114 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the contract agreed on 5 May 2022 between his Department and Red Snapper Recruitment Ltd, procurement reference 270751/1269783, how many (a) temporary (i) probation and (ii) probation service officers have been assigned to roles within the Probation Service under the terms of that contract as of 18 October 2023 and (b) total days of work those staff have provided to the Probation Service during that period; and how much has been paid to Red Snapper Recruitment Ltd for the provision of those staff. (203245)
- 115 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the contract agreed on 5 May 2022 between his Department and Service Care Solutions Ltd, procurement reference 270751/1269797, how many (a) temporary (i) probation and (ii) probation service officers have been assigned to roles within the Probation Service under the terms of that contract as of 18 October 2023 and (b) total days of work those staff have provided to the Probation Service during that period; and how much has been paid to Service Care Solutions Ltd for the provision of those staff. (203246)
- 116 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the contracts agreed by his Department on 5 May 2022, procurement references 270751/1269797 and 270751/1269783, how many temporary (a) probation and (b) probation service officers have been assigned to roles within the Probation Service under the terms of those contracts as of 18 October 2023 in (i) the North East, (ii) Yorkshire and the Humber, (iii) Greater Manchester, (iv) the North West, (v) the East Midlands, (vi) the West Midlands, (vii) the South West, (viii) the South Central region, (ix) Wales, (x) the East of England, (xi) Kent, Surrey and Sussex and (xii) London. (203247)
- 117 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Section 2.4 of the guidance for Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers published by the Legal Aid Agency on 1 August 2023, how many requests for assistance were submitted by service providers to the Specialist Legal Advice Support Panel between 1 August 2023 and 18 October 2023. (203248)
- 118 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Section 4.1 of the guidance for Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers published by the Legal Aid Agency on 1 August 2023, how many Matter Starts were (a) awarded to each contracted provider at the outset of the scheme and (b) awarded at the outset of the scheme in total; and how many additional Matter Starts have been requested as of 18 October. (203249)
- 119 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Section 4.2 of the guidance for Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers published by the Legal Aid Agency on 1 August 2023, how many In Court Duty acts of assistance (a) were awarded to contracted providers at the outset of the scheme and (b) on top of that number allocated, have been requested by contracted providers as of 18 October 2023. (203250)

- 120 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Section 5 of the guidance for Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers published by the Legal Aid Agency on 1 August 2023, how many Contact Report Forms were submitted to his Department between (a) 1 and 10 August inclusive, (b) 11 August and 10 September inclusive and (c) 11 September and 10 October inclusive. (203251)
- 121 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Section 5 of the guidance for Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers published by the Legal Aid Agency on 1 August 2023, what the total (a) volume and (b) value of claims arising from provision of early advice was, according to the Contact Report Forms submitted to his Department between (a) 1 and 10 August inclusive, (b) 11 August and 10 September inclusive and (c) 11 September and 10 October inclusive. (203252)
- 122 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to section 5 of the Legal Aid Agency's guidance entitled Housing loss prevention advice service: guidance for service providers, published on 1 August 2023, what the total (a) volume and (b) value of claims from provision of in court duty assistance through contact report forms submitted to his Department were between (i) 1 and 10 August, (ii) 11 August and 10 September and (iii) 11 September and 10 October 2023 inclusive. (203253)
- 123 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to section 5 of the Legal Aid Agency's guidance entitled Housing loss prevention advice service: guidance for service providers, published on 1 August 2023, how much has been paid out to service providers from their provision of (a) early advice and (b) in court duty assistance as of 18 October 2023. (203254)
- 124 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Annex 2 of the Legal Aid Agency's guidance entitled Housing loss prevention advice service: guidance for service providers, published on 1 August 2023, how many early legal advice claim forms submitted to his Department between 1 August and 18 October 2023 have been filled in with the outcome codes (a) LT and (b) LU. (203255)
- 125 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring that non-molestation orders as result of domestic abuse should apply automatically to any children of the parent who has been abused. (203318)
- 126 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to introduce a UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism; and if he will make a statement. (203308)
- 127 **Samantha Dixon** (City of Chester): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will place a copy of his Department's internal projection of the CPI inflation figure for October 2023 in the House of Commons Library. (203424)

- 128 **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the average time taken for HMRC to answer phone calls; and if he will make a statement. (203184)
- 129 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing further business rate reliefs to support (a) small businesses, (b) other businesses, (c) high streets and town centres and (d) local authorities. (203286)
- 130 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will consider the potential merits of retaining the business rates multiplier at the current level for the 2024-25 financial year. (203287)
- 131 **Mark Logan** (Bolton North East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle violence against women and girls. (203415)

Questions for Answer on Monday 23 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the oral statement of 19 September 2023 by the Minister for Veterans Affairs, Official Report columns 1253 to 1255, how many Afghan families housed in bridging hotels before March 2023 moved into private accommodation without assistance from the Government. (203218)
- 2N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the oral statement of 19 September 2023 by the Minister for Veterans Affairs, Official Report columns 1253 to 1255, how many Afghan families in temporary accommodation under the local authority homelessness provision received at least one offer of permanent accommodation before 31 August 2023. (203219)
- 3N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent meetings have taken place between the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and devolved administrations on national resilience. (203311)
- 4N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2023 to Questions 200185, 200186 and 200187 on UK Export Finance: China, what (a) labour standards and (b) other human rights due diligence procedures are applied to prospective UK Export Finance partner companies. (203190)

- 5N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 17 October 2023 to Questions 200185, 200186 and 200187 on UK Export Finance: China, what her policy is on public funds being directed to Chinese companies involved in the Belt and Road Initiative through (a) UK Export Finance and (b) other public bodies. (203191)
- 6N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps to suspend arms licences to Israel until a full assessment of its compliance with international human rights law can be carried out. (203419)
- 7N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what support the Government is giving to the British glass industry. (203336)
- 8N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the EU (a) single market and (b) customs union on costs for small businesses that export to the EU. (203225)
- 9N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of trends in the level of export costs to the EU for small businesses on the economy of (a) Wales and (b) Arfon constituency. (203226)
- 10N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate she has made of the number of small businesses that have (a) relocated and (b) part-relocated their operations to the EU due to export costs in (i) Wales, (ii) England, (iii) Scotland and (iv) Northern Ireland. (203227)
- 11N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to reduce exporting costs for small business that export to the EU. (203228)
- 12N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to help ensure that parcel delivery companies (a) adopt and (b) adhere to her Department's Statement of principles for parcel deliveries, published in July 2014. (203229)
- 13N **Adam Holloway** (Gravesham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to encourage the BBC to publish the 2004 Balen Report. (203242)
- 14N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has held discussions with (a) artist representatives and (b) live music businesses on the report by the Competition and Markets Authority entitled Secondary Ticketing, published on 16 August 2021. (203262)

- 15N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the policy paper entitled A sustainable future - reforming club football governance, published on 23 February 2023, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring an equality, diversity and inclusion action plan as a condition of the football club licensing process. (203374)
- 16N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the policy paper entitled A sustainable future - reforming club football governance, published on 23 February 2023, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring fans to be given a golden share as a condition of the football club licensing process. (203375)
- 17N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the policy paper entitled A sustainable future - reforming club football governance, published on 23 February 2023, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring the establishment of a shadow board of fans as a condition of the football club licensing process. (203376)
- 18N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the prevalence of anterior cruciate ligament injuries in women's football. (203377)
- 19N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the prevalence of degenerative brain conditions in former rugby union players. (203378)
- 20N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what information her Department holds on the number charities that are funded through the charity lotteries managed by People's Postcode Lottery that reached their annual sales limit in the last 12 months; and if her Department will bring forward legislative proposals to raise those limits. (203179)
- 21N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department is taking steps to make a risk assessment of allowing specialist teams to retrieve books, coursework and other items which have been inaccessible at St Leonard's Catholic School since September 2023. (203409)
- 22N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many secondary school music teachers left teaching music in the period between (a) 2010 and 2015, (b) 2015 and 2020 and (c) 2020 and 2023. (203260)
- 23N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many primary school music teachers left the teaching profession in the period between (a) 2010 and 2015, (b) 2015 and 2020 and (c) 2020 and 2023. (203261)

- 24N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many new musical instruments have been provided to schools under the National Plan for Music Education, published on 25 June 2022. (203263)
- 25N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of schools offer at least one hour of music lessons each week. (203264)
- 26N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish an updated list of schools known to have RAAC present in their buildings; and if she will make a statement. (203283)
- 27N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of (a) primary and (b) secondary schools offer professional mental health support for pupils. (203366)
- 28N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 19 September 2023 to Question 199543 on Industrial Energy Transformation Fund, what (a) types of companies and (b) sectors are eligible for the Industrial Energy Transformation Fund. (203230)
- 29N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what regions she plans to assess for suitability as locations for future large-scale nuclear reactor projects. (203234)
- 30N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the UK's progress on the 2050 targets for oil and gas usage; and whether that progress meets the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to reduce oil and gas usage by 4% a year. (203339)
- 31N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what (a) infrastructure costs and (b) other items OFGEM includes in the calculation of energy prices. (203411)
- 32N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2023 to Question 201507 on Electricity: Standing Charges, whether grid connections in one regional area where the energy is transmitted to another are included in the costs of the (a) transmitting and (b) receiving area. (203412)
- 33N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2023 to Question 201507 on Electricity: Standing Charges, how OFGEM differentiate the costs of distribution to another region from the costs to consumers within a region. (203413)

- 34N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the impact of not proceeding with changes to minimum energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector on the Government's 15% energy consumption reduction target. (203181)
- 35N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the draft action plan produced by the energy efficiency taskforce included a recommendation to introduce higher minimum energy efficiency standards for the private rented sector. (203182)
- 36N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department consulted the Energy Efficiency Taskforce on the decision to introduce new minimum energy efficiency standards for the private rented sector before the taskforce was disbanded. (203183)
- 37N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate she has made of the number of residents who are unable to access insurance through the Flood Re scheme as a result of living in (a) buildings that are subdivided into more than four units and (b) blocks of flats where the leaseholders jointly share the freehold but have formed a private management company. (203386)
- 38N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many members of the board of Natural England held valid appointments to that board on 28 June 2023; and where the register of their interests is held. (203372)
- 39N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department provides financial support for registered charities to cover (a) a waking watch and (b) other fire remediation costs. (203403)
- 40N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of reintroducing funding to clean up contaminated brownfield land. (203337)
- 41N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans she has for the National Semiconductor Infrastructure Initiative to encompass all regions and nations of the UK. (203232)
- 42N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps have been taken to ensure that the UK Semiconductor Advisory Panel is broadly representative of the sector across the UK. (203233)
- 43N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish the membership of the Wales Rail Board. (203271)

- 44N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish submissions made by the Wales Rail Board to his Department. (203273)
- 45N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of HS2 trains using the West Coast Mainline on rail capacity at Stockport station. (203236)
- 46N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on crossover capacity from Stockport station on the Stockport-Stalybridge line at Heaton Norris Junction of HS2 trains using the West Coast Mainline. (203237)
- 47N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact on (a) local rail services in south-east Greater Manchester and (b) the potential for new local rail services in south-east Greater Manchester of HS2 using the West Coast Mainline. (203238)
- 48N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential need to reconfigure Heaton Norris Junction to (a) facilitate new local rail services through Stockport, (b) protect local rail services through Stockport and (c) facilitate future orbital Tram-Train services along the Stockport-Stalybridge line as a result of HS2 services using the West Coast Mainline. (203239)
- 49N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of upgrading Heaton Norris Junction to increase rail capacity in south east Greater Manchester. (203240)
- 50N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many officials in (a) his Department and (b) Network Rail are assigned to work on the Network North scheme. (203312)
- 51N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the transparency data entitled Train operating companies: Passenger's Charter compensation, published on 25 August 2022, if he will provide updated data for the 2022-23 financial year. (203276)
- 52N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the upcoming Cost of Living payment eligibility cut off dates for people (a) who are on Universal Credit and in work and (b) whose incomes have fallen as a result of ill health past the eligibility dates. (203342)

- 53N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average time from the initial receipt of a complaint is for the Pensions Ombudsman to conclude an investigation that the Early Resolution Team have escalated. (203344)
- 54N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what the Health and Safety Executive requires people to have specific accreditation to purchase rodenticide from vendors. (203180)
- 55N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle the promotion of illegal body building drugs on (a) TikTok and (b) other social media platforms. (203231)
- 56N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had on ensuring the supply of lisdexamfetamine. (203332)
- 57N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to secure the supply of lisdexamfetamine. (203333)
- 58N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the letter of 7 March 2023 from the then Minister for Social Care to the Chief Executive of the British Liver Trust, whether it remains his policy that fibroscans will be in use at 100 community diagnostic centres by March 2025; how many fibroscans have been delivered to community diagnostic centres since March 2023; and whether he has considered the potential merits of setting a new target. (203373)
- 59N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 January 2023 to Question 117873 on Mortality Rates, whether a detailed assessment is now available on factors that contributed to ONS data showing that excess deaths in England and Wales were higher than the five-year average in September, October and November 2022; and if he will make a statement. (203383)
- 60N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many hospital admissions were due to issues relating to obesity and diabetes in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23; and what steps he is taking to reduce the number of these admissions. (203265)
- 61N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many hospital admissions were due to alcohol consumption in (a) 2019/2020, (b) 2020/21, (c) 2021/22 and (d) 2022/23; and what steps his Department is taking to tackle this issue. (203266)

- 62N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of NHS radiologists also conducted scans for external teleradiology companies in each of the last three years. (203361)
- 63N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many unique users accessed the My Planned Care platform in each of the last 12 months. (203362)
- 64N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of vacancies in the social care sector in each of the past 12 months. (203364)
- 65N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of prescriptions were written by pharmacists in each of the last five years. (203365)
- 66N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure adherence to its [guidance on wheelchair services], published on [XXX]. (203178)
- 67N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing the recommendations of the report by the World Health Organisation entitled Leveraging Vaccines to Reduce Antibiotic Use and Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance, published on 27 January 2023. (203319)
- 68N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment the Government has made of the benefits of the international work of Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance; and if he will take steps to support that alliance in the future. (203223)
- 69N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): 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 increase in exports to Russia from (a) the People's Republic of China and (b) some other countries since the invasion of Ukraine in 2022; and what steps he is taking to help tackle attempts to undermine sanctions against Russia. (203317)
- 70N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to independently verify the origin of the explosion on the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. (203416)
- 71N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government has made an assessment of Israel's compliance with international human rights law since 14 October 2023. (203417)

- 72N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce levels of deaths from AIDS in Africa. (203335)
- 73N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department are taking to help expedite negotiations between Israel and Palestine on ending violence and promoting peace. (203387)
- 74N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking with his international counterparts to help ensure the safe and unimpeded entry of humanitarian aid to Gaza in accordance with humanitarian principles. (203388)
- 75N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure Israel (a) acts in accordance with international law and (b) protects civilians from harm. (203389)
- 76N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held recent discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the compatibility of targeting civilian infrastructure with international law. (203390)
- 77N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to provide humanitarian support to Israel since the start of the terrorist attacks on 7 October 2023. (203391)
- 78N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what information his Department holds on who was responsible for the explosion at the al-Ahli Arab Hospital on 17 October 2023. (203193)
- 79N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what sources of evidence his Department will use to assess who was responsible for the explosion at the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza. (203194)
- 80N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of creating safe routes to the UK for Palestinians. (203418)
- 81N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers are housed at Catterick Garrison. (203313)
- 82N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) hotel rooms and (b) similar accommodation are occupied by asylum seekers in St Helens. (203338)

- 83N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to take steps to ensure that freelance journalists who are threatened by the Afghan government will be eligible for resettlement under the second stage of pathway three of the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme. (203274)
- 84N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when she plans to publish the eligibility criteria for the second stage of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme Pathway 3. (203275)
- 85N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what (a) statistics and (b) information releases his Department is required to publish before the end of this year; and when he plans to publish each of them. (203217)
- 86N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the longest outstanding Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy application is that is awaiting assessment by his Department. (203220)
- 87N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many ARAP applicants who applied (a) before and (b) during Operation Pitting are awaiting a decision on their application from his Department. (203221)
- 88N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 September 2023 to Question 197431, whether the Government plans to stop advertising Category 3 under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme. (203309)
- 89N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghans were extracted from Islamabad to (a) the UK and (b) a third country under the Afghans Relocations and Assistance Policy in (i) September and (ii) October 2023. (203310)
- 90N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many work days were taken off by staff in the probation service due to (a) stress and (b) work-induced stress in 2022. (203320)
- 91N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data his Department collects on the specific reasons for sickness absences in the probation service. (203321)
- 92N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the latest status is of proposals of the Senior President of Tribunals to have Employment Tribunal cases heard by a single judge by default. (203293)
- 93N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the proposals put forward by the Senior President of Tribunals that employment cases be heard by a single judge by default on the judicial diversity of Employment Tribunals. (203294)

- 94N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, which facilities were affected by the power cut at HMP Berwyn in October 2023. (203367)
- 95N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the (a) cause and (b) impact of the power cut affecting the HMP Berwyn estate in October. (203368)
- 96N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the impact on (a) staff and (b) prisoner health and safety of the power cut affecting the HMP Berwyn estate in October. (203369)
- 97N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the emergency measures in place at HMP Berwyn in case of power outage. (203370)
- 98N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to prevent power outages at the HMP Berwyn estate. (203371)
- 99N **Douglas Chapman** (Dunfermline and West Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on his Department's provision of support for Scottish Ministers on planned overseas visits to promote the Scottish (a) economy and (b) culture. (203331)
- 100 **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to issue a Command Paper in relation to the Disguised remuneration: independent loan charge review. (203340)
- 101N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the Competition and Market Authority on the use of exclusive jurisdiction clauses by insurance companies. (203343)
- 102N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether money a person receives from their pension scheme via the Fraud Compensation Fund is taxable; and if he will make a statement. (203192)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 24 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the oral statement made by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs on 19 September 2023, how many Afghans and their families

remain in Government-approved temporary accommodation as of 18 October 2023; and when he plans to have moved all Afghans and their families out of that accommodation. (203404)

2N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his oral contribution of 19 September 2023, Official Report, column 1253, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of moving Afghan people out of bridging hotels on the number of those people facing homelessness. (203407)

3N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in India on the death of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. (203422)

4N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Afghans are in hotel accommodation in Pakistan that is funded by the UK Government as of 18 October 2023. (203405)

5N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his oral contribution of 19 September 2023, Official Report, column 1253, whether new Afghan people arriving in the UK on approved schemes will be placed in bridging accommodation. (203406)

6N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to extend business rates relief to grassroots music venues. (203423)

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

1 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): What steps he is taking to support peace and democracy in Sudan. (906656)

2 **Chris Clarkson** (Heywood and Middleton): What recent discussions he has had with the Government of Israel on the situation in Gaza. (906657)

3 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): Whether he has received reports on the potential role of Iran in providing financial and other support for Hamas for terrorist attacks on Israel. (906658)

4 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to provide rapid resettlement routes under Pathway 3 of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme. (906659)

5 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): If he will send a delegation of observers to the second Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. (906660)

- 6 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What steps his Department is taking to support the monitoring of potential human rights abuses in (a) Israel and (b) the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (906661)
- 7 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): What diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure access to Gaza by humanitarian organisations. (906662)
- 8 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): What steps his Department is taking to help ensure that humanitarian support reaches people affected by the conflict in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. (906663)
- 9 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): Whether he has received reports on the potential involvement of Iran in providing support for Hamas for terror attacks on Israel. (906664)
- 10 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): What diplomatic steps he is taking with his international counterparts to help open humanitarian corridors in Gaza. (906665)
- 11 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): What recent discussions he has had with representatives of the Palestinian Authority on a two-state solution. (906666)
- 12 **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): What recent assessment he has made of the food security situation in East Africa. (906667)
- 13 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): What recent reports he has received on the situation in Israel and Palestine. (906668)
- 14 **John Cryer** (Leyton and Wanstead): What steps his Department is taking to counter the work of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. (906669)
- 15 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): What recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on antimicrobial resistance awareness, prevention and education goals ahead of the UN General Assembly high-level meeting in September 2024. (906670)
- 16 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): Whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of proposed changes to the judiciary in Israel on Palestinians in the region. (906671)
- 17 **Dame Maria Miller** (Basingstoke): What steps he is taking to strengthen the UK's relationship with Commonwealth countries. (906672)
- 18 **Steven Bonnar** (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): Whether he has had discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the (a) compatibility with international law and (b) proportionality of Israel's response in Gaza to the attacks by Hamas. (906673)
- 19 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): What steps his Department is taking to help ensure the safety of (a) Palestinian and (b) Israeli civilians in the Gaza-Israel conflict. (906674)
- 20 **Mrs Heather Wheeler** (South Derbyshire): What steps his Department is taking to promote freedom of religion and belief in other countries. (906675)

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- 21 **Kate Hollern** (Blackburn): What diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure access to Gaza by humanitarian organisations. (906676)
- 22 **Karl McCartney** (Lincoln): What recent discussions he has had with the Government of Israel on the situation in Gaza. (906677)
- 23 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): What diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure access to Gaza by humanitarian organisations. (906678)
- 24 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): What steps he is taking to strengthen diplomatic ties with India. (906679)
- 25 **James Sunderland** (Bracknell): What steps his Department is taking with international partners in the Middle East in response to the situation in Gaza and Israel. (906680)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- T1 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. [R] (906681)
- T2 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): (906682)
- T3 **Gareth Johnson** (Dartford): (906683)
- T4 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): (906684)
- T5 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): (906685)
- T6 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): (906686)
- T7 **Joanna Cherry** (Edinburgh South West): (906687)
- T8 **Stephen Crabb** (Preseli Pembrokeshire): (906688)
- T9 **David Linden** (Glasgow East): (906689)
- T10 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): (906690)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 25 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many spouses of deceased armed forces personnel have been taxed on their Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payments in each of the last five years. (203357)

- 2N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish a list of properties purchased by HS2 Ltd for Phase 2a of the HS2 project. (203211)
- 3N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish a list of properties purchased by HS2 Ltd for Phase 2b west of the HS2 project. (203212)
- 4N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish a list of properties purchased by HS2 Ltd for Phase 2b east of the HS2 project. (203213)
- 5N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish maps of the (a) properties and (b) land purchased by HS2 Ltd for Phase 2a of the HS2 project. (203214)
- 6N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish maps of the (a) properties and (b) land purchased by HS2 Ltd for Phase 2b west of the HS2 project. (203215)
- 7N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the prevalence of the use of unregistered interpreters in the NHS. (203197)
- 8N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the use of unregistered interpreters in the NHS on maternity outcomes. (203198)
- 9N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department issues guidance to NHS trusts on the qualifications required for interpreters working in the NHS. (203199)
- 10N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to help ensure that interpreters used by the NHS are on the National Register of Public Service Interpreters. (203200)
- 11N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has separate qualifying criteria for entitlement to support for Afghan refugees who were employed (a) directly by the Government or British Council and (b) by an organisation funded by the Government or British Council. (203408)
- 12N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his Department's guidance Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme Pathway 3: eligibility for British Council and GardaWorld contractors and Chevening Alumni, published on 17 October 2023, which countries are included in Afghanistan's 'neighbouring region'. (203315)

- 13N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of 17 October 2023 by the Minister for Immigration on safe asylum routes for Afghan refugees, Official Report, Column 54WH, how many and what proportion of people who submitted an Expression of Interest in resettlement to the UK under Pathway 3 of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and have been assessed by his Department as eligible in principle for resettlement under that pathway are located in (a) Afghanistan and (b) a third country. (203316)