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Questions tabled on Thursday 19 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 Friday 20 October

Questions for Written Answer

- Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her 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. [Transferred] (203224)
- 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. [Transferred] (203427)
- Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support the Government is providing to veterans who developed chronic illnesses after serving in the Gulf. [Transferred] (203402)
- Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Government is taking to prevent the proliferation of AI-generated child sexual abuse imagery. [Transferred] (203187)
- Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent progress her Department has made on reducing AI-generated child sex abuse imagery. [Transferred] (203188)
- Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce instances of theft of farm equipment and machinery. [Transferred] (203259)

- 7 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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.

[Transferred] (203398)

Questions for Answer on Monday 23 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Attorney General, how many (a) prosecutions and (b) convictions there have been relating to the offence of hare coursing in each year from 2016 to date. (203472)
- 2 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Government is taking to support the digitisation of (a) census records and (b) other national archives. (203582)
- 3 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he is taking steps to ensure that civil servants who retired before the cost of living payment was made can receive the payment. (203635)
- 4 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the retendering of Facilities Management contracts in the Mitie Affiliate Cluster, what steps he has taken to ensure that the Government Property Agency complies with its public sector equality duty to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed changes to the (a) terms and conditions and (b) general working arrangements on staff with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. (203431)
- 5 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the retendering of Facilities Management contracts in the Mitie Affiliate Cluster, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of TUPE transfer provisions for (a) corporately employed and (b) privately contracted staff. (203432)
- 6 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the retendering of Facilities Management contracts in the Mitie Affiliate Cluster, what recent meetings he has held with (a) the Chief Operating Officer for the Civil Service, (b) the Chief Executive of the Government Property Agency and (c) civil service trade unions. (203433)
- 7 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans he has to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the signing of the Entente Cordiale. (203456)

- 8 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will publish a list of the ten largest exporters of goods in each region of the UK. (203588)
- 9 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she plans to take with Cabinet colleagues to facilitate parliamentary scrutiny of trade deals with the US; and if she will make a statement. (203429)
- 10 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has held discussions with the devolved Administrations on trade negotiations with the US; and whether she plans to include the devolved Administrations in future negotiations. (203612)
- 11 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to reduce 5G (a) not spots and (b) partial not spots in rural areas. (203437)
- 12 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has of the potential merits of the UK participating in Creative Europe. (203514)
- 13 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will have discussions with the Disasters Emergency Committee on the potential merits of establishing an appeal for Gaza. (203526)
- 14 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help support the capacity of local news media in the context of the withdrawal of funding for that sector by Facebook. (203487)
- 15 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the Government provides funding for historical sites significant to British history in (a) France, (b) Malta and (c) Cyprus. (203458)
- 16 **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the number of parents who have been unable to return to the workforce due to being unable to access school-aged childcare. (203622)
- 17 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October 2023 to Question 200365 on Young Offenders: Education, what key performance indicators are in place for senior management teams on the levels of provision of education in Secure Children's Homes. (203600)
- 18 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to implement a 20% reduction target for Education Health and Care Plans as part of the Delivering Better Value in SEND programme. (203508)

- 19 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve rates of adult (a) literacy and (b) numeracy. (203495)
- 20 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure parents have access to the materials used to teach their children in (a) relationships, sex and health education, (b) religious education and (c) other lessons. (203587)
- 21 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that animal welfare is included in the (a) school curriculum and (b) Advanced British Standard. (203470)
- 22 **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to encourage students to take up STEM subjects. (203617)
- 23 **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps his Department is taking to encourage people to become mathematics teachers. (203618)
- 24 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of retiring the Renewables Obligation Certificate scheme for landfill gas to energy generation sites by 2027 on the UK's energy security. (203564)
- 25 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she plans to introduce revenue support mechanisms for existing landfill gas to energy generation sites beyond 2027. (203565)
- 26 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of the Climate Change Committee's recommendations on (a) methane capture and (b) oxidation rates at landfill sites in its Sixth Carbon Budget Waste Report, published 4 December 2020; and if she will make a statement. (203566)
- 27 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will extend the Renewables Obligation Certificate scheme beyond 2027 for existing landfill gas to energy generation sites. (203567)
- 28 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the North Sea Transition Authority's (a) efficacy as a regulator and (b) ability to support the delivery of the Government's climate targets. (203473)
- 29 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the development of the Rosebank oil field on the UK's ability to meet (a) the (i) fifth and (ii) sixth carbon budgets and (b) its net zero targets. (203474)

- 30 **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, what benefit OFGEM allocates to areas where energy is (a) produced and (b) landed. (203605)
- 31 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of retiring the Renewables Obligation Certificate scheme for landfill gas to energy generation sites by 2027 on methane emissions; and what steps her Department plans to take to increase methane capture rates at landfill sites. (203568)
- 32 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has had discussions with the Scottish Government on its proposals to prohibit biodegradable municipal waste from being sent to landfill sites by 2025; and what assessment she has made of the potential impact of these proposals on landfill sites in England. (203569)
- 33 **Dame Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to amend the Blue Belt Programme to (a) increase protections for endangered bird species, (b) conserve fishing stocks and (c) protect the ocean floor. (203545)
- 34N **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of reintroducing funding to clean up contaminated brownfield land. [Transferred] (203337)
- 35 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will implement a single social tariff for water and sewerage services. (203479)
- 36 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to her Department's press release entitled First farmers receive Sustainable Farming Incentive early payment, published 18 October 2023, how many and what proportion of Sustainable Farming Incentive (a) 2023 and (b) 2024 applicants have received their first payment as of 19 October 2023. (203497)
- 37 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many expressions of interest her Department has received from farmers wanting to enter the Sustainable Farming Incentive 2024; and how many farmers have been invited to apply to the scheme up to the removal of the expression of interest stage of the application process. (203498)
- 38 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support the Government provides to (a) English and (b) Welsh wine producers. (203459)

- 39 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what support he is offering Birmingham City Council to help maximise business rate retention. (203559)
- 40 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has held discussions with (a) local authorities, (b) retailers, (c) Keep Britain Tidy and (d) other stakeholders on banning the sale of disposable barbecues. (203560)
- 41N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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. [Transferred] (203219)
- 42 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has had recent discussions with the Mayor of London on the demand for new homes in the Greater London Authority area. (203549)
- 43 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has issued guidance to local authorities on whether public service contracts of under £100,000 may be issued on a short-term, temporary basis when there is a gap in services. (203513)
- 44 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will meet with representatives of the Universities Policy Engagement Network to discuss the implications for Departments of the Ref 2028 requirement that universities demonstrate (a) impact and (b) engagement. (203573)
- 45 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to reopen the Ivanhoe line from Burton-on-Trent to Leicester. (203488)
- 46 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with railway station operators on parking charges at railways stations; and whether he plans to take steps to encourage railway station operators to reduce parking charges. (203506)
- 47 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the West Midlands Combined Authority on their proposals to extend the Midlands Metro to the Borough of Solihull. (203507)
- 48 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Leader of the House on parliamentary time for legislation on e-scooters. (203531)

- 49 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment has he made of the potential merits of allowing privately owned scooters. (203532)
- 50 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring e-scooter users to be licensed. (203533)
- 51 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Government's evaluation of the e-scooter trials, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of scooter use on Government targets relating to (a) carbon emissions and (b) active travel. (203534)
- 52 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that electric vehicle charging infrastructure can also be used by (a) e-bikes and (b) e-scooters. (203535)
- 53 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to increase (a) revenue and (b) capital funding for active travel. (203536)
- 54 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate he has made of the proportion of local journeys that will be made by active travel in 2030; and on what evidential basis he has made this assessment. (203537)
- 55 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has held recent discussions with the Mayor of London on the financial sustainability of Transport for London. (203480)
- 56 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether AI is used in his Department's sanctions processes. (203546)
- 57 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the shortest waiting time was for any person applying for Access to Work in the latest period for which data is available. (203547)
- 58 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to require employers to include information about grievance procedures in employment contracts. (203563)
- 59 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce the time taken to access mental health services in Birmingham. (203562)
- 60 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to provide additional funding to extend the provision of fracture liaison services to all NHS trusts. (203557)

- 61 **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 complaints. (203512)
- 62 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Federated Data Platform will be able to be accessed for commercial purposes. (203515)
- 63 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that the provider of the Federated Data Platform is prohibited from selling data. (203516)
- 64 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what comparative assessment he has made of the potential impact of the use of (a) MR-guided focused ultrasound (MRgFUS) and (b) non-MRgFUS treatments for NHS patients on their [levels of?] wellbeing. (203584)
- 65 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the average time taken for an individual to receive a mental health (a) assessment and (b) diagnosis. (203585)
- 66 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the Health and Social Care Select Committee report entitled NHS Dentistry, published on 14 July 2023. (203586)
- 67 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the provision of dental spaces for NHS patients in the London Borough of Havering. (203460)
- 68 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the leukaemia diagnosis rate in young people in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (203468)
- 69 **Mark Tami** (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with representatives of young people on the development of the Major Conditions Strategy. (203446)
- 70 **Mark Tami** (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to ensure that implementation of the recommendations made in the Lord O'Shaughnessy review of commercial clinical trials in the UK takes into account the particular needs of (a) teenagers and (b) young adults with cancer. (203447)
- 71 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to findings in the All-Party Parliamentary Carbon Monoxide Group's report entitled Prepare, Practice, Protect: Improving Carbon Monoxide Safety in Health and Care Services, published July 2023, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding for national resources on carbon monoxide funding. (203570)

- 72 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to help (a) prevent and (b) diagnose carbon monoxide poisoning in (i) healthcare settings and (ii) the homes of vulnerable people. (203571)
- 73 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure that international law is upheld during the conflict in Israel and Gaza. (203577)
- 74 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure the protection of civilian infrastructure in Gaza. (203578)
- 75 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with international partners to help ensure the protection of healthcare workers in Gaza. (203579)
- 76 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure the protection of civilians during the conflict in Israel and Gaza. (203580)
- 77 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on restoring the supply of (a) medicines and (b) fuel to Gaza. (203581)
- 78 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (203504)
- 79 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what information his Department holds on the level of damage that has been caused to (a) civilian infrastructure and (b) homes in Gaza since 7 October 2023. (203505)
- 80 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held recent discussions with his (a) Egyptian counterpart and (b) other regional counterparts on allowing refugees from Gaza to (i) cross into Egypt and (ii) be provided with support in the region. (203525)
- 81 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps with (a) international partners and (b) NGOs to establish refugee camps. (203527)

- 82 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held recent discussions with his UN counterparts on the potential merits of issuing a new resolution on the war in Israel and Palestine. (203528)
- 83 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in the United Nations on securing safe refugee facilities for refugees leaving Gaza. (203529)
- 84 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he plans to take steps to provide aid to Egypt to support refugees leaving Gaza. (203530)
- 85 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the likelihood of direct Iranian involvement in the conflict in Gaza; and what steps he is taking to deter such involvement. (203634)
- 86 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held discussions with his French counterpart on celebrations of the 120th anniversary of the signing of the Entente Cordiale. (203457)
- 87 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he is taking steps to strengthen HM Embassy in Tel Aviv. (203461)
- 88 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has held with his Egyptian counterpart on the situation in Gaza. (203462)
- 89 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has held with his Jordanian counterpart on the situation in Gaza. (203463)
- 90 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to support persecuted Christians in Iran. (203471)
- 91 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the impact of the blockade on Gaza on the ability of aid agencies to deliver essential humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza. (203607)
- 92 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the humanitarian implications of the Israeli government's evacuation order to civilians in the north of Gaza. (203608)

- 93 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what information his Department holds on the level of access to drinking water in Gaza. (203609)
- 94 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the impact of damage to health facilities in Gaza on their capacity to meet the needs of the civilian population. (203610)
- 95 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the safety of humanitarian workers in Gaza. (203611)
- 96 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court's statement of 10 October 2023 on the ICC mandate into the Israel-Palestine Conflict in October 2023. (203623)
- 97 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held discussions with his counterpart in Israel on allegations of collective punishment in Gaza and compatibility with international law. (203624)
- 98 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Case Study Israel/ OPT: Identifying the Israeli army's use of white phosphorus in Gaza, published by Amnesty International on 13 October 2023, what assessment his Department has made of the accuracy of reports of the use of white phosphorous by Israel. (203625)
- 99 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held discussions with his counterpart in Israel on the alleged use of white phosphorous and its compatibility with international law. (203626)
- 100 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his counterpart in Israel on the potential merits of rescinding the order for people in northern Gaza to evacuate to the south of the Gaza strip. (203628)
- 101 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the level of thefts of (a) tobacco and alcohol and (b) other stock within the wholesale sector; and if she will meet with the Federation of Wholesale Distributors to discuss steps to reduce these levels. (203538)

- 102N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (203218)
- 103 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department consulted with university researchers when developing its policy on migration. (203572)
- 104 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of Afghan refugees who were relocated by her Department from bridging hotels have (a) been placed into temporary accommodation and (b) presented to a local authority as homeless in the last three months. (203594)
- 105 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to increase the number of border officials at UK airports. (203464)
- 106 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle the smuggling of khat from the Middle East. (203465)
- 107 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle the smuggling of counterfeit cigarettes into the UK. (203466)
- 108 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many UK border force officers have been recruited in each of the last five years. (203467)
- 109 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when HMS Audacious will enter dry dock for maintenance. (203438)
- 110 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how long he plans that the maintenance period of HMS Audacious will last. (203439)
- 111 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans that HMS Audacious will return to service. (203440)
- 112 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department made of the material condition of HMS Audacious. (203441)
- 113 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether her Department plans to bring forward legislative proposals to regulate (a) the stunning and (b) other aspects of the welfare of farmed fish. (203469)

- 114 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if the Government will cease the licensing of the export of (a) arms and (b) security equipment to Israel. (203627)
- 115N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the baseline (a) certified normal accommodation and (b) in use operational capacity of each prison was in September 2023. (203499)
- 116 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October 2023 to Question 200374 on Young Offender Institutions: Buildings, what Department's timetable is for completing the survey of confirmed or suspected reinforced aerated autoclaved concrete in the youth secure estate. (203601)
- 117 **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 offences relating to posts made on X, formerly known as Twitter, in each year for which records exist. (203434)
- 118 **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 offences relating to posts made on TikTok for in each year for which records exist. (203435)
- 119 **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 offences relating to posts made on Facebook in each year for which records exist. (203436)
- 120 **Dame Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to increase prison capacity. (203539)
- 121 **Dame Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department is taking steps to learn from the experience of other countries in managing fluctuations in prisoner numbers. (203540)
- 122 **Dame Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of of renting prison places overseas to help manage fluctuations in prisoner numbers. (203541)
- 123 **Dame Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department plans to establish cooperation agreements with other countries to help manage fluctuations in prisoner numbers. (203542)
- 124 **Dame Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he has taken to help ensure there is suitable prison capacity for offenders in England and Wales. (203543)
- 125 **Dame Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department is taking steps to increase the length of prison sentences for convicted (a) rapists and (b) other violent sex offenders. (203544)

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- 126 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference his Oral Statement of 16 October 2023 on Prison Capacity, Official Report, columns 58-69, what steps his Department is taking to support the rehabilitation of offenders. (203520)
- 127 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make it his policy to increase sanctions on companies that approve credit applications for people subject to Court of Protection Orders. (203583)
- 128 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will take legislative steps to issue automatic compensation payments to individuals wrongly convicted of serious crimes. (203478)
- 129 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Prime Minister, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the deaths of Palestinian civilians. (203629)
- 130 **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to page 55 of the Spring Budget 2023, what the planned timescales are for spending the £289 million in start-up funding for childcare; and how much and what proportion of that funding will be allocated to childcare school-aged children. (203621)
- 131 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of (a) people leaving work and (b) sick days taken due to osteoporotic fractures on tax revenues. (203558)
- 132 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the banking sector on (a) pending payments and (b) reimbursement payments for incomplete purchases. (203636)
- 133 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the cost to the public purse of the Energy Profits Levy investment allowance relief in the 2022-23 financial year. (203475)
- 134 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the cost of the investment allowance relief under the Energy Profits Levy in each financial year to 2025/2026; and if he will place a copy of that estimate in the Library of the House. (203476)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 24 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the retendering of Facilities Management contracts in the Mitie Affiliate Cluster, what steps he has taken to ensure continuity of payment of (a) pay and (b) in-work benefits. (203430)

- 2N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what support the Church of England has provided to (a) churches and (b) other people in (i) Israel and (ii) Gaza since 7 October 2023. (203517)
- 3N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate her Department has made of the number of people who were employed on zero hours contracts in each year between 2017 and 2022. (203453)
- 4N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many and what proportion of company registrations with Companies House were reported as fraudulent in 2022. (203496)
- 5N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Government's planned expansion of subsidised childcare announced in March 2023, what estimate she has made of the additional number of staff required as a result of that expansion by (a) April 2024, (b) September 2024 and (c) September 2025. (203481)
- 6N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help encourage entrepreneurship amongst STEM higher education students. (203485)
- 7N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what her Department's planned timescale is for making a decision on whether to blend up to 20% hydrogen by volume into gas distribution networks. (203454)
- 8N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when she plans to reply to the letter of 14 February 2023 sent by email from Westminster City Council, Kensington and Chelsea Council, Hammersmith and Fulham Council, Camden Council and the London Environment Directors' Network on Flood Re eligibility criteria. (203574)
- 9N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will take steps to ensure that insurance companies do not make the provision of flood insurance conditional on actions being taken by third parties to provide protections where the resident has no power to compel them to act. (203575)
- 10N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to page 3 of Stakeholder Engagement Appendix G, Heathrow's Airspace Modernisation (FASI South) Stage 2 Gateway submission, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential ecological impact of diverting flight paths over Richmond Park. (203556)

- 11N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department will take steps to provide funding to registered charity Caius House in Battersea for the costs it incurred for a waking watch in a high rise building with fire safety defects that was found not to have been required. (203589)
- 12N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many entries have been made on the database of rogue landlords and property agents under the Housing and Planning Act 2016 in (a) England, (b) County Durham and (c) City of Durham constituency since that database was established. (203603)
- 13N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent (a) discussions and (b) consultations he has held on the proposal to bring Warwickshire into the West Midlands Combined Authority area. (203561)
- 14N **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that offers to buy property are binding. (203637)
- 15N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will undertake a review of the compulsory purchase rules for land identified as being suitable for house building. (203477)
- 16N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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. [Transferred] (203407)
- 17N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she is taking steps to prohibit the promotion of AI chatbots that have been (a) programmed and (b) taught through self-learning to encourage users to commit terrorist acts. (203493)
- 18N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the (a) proportional and (b) absolute change in expenditure on science outside the Greater South East has been over each of the last five years for which figures are available. (203484)
- 19N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when the digital economy council last met. (203486)
- 20N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential (a) likelihood of flight delays for over two hours at Heathrow Airport in December 2023 and (b) impact

- of flights delays on trends in the level of night flights to and from that airport; and whether he plans to take steps to ensure that that airport does not exceed its night flight restrictions. (203555)
- 21N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress he has made with bus companies on ensuring that real-time bus information is available to passengers in Newcastle. (203483)
- 22N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Youth Hub work coaches are employed by his Department as of 19 October 2023; and how many were employed on the same date in (a) 2022 and (b) 2021. (203494)
- 23N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of (a) the potential impact of the level of the Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing and Access payment percentages on and (b) other factors affecting the decisions by pharmaceutical companies on whether to invest in the UK. (203482)
- 24N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with representatives of the British Armenian community. (203630)
- 25N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an estimate of the number of (a) British citizens, (b) dual nationals and (c) family members of British citizens affected by Azerbaijan's military offensive in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. (203631)
- 26N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government supports Armenia's (a) membership of the ICC and (b) request for an international investigation of alleged war crimes in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. (203632)
- 27N **Joanna Cherry** (Edinburgh South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to the Israeli authorities on lifting restrictions to (a) water, (b) food, (c) fuel and (d) electricity in Gaza. (203509)
- 28N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the impact of Israeli military operations in Gaza on the ability of aid agencies to deliver essential humanitarian aid to civilians in Gaza. (203590)
- 29N **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 the humanitarian impact of the Israeli Government's evacuation order issued on 12 October 2023 to civilians in the north of Gaza. (203591)

- 30N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the safety of humanitarian workers in Gaza. (203592)
- 31N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the impact of the explosion at the Al-Ahli Hospital on the capacity of health services in Gaza. (203593)
- 32N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help (a) promote self-determination for the Saharawi people in the Western Sahara and (b) secure a referendum with an option for independence. (203445)
- 33N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many Afghans are in hotel accommodation in Pakistan that is funded by the UK Government as of 18 October 2023. [Transferred] (203405)
- 34N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what safe and legal routes are available for Sudanese refugees to come to the UK to escape ethnic cleansing in Darfur. (203633)
- 35N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's planned timescale is for reopening referrals under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme Pathway 3. (203620)
- 36N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October 2023 to Question 199700 Refugees: Afghanistan, if she will publish the data on arrival dates collected for internal and operational use; and what guidance her Department issues on the status of such data under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. (203444)
- 37N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to deploy staff with training on supporting people affected by terrorism within the Criminal Injuries and Compensation Authority. (203489)
- 38N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department plans to respond to the Home Affairs Select Committee's report entitled Draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, HC 1359, published 27 July 2023. (203490)
- 39N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department is taking steps with the insurance industry to help build resilience to large-scale cyber attacks. (203491)
- 40N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues on the potential vulnerability of SMEs to cyber-attacks. (203492)

- 41N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a family reunion scheme to support Israeli and Palestinian relatives of UK residents to come to the UK for the duration of the war. (203521)
- 42N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has considered the potential merits of introducing a scheme similar to the Homes for Ukraine scheme for Palestinians. (203522)
- 43N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has established services to support people seeking refuge in the UK from (a) Israel and (b) Palestine. (203523)
- 44N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with her international counterparts on establishing a single international system for supporting refugees from (a) Israel and (b) Palestine. (203524)
- 45N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has plans to relocate Afghan people who are (a) eligible for relocation to the UK and (b) in Pakistan before 1 November; and what assessment her Department has made of the implications for its policies of reports that the Government of Pakistan plans to deport Afghans without documentation from November 2023. (203595)
- 46N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of 25 November 2022 to Question 93420 and 1 December 2022 to Question 97406, what recent estimate she has made of the date by which the Atlas caseworking system will provide further information on the number of applicants having the No Recourse to Public Funds condition attached to their Leave to Remain. (203428)
- 47N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has budgeted for the modernisation of HMS Westminster. (203442)
- 48N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many frigates are in service with the Royal Navy; and what the status of HMS Westminster is. (203443)
- 49N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2023 to Question 201005, when he was first informed of contractor issues relating to assurance activity as part of the E-7 Wedgetail programme. (203455)
- 50N **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of replacing the SA80 assault rifle with an alternative rifle. (203638)

- 51N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the population was of each male prison in England and Wales on 1 October 2023. (203500)
- 52N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce the number of offenders on licence that are recalled to prison. (203452)
- 53N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference his Oral Statement of 16 October 2023 on Prison Capacity, Official Report, column 68, if he will take steps to ensure that all sentences of imprisonment for public protection are reviewed in the next 12 months. (203518)
- 54N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference his Oral Statement of 16 October 2023 on Prison Capacity, Official Report, column 68, whether he (a) has had and (b) plans to have discussions with the Parole Board on the process for reviewing sentences of imprisonment for public protection; how such cases will be prioritised for review; and what consideration will be given to length of sentence served. (203519)
- 55N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the number of people in each of the last five financial years who crystallised their pension assets and had total pension pots in threshold bands of (a) £1.073 million and above, but below £1.25 million, (b) £1.25 million and above, but below £1.5 million, (c) £1.5 million and above, but below £1.75 million, (d) £1.75 million and above, but below £2 million and (e) £2 million and above; and for each of the threshold bands given, how many people were assumed for the purposes of any revenue forecasts, whether made by the Office for Budget Responsibility or by HMRC, to have crystallised their pension assets in the years covered by those forecasts. (203576)
- 56N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of waiving HMRC rules on benefit in kind for the provision of police housing in areas with low availability of public housing. (203604)
- 57N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which (a) posts and (b) occupations are exempt from provided or subsidised accommodation being considered as a benefit-in-kind by HMRC for income tax purposes. (203606)
- 58N **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many times he met spirits distillers to discuss the August 2023 changes to alcohol duty. (203615)
- 59N **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) likelihood and (b) impact on the banking sector of a payments system being hacked by a hostile actor; and what contingency plans his Department has put in place for this. (203552)

- 60N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the average time taken for HMRC to refund VAT to companies which have deregistered. (203553)
- 61N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of HMRC's (a) strategy for making and (b) capacity to make reasonable adjustments for service users with disabilities. (203554)
- 62N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the provision in Wales of HM Revenue and Customs PAYE employer enquiries assistance through the medium of Welsh. (203451)
- 63N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the adherence to Welsh language legislation of public services in Wales for which the UK Government is responsible. (203448)
- 64N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the provision through the medium of Welsh of public services in Wales for which the UK Government is responsible. (203449)
- 65N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Language Commissioner on the adequacy of the provision through the medium of Welsh of public services in Wales for which the UK Government is responsible. (203450)
- 66N **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the Westminster Hall debate of 12 June 2023 on Legislative Definition of Sex, what progress her Department has made on its policy on clarifying the definition of sex in the Equality Act 2010. (203548)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 25 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what proportion of officials in her Department that are (a) graded as senior civil servant 2 and (b) on full-time equivalent contracts are women. (203510)
- 2N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what proportion of officials in her Department on temporary contracts are women. (203511)

- 3N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether all (a) claimant tribunal decisions are held on the Personal Independence Payment Computer System and (b) assessment provider health professionals have access to (i) those decisions and (ii) other relevant supporting evidence when making a recommendation on whether a benefit should continue to be awarded. (203503)
- 4N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of NHS outpatient appointments were missed in each year since 2013. (203550)
- 5N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what quantitative estimates NHS England has made of the root causes of missed outpatient appointments in the last 12 months. (203551)
- 6N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, in the context of the UK's position as the penholder for Colombia's 2016 peace agreement at the UN Security Council, what steps his Department is taking to support recently opened peace talks between the Colombian Government and the EMC armed group. (203602)
- 7N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs of 19 September 2023 on Resettlement of Afghans, Official Report, column 1253, how many Afghans have waited more than two years for their ARAP applications to be processed; for what reason has there been a delay in applications; and how many Afghans are awaiting a decision on their application as of 19 October 2023. (203596)
- 8N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been relocated to the UK under Pathway (a) 2 and (b) 3 of the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme as of 19 October 2023. (203597)
- 9N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when the first Afghans arrived in the UK under pathway (a) two and (b) three of the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme. (203598)
- 10N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Royal Navy laundrymen from (a) China and (b) Hong Kong were refused security clearance in the last 12 months; and what the average length of service was of people who were refused that clearance. (203599)
- 11N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prison cells do not contain a toilet within the cell. (203501)

- 12N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, which prisons have one or more prison cells that do not contain a toilet within the cell. (203502)
- 13N **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the August 2023 changes to alcohol duty on inflation. (203613)
- 14N **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the impact of the Brexit Pubs Guarantee on the price of spirits in pubs. (203614)
- 15N **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will meet the UK Spirits Alliance to discuss the rate of duty on spirits. (203616)
- 16N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (203357)

Oral Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

- 1 **Vicky Ford** (Chelmsford): What steps the Government is taking to protect single-sex spaces. (906691)
- 2 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): What steps the Government is taking to help increase the participation of minority ethnic groups in the democratic process. (906692)
- 3 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): What steps the Government is taking to help support women in STEM roles. (906693)
- 4 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): What steps she is taking to help improve the lives of LGBT people. (906694)
- 5 **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on tackling pay inequalities in the labour market. (906695)
- 6 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): What recent estimate she has made of the level of additional costs affecting households with disabled people. (906696)
- 7 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): Whether the Government plans to increase protections against harassment in the workplace. (906697)
- 8 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): What progress her Department has made on bringing forward legislative proposals to ban conversion therapy. (906698)
- 9 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): What discussions she has had with the Home Secretary on the effectiveness of the Windrush Compensation Scheme for affected groups. (906699)

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- 10 **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): Whether she has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on tackling pensioner poverty among women. (906700)
- 11 **Maggie Throup** (Erewash): What steps the Government is taking to help support women in STEM roles. (906701)
- 12 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of increases in the cost of living on (a) women, (b) Black, Asian and ethnic minority people and (c) people with disabilities. (906702)
- 13 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): What steps she is taking to help tackle racial inequality. (906703)
- 14 **Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): What steps she is taking to support women experiencing menopausal symptoms in the workplace. (906704)
- 15 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): Whether she has had discussions with stakeholders on improving the diversity of parliamentary candidates. (906705)

Topical Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

- T1 **Vicky Ford** (Chelmsford): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (906706)
- T2 **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): (906707)
- T3 **Dean Russell** (Watford): (906708)
- T4 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): (906709)
- T5 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): (906710)
- T6 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): (906711)
- T7 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): (906712)
- T8 **Ms Anum Qaisar** (Airdrie and Shotts): (906713)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 25 October. (906714)
- 2 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): (906715)
- 3 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): (906716)
- 4 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): (906717)
- 5 **Simon Hoare** (North Dorset): (906718)

6	Aaron Bell (Newcastle-under-Lyme):	(906719)
7	Robbie Moore (Keighley):	(906720)
8	Deidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith):	(906721)
9	Kate Kniveton (Burton):	(906722)
10	Sir Peter Bottomley (Worthing West):	(906723)
11	Lilian Greenwood (Nottingham South):	(906724)
12	Simon Baynes (Clwyd South):	(906725)
13	Peter Aldous (Waveney):	(906726)
14	Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth):	(906727)
15	Siobhan Baillie (Stroud):	(906728)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 26 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral contribution on 18 October 2023 on Gaza: Al-Ahli Arab Hospital Explosion, column 341, whether he has had recent discussions with his EU counterparts on video footage of Hamas digging up EU-funded water pipes to help produce rockets. (203619)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- 1 **Stephen Metcalfe** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): What steps he is taking to support bus services. (906729)
- 2 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): What steps his Department is taking to improve bus transport. (906730)
- 3 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley): What assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the cost of bus fares. (906731)
- 4 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): What comparative assessment he has made of the economic impact of Network North and the second phase of HS2. (906732)
- 5 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): What plans he has to support transport projects in the East of England. (906733)
- 6 **Mrs Heather Wheeler** (South Derbyshire): What steps he is taking to increase the availability of electric vehicles. (906734)

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- 7 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): What recent progress he has made on improving Union connectivity. (906735)
 - 8 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): What steps he is taking to support bus services. (906736)
 - 9 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): If he will take steps to establish a mass transit system in Leeds. (906737)
 - 10 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): What assessment has he made of the adequacy of progress on constructing the Western Rail Link to Heathrow. (906738)
 - 11 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): What steps he is taking to improve rail services. (906739)
 - 12 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): What recent discussions his Department has had with the Home Office on tackling speeding in rural areas. (906740)
 - 13 **James Daly** (Bury North): What steps he is taking to support motorists. (906741)
 - 14 **Sir Robert Goodwill** (Scarborough and Whitby): What his policy is on delivery of a third runway at Heathrow Airport; and if he will make a statement. (906742)
 - 15 **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of progress on decarbonising road transport. (906743)
 - 16 **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): Whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact of the cancellation of the second stage of HS2 on rail travel in Scotland. (906744)
 - 17 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): What assessment he has made of the impact of the cancellation of the second phase of HS2 on the value for money of the project. (906745)
 - 18 **Ben Everitt** (Milton Keynes North): If he will take steps to support the adoption of autonomous pavement delivery robots. (906746)
 - 19 **Luke Hall** (Thornbury and Yate): What steps he is taking to support motorists. (906747)
 - 20 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): What assessment he has made of the potential merits of franchising more local bus services. (906748)
 - 21 **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): What steps he is taking to support motorists. (906749)
 - 22 **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): What steps his Department is taking to deliver major rail infrastructure improvements in the north of England. (906750)
 - 23 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): What steps he is taking to support motorists. (906751)
 - 24 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): What steps he has taken to help reduce road deaths of cyclists and pedestrians. (906752)
 - 25 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): What assessment he has made of the potential merits of franchising more local bus services. (906753)
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- T1 **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (906754)
- T2 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): (906755)
- T3 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): (906756)
- T4 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): (906757)
- T5 **Tom Randall** (Gedling): (906758)
- T6 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): (906759)
- T7 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): (906760)
- T8 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): (906761)
- T9 **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): (906762)
- T10 **Marco Longhi** (Dudley North): (906763)