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## Questions tabled on Monday 23 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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  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 24 October

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department issues guidance to private car parks on the signage of parking charges. [Transferred] (203661)
  - 2N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues on the potential vulnerability of SMEs to cyber-attacks. [Transferred] (203492)
  - 3N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had discussions with his international counterparts on establishing a single international system for supporting refugees from (a) Israel and (b) Palestine. [Transferred] (203524)
  - 4N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he 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. [Transferred] (203493)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 25 October

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2022 to Question 107061 on Attorney General: Incentives, how much the Government Legal Department spent on purchasing non-cash vouchers for staff as reward and recognition bonuses in 2022-23. (203784)
- 2 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, whether there are recorded majorities in the (a) House and (b) College of Bishops to (i) allow clergy to enter into same-sex civil marriages and (ii) remove the stipulation that currently requires celibacy for clergy in same-sex relationships. (203744)
- 3 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, whether a further letter threatening legal action was sent to the (a) House and (b) College of Bishops between the end of the meeting of the College and the House meeting in October. (203745)
- 4 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, whether a draft form of Pastoral Guidance for Ministry has been (a) prepared and (b) shared with the (i) House and (ii) College of Bishops. (203746)
- 5 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, whether the General Synod papers on Living in Love and Faith circulated on 20 October 2023 reflect the current position of the (a) House and (b) College of Bishops. (203747)
- 6 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what physical acts the Church refers to when teaching that sexual intimacy outside of marriage is forbidden. (203748)
- 7 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to improve (a) 4G and (b) 5G coverage in (i) Essex and (ii) Witham constituency. (203818)
- 8 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what progress has been made on the Shared Rural Network arrangements to improve (a) outdoor and (b) indoor 4G coverage in (i) Essex and (ii) Witham constituency. (203819)
- 9 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2022 to Question 97596 on Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport: Incentives, what the value was of non-cash vouchers awarded to staff working for her core Department as performance-related bonuses in 2022-23. (203786)

- 10 **Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to protect Jewish university students from antisemitism at university campuses. (203975)
- 11 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Crackdown on rip-off university degrees, published on 17 July 2023, on which degree courses she plans to increase controls. (203965)
- 12 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, from which teams within her Department staff working on the development of the Advance British Standard have been drawn; and how many staff have been drawn from each team. (203817)
- 13 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a comparative assessment of attainment in (a) private and (b) state schools in (i) 2016, (ii) 2017 and (iii) 2018. (203908)
- 14 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to provide additional support to that state schools during the implementation of the Advance British Standard. (203909)
- 15 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help to raise maths attainment levels for school children below the age of 16. (203910)
- 16 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to support students with heating bills. (203911)
- 17 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of student accommodation. (203912)
- 18 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the cost of energy bills for (a) temporary classrooms due to the presence of RAAC and (b) standard classrooms. (203913)
- 19 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of the cost of transport for students in London. (203914)
- 20 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to reduce the cost of transport for students commuting to and from university. (203915)

- 21 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the number of international academics and students coming to the UK; and what assessment she has made of the impact of those trends on university funding in the (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 academic year. (203917)
- 22 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she made of the impact of changes to student visas on international students coming to the UK. (203918)
- 23 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many miners were recipients of the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (a) in Easington Constituency and (b) nationally in October 2023. (203813)
- 24 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many miners' widows were recipients of the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (a) in Easington constituency and (b) nationally in October 2023. (203814)
- 25N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, from what budget line and over what time period will be funded the commitment of (a) up to £200 million for a Fuel Cycle Testing Facility, (b) up to £200 million for vital R&D ensuring industry can develop and design components for future fusion powerplants, (c) up to £50 million for growing and improving the Culham campus in Oxfordshire, (d) up to £55 million for a Fusion Skills Programme, (e) up to £35 million additional funding for the Fusion Industry Programme, (f) up to £25 million to enhance international collaborations on fusion R&D, to export UK expertise and make best use of global knowledge to accelerate fusion energy, (g) up to £18 million for a Technology Transfer Hub and (h) up to £11 million to further support the STEP programme and upskill UK industry to help deliver it; and what the process will for deciding to whom the money from each commitment is allocated. [Transferred] (203679)
- 26 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the value was of non-cash vouchers awarded to staff working for her core Department as performance-related bonuses in 2022-23. (203783)
- 27 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she plans to take steps to encourage the installation of insulation in student housing. (203916)
- 28 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2022 to Question 97590 on Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: Incentives, what the value was of non-cash vouchers awarded to staff working for his core Department as performance-related bonuses in 2022-23. (203785)

- 29 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of age verification and estimation technology for meeting requirements in the Online Safety Bill. (203841)
- 30 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if his Department has made an estimate of the number of applicants seeking a licence renewal who do not have a digital signature. (203937)
- 31 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with the Mayor of London on trends in the numbers of passengers on Transport for London's underground network in the last 12 months. (203749)
- 32 **Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown** (The Cotswolds): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with the Mayor of London on the regularity of underground trains in London. (203750)
- 33 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many offshore helicopter transport flights were cancelled as a result of weather warnings issued in connection with Storm Babet. (203833)
- 34 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the impact of Storm Babet on contracts between offshore helicopter operators and duty holders in the offshore oil and gas industry. (203834)
- 35 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2023 to Question 203238 on High Speed 2 Line: West Coast Main Line, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of HS2 using the West Coast Mainline on (a) local rail services in south-east Greater Manchester and (b) the viability of new local rail services in south-east Greater Manchester before any decision is made on HS2 services diverting onto the West Coast Mainline through Stockport. (203773)
- 36 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2023 to Question 203239 on High Speed 2 Line: West Coast Main Line, whether he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reconfiguring Heaton Norris Junction to (a) facilitate new local rail services through Stockport, (b) retain local rail services through Stockport and (c) facilitate future orbital Tram-Train services along the Stockport-Stalybridge line. (203774)
- 37 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer given on 23 October 2023 to Question 203240 on Railways: Greater Manchester, if he will take steps to ensure the Manchester Taskforce consults with the hon. Member for Denton and Reddish on utilising the line through Reddish South and Denton constituency while considering capacity options in the south east Manchester rail corridor. (203775)

- 38 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2023 to Question 203236 on High Speed 2 Line: Stockport, when he plans to have completed the assessment of the potential impact of HS2 trains using the West Coast Mainline on rail capacity at Stockport station. (203776)
- 39 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish the next HS2 six-monthly report. (203874)
- 40 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to sell land brought by HS2 Ltd which is no longer required following the cancellation of phase 2 of HS2. (203867)
- 41 **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the Government plans to release the revised guidance on franchising as set out in the National Bus Strategy for England. (203985)
- 42 **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle high levels of bus and coach driver vacancies in England. (203986)
- 43 **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to renew e-scooter trials beyond May 2024. (203987)
- 44 **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Future Mobility Zones Fund. (203988)
- 45 **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with (a) local authority leaders and (b) the Mayor of West Yorkshire on the Network North plans for the Leeds mass transit system to provide better connections to Wakefield. (203989)
- 46 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of delivering electrification projects in the 2015 Hendy Review on journey times between Bristol and economic centres in South-Wales and London. (203930)
- 47 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of carrying out a feasibility study into reconnecting historic rail connections to the Gravity business park site in Somerset. (203931)
- 48 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made a recent estimate of the cost of (a) extending MetroWest to the south of Bristol, covering Weston-super-Mare, Taunton, Exeter, Worle and Weston-super-Mare Parkway, (b) providing step-free access across the West of England rail network and (c) completing electrification between Temple Meads, Bristol Parkway and Chippenham. (203932)



- 49 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps he has taken to (a) improve the speed and (b) reduce the cost of delivering rail infrastructure projects. (203933)
- 50 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to improve rail services for passengers in Crewe. (203934)
- 51 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his Department's policy is on the sale of properties that were subject to compulsory purchase orders on the HS2 phase two route. (203935)
- 52 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to provide resources to support the provision of step-free access between platforms at Marks Tey railway station. (203820)
- 53 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessments National Highways have undertaken into the proposals to dual the A120 between Braintree and the A12. (203821)
- 54 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of trends in the price of electric cars (a) in 2022-2023 and (b) predicted for 2023-24. (203843)
- 55 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when he plans to publish the findings of the consultation on the Disability Action Plan to be published. (203879)
- 56N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy to uprate social security rates in line with the latest rate of CPI in the upcoming Autumn Statement. [Transferred] (203714)
- 57 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure parents pay child maintenance. (203976)
- 58 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to expand Automatic Enrolment. (203977)
- 59 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to encourage people to increase their pension contributions. (203978)
- 60 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of initial PIP assessments. (203840)
- 61 **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the extent to which his Department's Stewardship Guidance is being followed by pension scheme trustees. (203736)

- 62 **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress the Financial Markets and Law Committee's working group is making on reforming the guidance on fiduciary duty for pension trustees. (203737)
- 63 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to publish guidance on the Down Syndrome Act 2022. (203936)
- 64 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 8 September 2023 to Question 197002 on Tobacco: support for stop smoking services, whether he plans to expand the scope of the swap to stop scheme to include licensed (a) nicotine replacement therapies and (b) stop smoking medicines. (203923)
- 65 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to help increase public access to defibrillators in areas of deprivation with a high incidence of cardiac arrest. (203876)
- 66 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure equal access to defibrillators the country. (203877)
- 67 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that public access defibrillators are registered on The Circuit. (203878)
- 68 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department taking to help ensure the Major Conditions Strategy reflects the (a) views and (b) needs of people with lived experience of cancer as a young adult. (203755)
- 69 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the Major Conditions Strategy will take into account the (a) care and (b) support needs of teenagers and young adults with cancer. (203756)
- 70 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve data reporting on the (a) outcomes and (b) experiences of young people with cancer. (203757)
- 71 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase NHS staff workforce resilience. (203787)
- 72 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of NHS staff workforce resilience. (203788)



- 73 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the APPG on Brain Tumours' report entitled Pathway to A Cure, whether his Department has taken steps to implement that report's recommendations on engaging healthcare professionals with research. (203741)
- 74 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the APPG on Brain Tumours' report entitled Pathway to A Cure, whether his Department plans to implement a joint strategy for brain tumour research with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology; and if he will make a statement. (203742)
- 75 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to reply to the letters of (a) 21 August and (b) 19 September 2023 from the hon. Member for Weston-super-Mare on the availability of Ethypharm. (203792)
- 76 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with local health trusts in Northern Ireland on waiting lists for smear tests. (203842)
- 77 **Rushanara Ali** (Bethnal Green and Bow): 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 United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights A/HRC/54/59: Situation of human rights in Myanmar, published on 19 September 2023. (203845)
- 78 **Rushanara Ali** (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to encourage his international counterparts he is to stop the supply of (a) arms, (b) military equipment, (c) fuel and (d) funds to Myanmar. (203846)
- 79 **Rushanara Ali** (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support global immunisation and vaccination efforts, and if he will make a statement. (203847)
- 80 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implication for his policies of the three-month ceasefire announced as part of peace negotiations in Colombia. (203974)
- 81 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to use the new sanctions regime to help prevent attempts to (a) kill and (b) kidnap British residents. (203837)
- 82 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help secure the export of grain from Ukraine. (203839)

- 83 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer to question 199965 on Nnamdi Kanu, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of Opinion No. 25/2022 of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. (203844)
- 84 **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of damage to water and sanitation systems in Gaza. (203869)
- 85N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the Colombian government's recent initiation of a ceasefire and official peace talks with the EMC armed group. (203960)
- 86 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2023 to Question 195882 on Visas: Tourism, how much his Department spent on contracts with Teleperformance Ltd for (a) visa processing and (b) contact centre services in (i) 2021, (ii) 2022 and (iii) 2023. (203789)
- 87 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether Visa Application Centres in (a) Kenya, (b) Nigeria, (c) Ghana and (d) South Africa currently courier passports and other documents of visa applicants to Decision Making Centres in the UK. (203790)
- 88 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Visa Application Centres in (a) Kenya, (b) Nigeria, (c) Ghana and (d) South Africa contain scanners and other equipment required for (i) checking the authenticity of passports and other documents and (ii) making electronic copies of those documents. (203791)
- 89 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many allegations raised by seasonal workers during farm inspections conducted by her Department were formally investigated in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (203922)
- 90 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many places of worship of which religion have applied for funding through the Places of Worship Protective Security Funding Scheme since 2016. (203940)
- 91 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications have been received for the Protective Security for Mosques Scheme. (203941)

- 92 **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent progress her Department has made toward meeting the target of securing an average of 350 additional beds for asylum seekers in dispersed accommodation per week; and when she expects that target to be met. (203857)
- 93 **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress his Department has made on implementing recommendations made by (a) the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration and (b) the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner in reports on seasonal agricultural worker visas completed since 2019. (203858)
- 94 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for (a) spousal, and (b) skilled worker visas in Wales were unresolved after (i) six and (ii) eight weeks in the most recent period for which data is available. (203884)
- 95 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average (a) cost and (b) time taken was for the successful conclusion of a (i) spousal and (ii) skilled worker visa application in Wales in the most recent period for which data is available. (203885)
- 96 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many skilled worker visa applications surpassed the service standard for conclusion in Wales in the most recent period for which data is available. (203886)
- 97 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of adherence to service standards in (a) priority service and (b) all skilled worker visa application services in Wales. (203887)
- 98 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Leader of the House on parliamentary time for legislation on the introduction of buffer zones around abortion clinics. (203890)
- 99 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the time taken by the probate service to process applications; and what the average time is to process an application for the latest period in which data is available. (203822)
- 100 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many complaints he has received about the performance of the probate service in each of the last five years. (203823)
- 101 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many times errors by the probate service caused delays to the processing of applications in each of the last five years. (203824)

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- 102 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many FTEs worked in the probate service in each of the last five years. (203825)
- 103 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what service standards the probate service has for answering telephone enquiries; and whether he is taking steps to improve the information provided to applicants who contact the probate service by telephone. (203826)
- 104 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many individual (a) prosecutions and (b) convictions have taken place under the Money Laundering Regulations by HMRC in each year since 2013. (203731)
- 105 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions his Department has had with business on interest rates. (203838)
- 106 **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions his Department has had with counterparts in (a) Canada, (b) the European Union and (c) other jurisdictions on alignment of the (i) definition and (ii) interpretation of fiduciary duty. (203734)
- 107 **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to support the UK's investment industry in meeting their fiduciary duty to consumers. (203735)
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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 26 October

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many times Government departments answered Named Day written parliamentary questions stating that it would not be possible to answer a question within the usual time period in each of the last five years. (203809)
- 2N **Sir Conor Burns** (Bournemouth West): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what the Church's position is on freedom of religion in conflict zones in (a) the Middle East and (b) Europe. (203801)
- 3N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what her Department's (a) budget and (b) staff headcount is for trade and investment hubs in (i) Scotland, (ii) Wales, (iii) Northern Ireland and (iv) Darlington. (203740)

- 4N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the value was of non-cash vouchers awarded to staff working for (a) her core Department, (b) the Department for International Trade, and (c) the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy as performance-related bonuses in 2022-23. (203782)
- 5N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to increase the accessibility of the national archives. (203921)
- 6N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of (a) Ordinary and (b) Named Day written parliamentary questions her Department has answered on time in 2023 to date. (203948)
- 7N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the availability of staff in early years education settings in City of Durham constituency. (203952)
- 8N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much her Department spent on advertising for teacher recruitment in each of the last five years. (203895)
- 9N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education what estimate she has made of the number of schools currently using acrow vertical propping in education settings to mitigate against unsafe Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete panels. (203815)
- 10N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff within her Department are working on the development of the Advance British Standard. (203816)
- 11N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish data on (a) the number of schools that have discovered asbestos on their estate and (b) the number of schools with an asbestos management plan in place; and what funding her Department has provided to the London Borough of Harrow specifically for the (i) removal and (ii) management of asbestos in the last 13 years. (203739)
- 12N **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure clarity on (a) new student visa rules which will affect international PhD students in Cambridge listed in their first year as Not at first registered and (b) the right of such students to bring their families on a student visa. (203859)
- 13N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the impact of Storm Babet on operations in the offshore oil and gas industry. (203828)

- 14N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the number of offshore oil and gas workers that were affected by the suspension of helicopter transport services as a result of Storm Babet. (203829)
- 15N **Mary Glendon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate she has made of how many people are qualified to fit heat pumps; and if he will make a statement. (203836)
- 16N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if she will take steps to increase the value available of the (a) Community Recovery Grant and (b) Business Recovery Grant for those who are eligible to receive it under the flood recovery framework. (203849)
- 17N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department is taking steps to prevent Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances from entering into the environment in South Shields constituency. (203851)
- 18N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps her Department are taking to collaborate with (a) water companies and (b) scientific experts on future investment in per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances remediation for South Shields. (203852)
- 19N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish a response to the call for evidence on introducing method of production labelling for animal products in England. (203896)
- 20N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to reduce levels of rough sleeping in winter 2023 in (a) England, (b) County Durham and (c) the City of Durham. (203949)
- 21N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to ensure sufficient pavement grit is available for winter 2023-24 in the City of Durham constituency. (203951)
- 22N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has taken steps to raise awareness of the NVQ in chimney sweeping among the construction and insurance industries. (203893)
- 23N **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what progress his Department has made on implementing the reforms in the Regulation of Property Agents: Working Group Report published 18 July 2019. (203866)



- 24N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 18 September 2023 to HL9736 on University of Cambridge: China, what advice the Research Collaboration Advice Team has given to universities on partnering with Chinese genomics companies. (203888)
- 25N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish a summary of the outcomes of the Bus and Coach Driver Summit hosted by his Department and the Confederation of Passenger Transport in November 2022. (203762)
- 26N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Civil Aviation Authority on the operation of offshore helicopter transport services during Storm Babet. (203832)
- 27N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish his Department's response to the Driving licensing review - call for evidence on opportunities for changes to the driver licensing regime. (203894)
- 28N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many times the HS2 ministerial taskforce has met since 25 October 2022. (203871)
- 29N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of the 19 October 2023 to Question 202776 on High Speed 2 Line: Compulsory Purchase, how many (a) homes and (b) businesses were acquired through compulsory purchase orders on HS2 Phase 2a; and what was the total cost of those acquisitions. (203872)
- 30N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 19 October 2023 to Question 202776 on High Speed 2 Line: Compulsory Purchase, what was the cost to the public purse of the acquisition of land within Phase 2a Act limits. (203873)
- 31N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding he plans to allocate to Network North plans in (a) 2024-25, (b) 2025-26, (c) 2026-27, (d) 2027-28, (e) 2028-29 and (f) 2029-2030. (203875)
- 32N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps with Network Rail to (a) put additional resources in place and (b) deploy specialist teams to deal with drainage issues across the railway network as part of Network Rail's Modernising Maintenance project, in the context of the derailment at Carmont near Stonehaven in August 2020. (203959)
- 33N **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish the methodology on the basis of which he has concluded Euston HS2 station can be delivered without public funding. (203853)

- 34N **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of reducing the number of platforms at the Euston HS2 terminus on commuters. (203854)
- 35N **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of reducing the number of platforms at the Euston HS2 terminus on station capacity. (203855)
- 36N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many zero emission buses had been allocated Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas funding as of 23 October 2023; and how many of these buses (a) have been ordered and (b) are on the road as of that date. (203980)
- 37N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate his Department has made of the time it will take to deliver private finance for the (a) tunnel and (b) terminus for Euston HS2. (203981)
- 38N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he held discussions with potential private funders on the HS2 Euston tunnel and terminus prior to the publication of the Network North plans. (203982)
- 39N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of zero emission buses funded through the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas scheme have been allocated per local transport authority, and per manufacturer. (203983)
- 40N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 13 July 2023 to Question 193239 on Buses: Exhaust Emissions, whether the 4,233 zero-emission buses include buses which were (a) funded or (b) delivered before February 2020. (203984)
- 41N **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure responsible procurement by National Highways for the Lower Thames Crossing. (203865)
- 42N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what is his Department's expected timeline for selling all land previously acquired for Phase 2B of HS2; and who has oversight of this. (203891)
- 43N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) properties and (b) businesses purchased for Phase 2B of HS2 his Department intends to sell. (203892)
- 44N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the impact of the cancelation of the HS2 Phase 2 line between Birmingham and Manchester on the Alstom train factory in Derby. (203928)

- 45N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the impact of the cancellation of the HS2 Phase 2 line between Birmingham and Manchester on levels of employment in the (a) construction, (b) engineering, (c) management and (d) mechanic sectors. (203929)
- 46N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of planning sections of HS2 that have since been cancelled. (203810)
- 47N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding his Department has provided to Sustrans in each of the last six years. (203771)
- 48N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what work Sustrans has provided to his Department and its agencies in each of the last six years. (203772)
- 49N **Ian Blackford** (Ross, Skye and Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of claimants of New Style Employment Support Allowance were refused assistance because of insufficient National Insurance contributions during the covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make it his policy to reduce the requirement for National Insurance contributions in that period. (203864)
- 50N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Transport on disruption to offshore helicopter transport services from (a) Aberdeen and (b) Sumburgh caused by Storm Babet. (203830)
- 51N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with the Health and Safety Executive on the impact on Storm Babet on the (a) welfare and (b) contracted working hours of offshore oil and gas workers. (203831)
- 52N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing terminally ill people to claim their state pension early. (203968)
- 53N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help improve collections of debts from individuals who are not currently in receipt of Universal Credit; and if he will make a statement. (203738)
- 54N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will launch an awareness campaign on abdominal and urological symptoms of ovarian cancer. (203763)

- 55N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if the Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to allow living individuals to keep the ashes of cremated limbs that have been amputated. (203768)
- 56N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many GPs worked in (a) County Durham and (b) the City of Durham constituency in each year since 2010. (203950)
- 57N **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to provide additional funding for social enterprises delivering NHS services. (203973)
- 58N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many community diagnostic centres have been opened over the course of this Parliament; and how many and what percentage of diagnostic centres have been opened (a) in existing health settings and (b) elsewhere in the community. (203898)
- 59N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Dental Recovery Plan will be published. (203899)
- 60N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of (a) dentists (b) GPs and (c) pharmacists per 100,000 people in each ICS area; and if he will publish those estimates by Index of Multiple Deprivation. (203900)
- 61N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of access to dentistry for pregnant women by (a) ICB area and (b) sub-location, and if he will publish that assessment. (203901)
- 62N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps he has taken mitigate the impact of shortages of (a) Ozempic, (b) Rybelsus, (c) Trulicity, (d) Victoza, (e) Saxenda, (f) Byetta, and (g) Bydureon. (203902)
- 63N **Mary Glindon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of supplies of ADHD medication. (203835)
- 64N **Mark Jenkinson** (Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with regard to the variation agreement of 28 September 2023 on the supply of fluoridated water from the Williamsgate works, what estimate he has made of how many households (a) will be supplied when fluoridation is operational and (b) would have been supplied under the 1968 agreement on 30 June 2022. (203945)

- 65N **Mark Jenkinson** (Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to para. 2.1(d) of the Williamsgate treatment works fluoridation variation agreement, how many households were supplied with water from (a) Williamsgate and (b) Quarry Hill works on 31 October 2022. (203946)
- 66N **Mark Jenkinson** (Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the (a) capital and (b) revenue costs to his Department of the Williamsgate fluoridation scheme. (203947)
- 67N **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of funding access to IVF treatment for individuals who have (a) Turners Syndrome and (b) other conditions when their partner has a child from a previous relationship. (203979)
- 68N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many hospital admissions there were for (a) scurvy, (b) rickets, (c) vitamin D deficiency and (d) malnutrition in age groups (i) up to four, (ii) five to nine, (iii) 10-16 and (iv) over 17 years in (A) 2020/21 and (B) 2021/22. (203850)
- 69N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle inequalities in access to (a) palliative and (b) end of life care services. (203969)
- 70N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help hospices affected shortfalls in charitable donations. (203970)
- 71N **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that alternatives to elvanse and guanfacine are available for people with ADHD. (203938)
- 72N **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure supplies of (a) elvanse and (b) guanfacine. (203939)
- 73N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the supply of (a) methylphenidate, (b) lisdexamfetamine and (c) guanfacine. (203897)
- 74N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS trusts in England are currently using artificial intelligence lung cancer detection platforms. (203880)
- 75N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2023 to Question 198889 on Genomics: Health Services, if he will list the companies (a) involved in delivering and (b) that provided technology and products in support of the NHS Genomic Medicine Service. (203889)

- 76N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the £785 million pledged by his Department to the United Nations Population Fund Supplies Partnership from 2020-25, what the planned schedule of payments was for that funding; and how much of that funding has been disbursed on what dates to date. (203848)
- 77N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to maintain the same-day premium apostille service after 2023. (203805)
- 78N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many premium same day apostille cases were processed in each of the last five years; and what funds were generated by that service in each of those years. (203806)
- 79N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many (a) Notaries Public and (b) agents representing Notaries his Department consulted on ending the premium same day service for apostilles. (203807)
- 80N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the Egyptian Government's decision to open the Egypt-Gazza Rafah crossing. (203766)
- 81N **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) employed by an organisation funded by the Government or British Council. (203990)
- 82N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether the Government plans to arrange for the relocation of Afghan nationals eligible under the (a) Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy and (b) Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme to the UK from (i) Pakistan and (ii) Iran; and if he will make a statement. (203856)
- 83N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the number of British citizens in Gaza. (203925)
- 84N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps his Department is taking to help ensure the protection of medical infrastructure in Gaza. (203926)



- 85N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the number of attacks on healthcare facilities in (a) the occupied West Bank and (b) East Jerusalem since 7 October 2023. (203927)
- 86N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help prevent further civilian deaths in Gaza. (203802)
- 87N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the needs of internally displaced people in Gaza. (203803)
- 88N **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the agreement on the delivery of aid to Gaza. (203804)
- 89N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): 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 Arab Hospital in Gaza on people in Gaza; and if he will seek an independent investigation into that explosion. (203870)
- 90N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2022 to Question 97500 on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Incentives, what the value was of non-cash vouchers awarded to staff working for his core Department as performance-related bonuses in 2022-23. (203781)
- 91N **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in Turkey on attacks in the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria. (203953)
- 92N **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the humanitarian situation in the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria following recent attacks. (203954)
- 93N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to increase the speed of processing Leave to Remain applications. (203761)
- 94N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact for her policies of the Bureau of Investigative Journalism's report into the Seasonal Worker scheme, published 22 October 2023. (203920)

- 95N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when her Department plans to publish updated guidance for Seasonal Worker visa scheme operators where workers are at risk of exploitation. (203924)
- 96N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help prevent homicides involving (a) an object with a blade and (b) a sharp instrument in Bournemouth East constituency. (203767)
- 97N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Government policies on ending cigarette sales to those born on or after 1 January 2009 on the sale of tobacco products in the black market. (203765)
- 98N **Andrea Leadsom** (South Northamptonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's policy is on whether an email, image of a signed letter written by an applicant or a physical signature are required for a letter of authority. (203827)
- 99N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will meet with the (a) Greater Manchester Police Federation and (b) Greater Manchester Police to discuss policing in (i) Stockport and (ii) Greater Manchester. (203971)
- 100N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police officers have served in the Greater Manchester Police for every year since 2008. (203972)
- 101N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Biometric Residence Permit cards have been wrongly delivered in the last twelve months; and how many people granted asylum have not received such cards in that period. (203943)
- 102N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her Department's target timescales are for the processing of naturalisation applications. (203793)
- 103N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time taken to approve naturalisation applications was in each of the last three months. (203794)
- 104N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 October 2023 to Question 202950, on Naturalisation: Applications, if she will correct the broken link to her Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 in that Answer; if she will provide a link to the reference to naturalisation in those Report and Accounts; and whether her Department collects information on the length of time taken to process naturalisation applications. (203795)

- 105N**Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 15 December 2022 to Question 105323 on Home Office: Incentives, what was the total value of non-cash vouchers awarded to staff working for her core Department as performance-related bonuses in 2022-23. (203778)
- 106N**Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has held discussions with the Scottish Government on the impact of measures to control firework sale and use under the Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Articles Act (Scotland) 2022. (203966)
- 107N**Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has held discussions with the German government on the impact of firework free zones on firework sale and use in Germany. (203967)
- 108N**Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, if the Commission will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of the cost of parliamentary scrutiny of sections of HS2 that have since been cancelled. (203812)
- 109N**Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Leader of the House, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of preparations by officials for parliamentary scrutiny of sections of HS2 that have since been cancelled. (203811)
- 110N**Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 October 2023 to Question 200792 on Defence Equipment & Support: Industrial Disputes, what the cost was of moving personnel to the Beith Defence Equipment & Support site during this year's industrial action. (203868)
- 111N**John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether RFA (a) Argus and (b) Lyne Bay is in the Eastern Mediterranean. (203751)
- 112N**John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many surveillance flights have taken place as part of the UK deployment to the Eastern Mediterranean to support Israel and wider regional security. (203752)
- 113N**John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many aircraft are deployed to the Eastern Mediterranean to support Israel and wider regional security. (203753)
- 114N**John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2023 to Question 197994 on Armed Forces: Weapons, whether he plans that £2.3 billion of UK military aid to Ukraine will be matched in the Autumn Statement for the 2024/25 financial year. (203754)
- 115N**Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many laundrymen (a) directly and (b) indirectly employed by the Royal Navy are from (i) China and (ii) Hong Kong. (203942)

- 116N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 September to Question 197420, which contract covered the provision of rotary wing command air transport by Sloane Helicopters for the Prime Minister's visit to Clacton-on-Sea on 18 October 2023. (203777)
- 117N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his oral statement of 16 October 2023 on Prison Capacity, Official Report column 59, what criteria his Department will use to decide which less serious offenders will be moved out of prison on licence up to 18 days before their automatic release date. (203758)
- 118N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his oral statement of 16 October 2023 on Prison Capacity, Official Report column 59, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on victims of less serious offenders being moved out of prison onto licence earlier than their automatic release date. (203759)
- 119N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his oral statement of 16 October 2023 on Prison Capacity, Official Report column 61, when he plans to report to the House on the curtailing of the licence period for offenders held on Imprisonment for Public Protection sentences. (203760)
- 120N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the support available in prisons for prisoners with neurodiversity. (203860)
- 121N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for what reason a pre transfer assessment was not carried out on each prisoner moved as part of the Restricted Open Estate Transfer Scheme launched in September 2023. (203861)
- 122N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will list how many prisoners who had committed what offences were transferred to Category D prisons as part of the Restricted Open Estate Transfer Scheme launched in September 2023. (203862)
- 123N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what risk assessments were carried out on prisoners who were transferred to Category D prisons as part of the Restricted Open Estate Transfer Scheme launched in September 2023. (203863)
- 124N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many illegal drugs have been seized (a) since the £100 million funding for prison x ray scanners was completed in 2020 and (b) in the comparable time period before that funding was allocated. (203764)

- 125N**Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of prison places that will be made available as a result of the planned early release on licence scheme. (203796)
- 126N**Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the impact of the early release scheme on the probation service. (203797)
- 127N**Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to reduce reoffending among people (a) released early on licence, (b) convicted and awaiting sentencing, (c) receiving community sentences. (203798)
- 128N**Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of (a) early release and (b) a presumption against short sentences on victims. (203799)
- 129N**Shabana Mahmood** (Birmingham, Ladywood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the numbers of electronic GPS tags available for prisoners on early release. (203800)
- 130N**Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the operational capacity was of prisons in Wales (a) in each of the last three years and (b) for the most recent period in which data was available, by prison. (203881)
- 131N**Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the (a) operational and (b) actual accommodation capacity was for prisons in Wales (i) in each of the last three years and (ii) for the most recent period in which data was available, by prison. (203882)
- 132N**Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the ratio of staff to prisoners in prisons in Wales was (a) in each of the last three years and (b) for the most recent period in which data is available by prison. (203883)
- 133N**Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 16 October to Question 200250 on Ministry of Justice: Incentives, how much of the £5,860,748 in non-cash vouchers awarded to staff as performance related bonuses in (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2021-22 went to staff identified in his Department's workforce management information as members of the core ministerial department. (203779)
- 134N**Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when HMRC plans to respond to my correspondence of 13 June 2023, reference DD9848, from the hon. Member for Angus. (203944)
- 135N**Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many individual (a) prosecutions and (b) convictions there have been under the Money Laundering Regulations by the Financial Conduct Authority in each year since 2013. (203729)

136N **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many directors have been (a) prosecuted and (b) convicted by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Money Laundering Regulations since 2013. (203730)

137N **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many directors have been (a) prosecuted and (b) convicted by HMRC under the Money Laundering Regulations since 2013. (203732)

138N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Infrastructure and Projects Authority received reports on the (a) budget and (b) expected costs of the High Speed Rail Two Project in (i) 2016 and (ii) 2017. (203919)

139N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answers of 20 October 2023 to Question 200249 and of 6 December 2022 to Question 97498 on Treasury: Incentives, for what reason the figures requested cannot be provided. (203780)

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 30 October

### Questions for Written Answer

1N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the National Physical Activity Task Force includes (a) children and young people and (b) representatives from youth sport. (203903)

2N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what opportunities children and young people had to (a) inform and (b) shape the Get Active strategy. (203904)

3N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the proportion of children and young people undertaking the levels of physical activity recommended by the Chief Medical Officer. (203905)

4N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support children with special education needs and disabilities in (a) Bournemouth East constituency and (b) the South West. (203769)

5N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of schools do not have access to facilities to deliver co-curricular sport. (203906)



- 6N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of data indicating a potential fall in the number of PE hours taught in secondary schools during academic year 2022-23. (203907)
- 7N **Andy Carter** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress he is making on (a) increasing the availability of driving tests and (b) reducing the wait time between bookings for people retaking their tests. (203963)
- 8N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to make electric vehicles accessible to consumers in (a) Bournemouth East constituency and (b) the South West. (203770)
- 9N **Andy Carter** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System's diagnostic funding for 2022/23 was spent on diagnostic endoscopy procedures in Warrington. (203961)
- 10N **Andy Carter** (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to prioritise early diagnosis of congenital hyperinsulinism. (203962)
- 11N **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help all people in northern Sri Lanka to have access to clean drinking water; and if he will make representations to his Sri Lankan counterpart on an independent investigation of the area around the Chunnakam power plant complex. (203743)
- 12N **Andy Carter** (Warrington South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to ensure consistency of collection of tax on the interest of savings that are not due until maturity of the savings bond. (203964)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 1 November

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the judgment in *R (TD & Ors) v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions* [2020] EWCA Civ 618, when his Department plans to introduce a remedy scheme in the context of that judgment; which claimants are to be included in the proposed scheme; and whether it is his Department's policy for the proposed scheme to offer beneficiaries the difference between the amount they would have received had their legacy benefits not been terminated and the amount received through Universal Credit. (203733)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 13 November

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he is taking steps to help provide additional resources to tackle flooding on the railway network following Storm Babet. (203955)
- 2N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to tackle flooding on the railway network following Storm Babet. (203956)
- 3N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with Network Rail on the Modernising Maintenance project. (203957)
- 4N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with Network Rail on (a) allocating additional resources, (b) deploying specialist drainage teams and (c) recruiting and retaining qualified maintenance staff to (i) pre-empt and (ii) mitigate the impact of (A) flooding and (B) landslips on railway network infrastructure. (203958)