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## Questions tabled on Monday 13 November 2023

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  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 November

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology's news story entitled Civil Service Fast Stream exceeds target to boost STEM expertise across Government published on 25 October 2023, what proportion of Fast Stream hires in the 2023 recruitment campaign had a STEM degree qualification; and of those, what proportion held degrees in (a) science, (b) technology, (c) engineering and (d) maths. [Transferred] (1127)
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### Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 November

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the UK biological security strategy published on 12 June 2023, when he expects a dedicated Minister for the UK Biological Security Strategy to be appointed. (1508)
- 2 **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament report entitled China, published on 13 July 2023, what recent steps his Department has taken to mitigate the potential risks highlighted in that report associated with UK-China investment initiatives. (1626)

- 3 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much each Secretary of State who has resigned in the last three years received as severance pay. (1536)
- 4 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to help small businesses train their skilled staff. (1703)
- 5 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when her Department plans to publish its response to the consultation entitled Payment handling by employment agencies in the entertainment, sport and modelling sectors. (1757)
- 6 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate has she made of the level of lead emissions from iron and steel production in the last 12 months. (1651)
- 7 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Common User Charge proposal on trends in the level of food imports at Portsmouth International Port. (1685)
- 8 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's publication entitled 2022 School Workforce Census, published 8 June 2023, whether her Department has had discussions with any of the secondary schools that reported zero hours of religious education in Year 11 in the 2022 census. (1555)
- 9 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support more children with special education needs into mainstream schools. (1737)
- 10 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the prevalence of verbal abuse of children by adults. (1644)
- 11 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of recording verbal abuse of children by adults as its own maltreatment subgroup. (1645)
- 12 **Richard Graham** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to provide additional funding to Gloucestershire County Council for education services. (1526)
- 13 **Richard Graham** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how large Gloucestershire County Council's Dedicated Schools Grant deficit is compared to other local authorities; and whether her Department is taking steps to help support Gloucestershire County Council to implement the (a) Safety Valve and (b) Delivering Better Value programmes. (1527)

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- 14 **Richard Graham** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many appeals of SEND decisions made by people from Gloucestershire were heard at tribunals in each of the last five years; and how many and what proportion of these cases were won by parents. (1528)
- 15 **Richard Graham** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many music teachers are there in Gloucestershire; and how many there were in 2010. (1529)
- 16 **Richard Graham** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many supported internships for people with high special educational needs have been made available for 16-19 year olds in Gloucestershire. (1530)
- 17 **Richard Graham** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many pupils attended holiday activities and food programmes in (a) Gloucester and (b) Gloucestershire during summer (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (1531)
- 18 **Richard Graham** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many apprenticeship starts were there in (a) Gloucester and (b) Gloucestershire in each year since 2010. (1532)
- 19 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will allocate additional funding for high needs provision in schools. (1477)
- 20 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department has taken to monitor the adequacy of Tameside Children's services in each of the last three years. (1479)
- 21 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assistance officials in her Department have provided to Tameside Children's Services in each of the last three years. (1480)
- 22 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has been involved in capacity building for the leadership and management of Tameside Children's Services. (1481)
- 23 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has received the data from the Tameside Children's Services diagnostic exercise conducted before summer 2023. (1482)
- 24 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with Ofsted on Tameside Children's Services. (1483)
- 25 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of her Department's interventions to improve Tameside Children's Services. (1484)

- 26 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to monitor the effectiveness of her Departments improvement processes at Tameside Children's Services. (1485)
- 27 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with Tameside Children's Services on a target date for obtaining a Good or Outstanding Ofsted rating. (1486)
- 28 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the financial capability of Tameside Council to effectively provide and manage her Department's improvement process for Children's Services. (1487)
- 29 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on improving Tameside Children's Services since June 2022. (1488)
- 30 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has plans to take steps to ensure pupils with vision impairment can access transcriptions of accessible notation in (a) braille and (b) large print. (1679)
- 31 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of truancy in secondary schools since 2020. (1443)
- 32 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve access to higher (a) education and (b) qualifications for people with disabilities. (1743)
- 33 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of part-funding the training of educational psychologists; and whether she is taking steps to increase the number of educational psychologists. (1735)
- 34 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero during Consideration of Lords message on the Energy Bill [Lords] on 18 October 2023, Official Report, column 352, what his planned timetable is for the consultation on barriers to developing community energy projects. (1544)
- 35 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what her expected timeline is on when her Department will launch its consultation on community energy. (1724)
- 36 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the contract for difference scheme. (1726)

- 37 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2023 to Question 506 on Electricity Interconnectors: Scotland, if he will publish the terms of that partnership. (1765)
- 38 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2023 to Question 506 on Electricity Interconnectors: Scotland, what further projects in (a) Scotland and (b) Scottish waters are under discussion. (1766)
- 39 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing an energy social tariff to assist disabled people with energy costs. (1656)
- 40 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions officials in her Department have had with representatives of charities supporting disabled people with energy costs. (1657)
- 41 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to support disabled people with the costs of energy bills. (1658)
- 42 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the ban on American Bully XL dogs on the dog rehoming sector. (1575)
- 43 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to paragraph 12.1 of the explanatory memorandum to The Dangerous Dogs (Designated Types) (England and Wales) Order 2023, how her Department estimated the cost to businesses, charities and voluntary bodies of those regulations. (1576)
- 44 **Sir Robert Goodwill** (Scarborough and Whitby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the support available for the biopesticide industry. (1498)
- 45 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to support sugar beet growers in areas affected by flooding. (1439)
- 46 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce cat and kitten smuggling from overseas. (1445)
- 47 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential cumulative impact on businesses and consumers of the planned implementation of a (a) deposit return scheme, (b) extended producer responsibility scheme and (c) other changes to packaging recovery notes. (1713)

- 48 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the planned implementation of a (a) deposit return scheme, (b) extended producer responsibility scheme and (c) other changes to packaging recovery notes on food and drink businesses. (1714)
- 49 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to (a) commission and (b) publish research on the impact of the circular economy on business and consumers. (1717)
- 50 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of plastic contamination in (a) steel and (b) other metals exported for recycling. (1763)
- 51 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to prevent plastic contamination in (a) steel and (b) other metals exported for recycling. (1764)
- 52 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to bring forward secondary legislation under the Environment Act 2021 to require businesses to ensure that their supply chains do not contribute to deforestation. (1582)
- 53 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to take steps with Cabinet colleagues to provide support to smallholder farmers in developing countries to meet the legal requirement to not contribute to deforestation under the Environment Act 2021. (1583)
- 54 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with her relevant (a) Welsh, (b) Scottish and (c) Northern Irish counterparts on the potential merits of aligning the scope of deposit return schemes in those nations. (1584)
- 55 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress the Government has made towards establishing a deposit return scheme framework that is consistent across the devolved nations in line with the provisions of the (a) Resources and waste: provisional common framework and (b) Internal Market Act 2020. (1585)
- 56 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to support the provision of a nutritionally balanced plant-based meals on menus for staff in her Department. (1514)
- 57 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Sustainable Farming Incentive programme on (a) farm-level crop yields, (b) national agricultural productivity and (c) domestic food self-sufficiency levels. (1545)



- 58 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish the Government's land use framework for England; and with reference to the commitments in the Food Strategy published in June 2022, whether the framework will take account of the potential impacts of (a) the Sustainable Farming Incentive and (b) other environmental land management schemes. (1546)
- 59 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had (a) with the European Union and (b) at the Trade Specialised Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures on the resumption of exports of seed potatoes. (1756)
- 60N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the number of private landlords that rented domestic properties between 2017 and 2022. [Transferred] (1305)
- 61 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many (a) site visits by (i) an inspector and (ii) an inspector's representative and (b) written exercises were conducted following appeals to the Planning Inspectorate on planning applications in (A) Birmingham, Edgbaston constituency and (B) the Birmingham City Council area in each of the last five years. (1673)
- 62 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of planning regulations on the accessibility of pavements for public use. (1674)
- 63 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many (a) site visits by (i) an inspector or (ii) an inspector's representative and (b) paper exercises were undertaken in response to appeals to the Planning Inspectorate in each of the last five years. (1675)
- 64 **Richard Graham** (Gloucester): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the impact of expenditure on high and special needs educational provision on Gloucestershire County Council's 2024-25 education budget. (1525)
- 65 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to tackle non-payment of housing benefit to district councils when the beneficiary is not a registered social landlord. (1755)
- 66 **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. (1654)

- 67 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Local Housing Allowance for people living in York in the context of recent trends in the level of rental costs. (1636)
- 68 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will review the geographical scope of the Broad Rental Market Area around York in the context of recent trends in the level of rental costs. (1637)
- 69 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what data their Department holds on the (a) number and (b) cost of replacing (i) laptops, (ii) mobile phones, (iii) memory sticks and (iv) external hard drives that have been (A) lost and (B) stolen in the last 12 months. (1663)
- 70 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to further regulate services provided to leaseholders by management agencies. (1474)
- 71 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he is taking steps to support the provision of a nutritionally balanced plant-based meals on menus for staff in his Department. (1515)
- 72 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November to Question 114 on Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: Incentives, where in his Department's 2021-22 publication of data on non-consolidated performance related pay is the value of non-cash vouchers awarded to staff specified. (1496)
- 73 **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when she plans to publish her Department's transparency returns for Ministers' gifts, hospitality, meetings and travel for February to March, April to June and July to September. (1470)
- 74 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero of the potential impact of AI-powered services on trends in the level of energy consumption. (1471)
- 75 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what information her Department holds on the number of 5G mobile signal towers that have been constructed in (a) Romford constituency and (b) the London Borough of Havering. (1472)



- 76 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what information Special Advisors in his Department have gathered on (a) the political views and (b) related social media posts of staff working in further and higher education settings; and how much money from the public purse has been expended on those activities. (1612)
- 77 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what information officials in her Department have gathered on (a) the political views and (b) related social media posts of staff working in higher and further education settings; and how much money from the public purse has been expended on those activities. (1613)
- 78 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, who authorised the reported gathering of information on (a) the political views and (b) related social media posts of members of the UKRI EDI board; and how much money from the public purse was expended in the process of gathering that information. (1614)
- 79 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many staff working in higher and further education settings have had information gathered on them as part of investigations into their political views; and how much money from the public purse has been expended on such activities. (1615)
- 80 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to (a) prepare for the World radiocommunication conference and (b) protect the UK's interests in space at that conference. (1524)
- 81N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the Government had discussions on the threats posed by AI-generated child sexual abuse material at the AI Safety Summit of 1 and 2 November 2023. [Transferred] (1007)
- 82 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the use of (a) low carbon and (b) synthetic fuels for L-Category vehicles in the transition to net zero. (1533)
- 83 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to take account of the life cycle analysis of L-Category vehicles when phasing out new non zero emission variants. (1534)
- 84 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with his EU counterparts about their decision not to set a date for the phase out of new non zero emission L-Category vehicles. (1535)

- 85 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress his Department has made on the actions identified in the joint action plan published by the Motorcycle Industry Association entitled Realising the Full Potential of Zero Emission Powered Light Vehicles in February 2022. (1424)
- 86 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will work with the Motorcycle Industry Association on establishing a credit scheme for non-zero emission L-Category vehicles after the end-of-sale phase-out date. (1425)
- 87 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish a response to his Department's consultation Pavement parking: options for change, updated on 29 June 2023. (1608)
- 88 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to include improvements in Lincolnshire as part of the funding allocated through Network North. (1442)
- 89 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department held discussions with the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership before announcing Network North funding. (1444)
- 90 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to introduce a marine electricity tariff for shore power to incentivise cruise ships to use ports capable of providing shore power. (1684)
- 91 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the proportion of train journeys by each train operating company which did not stop at a scheduled station due to late running in the last year. (1738)
- 92 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data their Department holds on the (a) number and (b) cost of replacing (i) laptops, (ii) mobile phones, (iii) memory sticks and (iv) external hard drives that have been (A) lost and (B) stolen in the last 12 months. (1664)
- 93 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his Department's planned timetable is for publishing the outcome of the accessibility audit of Newcastle Central station. (1563)
- 94 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with the Mayor of London on the adequacy of staffing levels at Transport for London. (1473)
- 95 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the comparative potential merits of different sustainable air fuels in the context of variation of lifecycle emissions within fuels denoted as the same type. (1517)

- 96 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the sustainable aviation fuel price support mechanism on the (a) price of such fuel and (b) adoption of (i) fuel-efficient technology and (ii) hydrogen implementation. (1518)
- 97 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with the Civil Aviation Authority about the processes it has in place for the licensing of hydrogen in aviation (a) testing and (b) programmes. (1519)
- 98 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to engage with tier 2 suppliers developing new hydrogen technology for the aviation sector. (1520)
- 99 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans his Department has to support UK SMEs developing innovative decarbonisation technologies in the aviation sector other than through the Aerospace Technology Institute. (1521)
- 100 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Aerospace Technology Institute Fly Zero project, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of the use of hydrogen in long haul aviation. (1522)
- 101 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish the low carbon fuels strategy; and what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the use of hydrogen in aviation. (1523)
- 102 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to establish a long-term disability strategy from 2024. (1589)
- 103 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times on Access to Work applications. (1590)
- 104 **Allan Dorans** (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what criteria was used to determine where Temporary Job Centres were commissioned during the Covid-19 pandemic. (1759)
- 105 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the consultation entitled Work Capability Assessment: activities and descriptors, published on 5 September 2023, if he will make an estimate of the number of claimants that would no longer be found to have limited capability for work and work-related activity in (a) Motherwell and Wishaw constituency (b) Scotland and (c) the United Kingdom if each of the proposals in that consultation were implemented. (1616)
- 106 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) long-term sick and (b) disabled people have been referred for personalised support under the Universal Support employment programme. (1647)

- 107 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) long-term sick and (b) disabled people have been referred for personalised support under the Universal Support employment programme by Jobcentre work coaches. (1648)
- 108 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) long-term sick and (b) disabled people have been referred for personalised support under the Universal Support employment programme by providers of his Department's Work and Health Programme. (1649)
- 109 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people left the Employment and Support Allowance Support Group in each of the last twelve months for which data is available. (1650)
- 110 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to ensure that the same Universal Credit work conditionality requirements apply to family and friend carers as to foster carers. (1478)
- 111 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether senior officials from his Department have travelled to China since January 2019. (1421)
- 112 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department's Employment Data Lab evaluates (a) jobcentres and (b) his Department's employment services. (1548)
- 113 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether negative evaluations of employment support programmes made by his Department's Employment Data Lab result in reduced spending on those programmes. (1549)
- 114 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how his Department calculates the cost of providing information in response to written parliamentary questions. (1550)
- 115 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department plans to share data from the Trailblazer labour market and skills programmes with its Employment Data Lab. (1551)
- 116 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to ensure that Jobcentre Plus districts align with the West Midlands Combined Authority area. (1552)
- 117 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to publish objectives agreed with the West Midlands Combined Authority for (a) purposes, (b) outcomes and (c) monitoring of employment programmes funded by the Department. (1553)

- 118 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Answer of 7 February 2023 to Question 133981, when his Department plans to complete the evaluations. (1554)
- 119 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department is taking steps to provide a Disability Cost of Living Payment during winter 2022-23. (1655)
- 120 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of support available for patients recovering from a stroke in west London. (1591)
- 121 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to increase the number of physiotherapy appointments available to patients who have had a stroke. (1592)
- 122 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing an optimal care pathway for pancreatic cancer. (1729)
- 123 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make a comparative estimate of pancreatic cancer survival rates in (a) the UK and (b) other comparable nations. (1730)
- 124 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a 21-day treatment standard for pancreatic cancer. (1731)
- 125 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will fund specialist pancreatic cancer roles in every Cancer Alliance. (1732)
- 126 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure surgical hubs are fully-staffed with (a) allied health professionals and (b) other staff. (1587)
- 127 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure that patients are supported in the community once they are discharged from surgical hubs. (1588)
- 128 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the volume of medication prescribed to treat ADHD in each year since 2010. (1711)
- 129 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of demand for medication used to treat ADHD since 2010. (1712)

- 130 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to provide access to psilocybin for the treatment of (a) severe depression and (b) other health conditions. (1758)
- 131 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the £645 million announced as part of the Government's delivery plan for the recovery of primary care, what progress her Department has made on its negotiations with Community Pharmacy England; and what her planned timescale is for launching the Common Conditions Service. (1595)
- 132 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department plans to take to support (a) distance-selling pharmacies and (b) other pharmacies to safely deliver the common conditions service. (1596)
- 133 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department plans to take to ensure that pharmacies delivering the common conditions service are (a) delivering services to appropriate numbers of patients and (b) meeting high standards. (1597)
- 134 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has plans to expand the common conditions service beyond the initial seven conditions outlined in the Government's Delivery Plan for Recovering Access to Primary Care. (1598)
- 135 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the guidance by NHS England entitled Delivery plan for recovering access to primary care, published on 9 May 2023, what steps his Department is taking to provide (a) guidance and (b) funding to pharmacies for the Common Conditions Service in 2023. (1599)
- 136 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of levels of regional variation in the (a) provision of and (b) funding for long-acting reversible contraception; and if he will make a statement. (1600)
- 137 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to (a) measure and (b) assess the adequacy of the progress of integrated care systems in (i) establishing women's health hubs and (ii) ensuring that hubs offer the full list of core services set out in the guidance entitled Women's health hubs: core specification, published on 22 July 2023. (1601)
- 138 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a national minimum fee for fitting long-acting reversible contraception. (1602)



- 139 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to launch the consultation on the permanent extension of the Healthy Start scheme to families who are subject to No Recourse to Public Funds. (1603)
- 140 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to publish the findings of the Government Champion for Personalised Prevention's taskforce on cardiovascular disease. (1604)
- 141 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the answer of 17 April 2023 to Question 177873 on Heart Diseases, what steps the NHS is taking to increase access to testing to support the diagnosis of heart failure in primary care. (1605)
- 142 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to increase the specialist cardiology workforce in (a) primary and (b) secondary care. (1606)
- 143 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on neurological outcomes for patients admitted for a cardiac arrest suffered out of hospital (a) with and (b) without defibrillator treatment at the scene. (1607)
- 144 **Sir James Duddridge** (Rochford and Southend East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions her Department has had with (a) hospitals in (i) Essex and (ii) Hertfordshire and (b) at the Royal London Hospital on improving helicopter night landing availability. (1497)
- 145 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the level of supplies of ADHD medication for (a) children and (b) adults. (1646)
- 146 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of GP surgeries that offer appointments with a mental health nurse. (1719)
- 147 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data her Department holds on the average length of time for which adults had been waiting for (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment for eating disorders in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023. (1720)
- 148 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been treated using NHS Talking Therapies online in each Integrated care system area in the most recent period for which data is available; and what proportion of such therapies are conducted (a) online, (b) face to face and (c) by phone. (1721)
- 149 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time for (a) access to NHS Talking Therapies, (b) an assessment and (c) first appointment with a therapist after

seeing a GP was in each Clinical commissioning group in the last 12 months; and what the average waiting time for each was in each Integrated care system area in the most recent period for which data is available. (1722)

150 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was for patients to have (a) an assessment and (b) a first appointment with an NHS Talking Therapies therapist after being seen by a GP in each (i) clinical commissioning group between January 2021 and August 2023 and (ii) integrated care system area in the most recent period for which data is available. (1723)

151 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many live births there were in the Barking Birth Centre in each (a) calendar month and (b) week between January and November 2023. (1426)

152 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding was received by (a) North East London Integrated Care System and (b) other London trusts in the 2022-23 financial year. (1427)

153 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of patients at Queen's Hospital in Romford Accident and Emergency department were seen (a) within four, (b) within six and (c) in over eight hours in the latest period for which data is available. (1428)

154 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of patients at King George's Hospital Accident and Emergency Department in Goodmayes were seen (a) within four, (b) within six and (c) in over eight hours in the latest period for which data is available. (1429)

155 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many live births have been recorded at the Barking Birth Centre in each month since it first opened. (1430)

156 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of NHS cancer patients in north-east London have waited longer than (a) 62 days, (b) three months, (c) four months, (d) six months and (e) 12 months for treatment in each of the last three years. (1431)

157 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the total funding for (a) the NHS North East London Integrated Care Board and (b) other Integrated Care Boards in London is capital funding. (1432)

158 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people within the North East London Integrated Care Board area who have an urgent referral were waiting to start cancer treatment on the NHS on 13 November 2023. (1433)

- 159 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she plans to take to allocate remaining funding from the People at the Heart of Care funding for adult social care reform. (1653)
- 160 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether senior officials from her Department have travelled to China since January 2019. (1420)
- 161 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is for transition of patients from child to adult mental health services. (1509)
- 162 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of young people are discharged from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services without a transition plan to adult services. (1510)
- 163 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of young people do not transition to adult services after being discharged from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. (1511)
- 164 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people (a) on the prescription charge exemption list, (b) over 60 years old, (c) on the NHS low income scheme and (d) on benefits that qualify them for free prescriptions received free prescriptions for each condition in the last five years. (1512)
- 165 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has taken steps to invest in research for early detection of neurological conditions. (1631)
- 166 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how her Department determines the level of funding to provide for research into progressive neurological conditions. (1633)
- 167 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to ensure that all neurological conditions are incorporated into the Major Conditions Strategy. (1634)
- 168 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to publish the next phase of the Major Conditions Strategy. (1635)
- 169 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a centre for dental development in York. (1638)
- 170 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the role of NHS England in NHS Dentistry is. (1639)

- 171 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will adopt a tooth brushing strategy for children to improve oral healthcare. (1640)
- 172 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she expects every (a) adult and (b) child will be able to see an NHS dentist. (1641)
- 173 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the population NHS dentistry has been commissioned to service. (1642)
- 174 **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of processes for social care users to (a) acquire the care they need and (b) file complaints. (1677)
- 175 **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring local authorities to use the same model for the commissioning of social care services. (1678)
- 176 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to take steps to ensure that all patients with protected characteristics are included in the roll-out of hybrid closed loop technology for patients with type 1 diabetes. (1558)
- 177 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the impact of the number of anaesthesia associates on the quality of care. (1659)
- 178 **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to issue serious shortage protocols for (a) lisdexamfetamine and (b) methylphenidate. (1660)
- 179 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to take steps to increase access to Abiraterone. (1504)
- 180 **Mark Tami** (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to address regional disparities in access to newer treatments for Graft-versus-host disease. (1456)
- 181 **Mark Tami** (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy apheresis capacity; and what plans her Department has to increase that capacity. (1457)
- 182 **Mark Tami** (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that (a) new clinical trials have the support they need to recruit patients and (b) patients are made aware of clinical trials as a potential way to access new medicines. (1458)

- 183 **Mark Tami** (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that (a) NICE, (b) NHS England and (c) the pharmaceutical industry work together to increase patient access to new therapies for Graft-versus-host disease. (1459)
- 184 **Mark Tami** (Alyn and Deeside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to support (a) IMPACT, (b) AGAVE and (c) other clinical trials for new Graft-versus-host disease treatments. (1460)
- 185 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people died whilst waiting for an operation in (a) Bury South constituency, (b) Greater Manchester and (c) England since 24 October 2022. (1751)
- 186 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral evidence by Fawzia Koofi to the Foreign Affairs Committee on 17 October 2023, Q3, HC 1888 of Session 2022-23, what monitoring mechanisms are in place to ensure that UK aid (a) is prevented from benefitting the Taliban and (b) reaches the people for whom it is intended. (1577)
- 187 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral evidence by Fawzia Koofi to the Foreign Affairs Committee on 17 October 2023, Q3, HC 1888 of Session 2022-23, how much UK aid has been allocated to women-led organisations based in Afghanistan in each of the last two financial years for which information is available; and if he will take steps to ensure that the procedures for applying for UK aid are simplified for women-led organisations based in Afghanistan. (1578)
- 188 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) reach older people with targeted humanitarian and social protection support and (b) ensure data on humanitarian and social protection is (i) age-disaggregated and (ii) inclusive of older people. (1579)
- 189 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Assistance Committee handbook for data reporters and users, The OECD-DAC policy marker on the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities, published in December 2020, how many projects in receipt of Official Development Assistance (ODA) from his Department scored a 2 according to that policy marker; and how much ODA his Department disbursed to those projects in each calendar year since 2018. (1580)
- 190 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Assistance Committee handbook for data reporters and users, The OECD-DAC policy marker on the inclusion and

empowerment of persons with disabilities, published in December 2020, how many projects in receipt of Official Development Assistance (ODA) from his Department scored a 1 according to that policy marker; and how much ODA his Department disbursed to those projects to spend on disability inclusion in each calendar year since 2018. (1581)

191 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make it his policy to call for the release of Jagtar Singh Johal. (1643)

192 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Venezuelan counterpart on the release of (a) Guillermo Zarraga, (b) Emirlendris Benítez, (c) Gabriel Blanco, (d) Maria Auxiliadora Delgado, (e) Juan Carlos Marufo, (f) Dario Estrada and (g) Robert Franco. (1701)

193 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 14 December 2022 to Question 102801 on Alaa Abdel Fattah, when (a) he and (b) a Minister in his Department last made representations to their Egyptian counterpart on the release of Alaa Abd El-Fattah; and when he expects HM Embassy to secure a consular visit. (1513)

194 **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the potential use of the Colombo Port City project in Sri Lanka as a Chinese military outpost. (1619)

195 **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Colombo Port City project on geopolitical stability; and what steps he is taking to help mitigate that impact. (1620)

196 **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his international counterparts on the implications for their policies of the Belt and Road initiative. (1622)

197 **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's strategy is on engaging with countries involved in the Belt and Road initiative. (1623)

198 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the safety of UK nationals in Iceland. (1694)

199 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make representations to his Israeli counterpart on ending the siege conditions on Gaza. (1687)



- 200 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help ensure Israel protects (a) civilians, (b) hospitals, (c) schools and (d) refugee camps in Gaza. (1688)
- 201 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking with international counterparts to encourage the safe release by Hamas of all hostages. (1689)
- 202 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to re-energise efforts towards a two state solution in Israel and Palestine. (1690)
- 203 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations his Department has made to the Israeli authorities to encourage them to (a) condemn acts of violence and extremism in the West Bank, (b) prevent settler violence, (c) ensure accountability for perpetrators of such violence and (d) condemn extremist rhetoric. (1691)
- 204 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to increase aid to Gaza as a result of recent damage to (a) hospitals and (b) medical care facilities. (1692)
- 205 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help ensure guarantees that Palestinians forced to flee from Gaza will not be permanently displaced. (1693)
- 206 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the imprisonment of Narges Mohammadi in Iran. (1567)
- 207 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations his Department has made the US Administration on greater transparency for UK nationals on the reasons for Electronic System for Travel Authorization refusals. (1618)
- 208 **Giles Watling** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) his French counterpart on France's defence cooperation agreement with Southern Cyprus and use of the Evangelos Florakis Naval Base and (b) President Tatar of Northern Cyprus on a potential defence agreement between the UK and Northern Cyprus. (1704)

- 209 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has taken recent steps to withdraw British citizenship from people who are members of Hamas. (1676)
- 210 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much was spent by police forces in England investigating non-crime hate incidents in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022. (1440)
- 211 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been arrested (a) on and (b) relating to pro-Palestinian marches that have taken place since 14 October 2023. (1441)
- 212 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate his Department has made of how many sham marriages for the purposes of an immigration advantage have taken place since 2019. (1446)
- 213 **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of recent statistics from Community Security Trust on the levels of antisemitism incidents since 7 October 2023; and what steps he is taking to help protect the safety of the Jewish community. (1571)
- 214 **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of the potential feasibility of setting up a dedicated unit to focus on disrupting (a) Bitmask and (b) other online platforms that have the potential to spread (i) antisemitism and (ii) radicalisation. (1572)
- 215 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had recent discussions with the College of Policing on the reinstatement of direct entry routes to (a) inspector and (b) superintendent. (1652)
- 216 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of hotels previously used to house asylum seekers have stopped being used for this purpose in the last 12 months. (1698)
- 217 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels his Department is using to provide accommodation for asylum seekers. (1699)
- 218 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has a target for the time taken to make decisions on section 95 asylum support applications. (1700)

- 219 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on synthetic environments for land domain system technologies in the (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23 financial years. (1450)
- 220 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on (a) system and (b) system of systems integration in the (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21, (iii) 2021-22 and (iv) 2022-23 financial years. (1451)
- 221 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much was spent by his Department on human optimisation (a) enhancement and (b) augmentation in the (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21, (iii) 2021-22 and (iv) 2022-23 financial years. (1452)
- 222 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to integrate artificial intelligence into the Army's capabilities. (1453)
- 223 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made in establishing the Experimentation and Trials Group. (1454)
- 224 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that offenders attend their sentencing hearing. (1537)
- 225 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to increase sentences for violent offenders. (1538)
- 226 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure that serious sexual offenders serve the whole of their custodial sentence. (1539)
- 227 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to enable the use of polygraph tests by probation officers in the management of serious offenders. (1540)
- 228 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make a comparative assessment of the effectiveness of (a) short custodial sentences and (b) sentences served in the community. (1541)
- 229 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made recent representations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the level of legal aid funding. (1542)
- 230 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to improve the condition of the court estate. (1543)

- 231 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Annex 1.12 of the model service agreements for contracts with Red Snapper and Service Care Solutions, dated 5 May 2022, and with reference to the Answers of 25 October 2023 to Question 203245 on Probation Service: Red Snapper Recruitment and 26 October 2023 to Question 203246 on Probation Service: Service Care Solutions, for what reason there was a decline in the number of agency staff recruited to temporary probation officer roles between 1 June 2022 and 18 October 2023, compared to the number recruited in 2021-22. (1489)
- 232 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to Annex 1.12 of the model service agreements for contracts with Red Snapper and Service Care Solutions, dated 5 May 2022, and with reference to the Answers of 25 October 2023 to Question 203245 on Probation Service: Red Snapper Recruitment and 26 October 2023 to Question 203246 on Probation Service: Service Care Solutions, for what reason there was an increase in the number of agency staff recruited to temporary probation service officer roles between 1 June 2022 and 18 October 2023, compared to the number recruited in 2021-22. (1490)
- 233 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what data their Department holds on the (a) number and (b) cost of replacing (i) laptops, (ii) mobile phones, (iii) memory sticks and (iv) external hard drives that have been (A) lost and (B) stolen in the last 12 months. (1665)
- 234 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how his Department estimates the potential cost to the public purse of removing VAT on (a) defibrillators and (b) other products. (1609)
- 235 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to abolish the changes to the IR35 off-payroll working rules introduced in April 2021. (1718)
- 236 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of adequacy of the level of access to banking services for small charities in the South East. (1680)
- 237 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that small charities have access to banking services that allow the use of dual signatories. (1681)
- 238 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to help improve access to in-person banking services for small charities in the South East. (1682)
- 239 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department is taking steps to help support small charities to open bank accounts. (1683)

- 240 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the impact of inflation on the average price of a (a) turkey, (b) Christmas pudding, (c) bottle of brandy and (d) Christmas cracker in each of the last three years. (1769)
- 241N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much additional funding his Department provided to the block grant for Wales as a consequence of the five per cent uplift determined following the agreement between the Welsh government and the UK Government on the Welsh government's fiscal framework, published on 19 December 2016, in each financial year since 2020-21. (1586)
- 242 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what data their Department holds on the (a) number and (b) cost of replacing (i) laptops, (ii) mobile phones, (iii) memory sticks and (iv) external hard drives that have been (A) lost and (B) stolen in the last 12 months. (1666)
- 243 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to page 22 of the Vegan Society's report entitled, Catering for Everyone: How far are councils catering to vegans, published in September 2023, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the report's findings on the level of recognition by local authorities of veganism as a protected characteristic. (1516)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 16 November

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament report entitled China, published on 13 July 2023, what recent steps his Department has taken to protect (a) the economy and (b) national security from Chinese interference. (1624)
- 2N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had recent discussions with the Chair of the Intelligence and Security Committee on implementing the Committee's recommendations in its report entitled China, published on 13 July 2023. (1625)
- 3N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 8 November 2023 to an Urgent Question on Pakistan: Evacuation of Afghans by the Minister for Veterans Affairs, Official Report, column 117, on what date he visited each hotel housing Afghans. (1708)

- 4N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to page 19 of the Public Sector Fraud Authority Annual Report for 2022-23, published on 13 November 2023, how many investigations by public sector organisations arising from referrals received from the Covid Fraud Hotline by the Public Sector Fraud Authority's Intelligence Hub are ongoing. (1495)
- 5N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment with her counterparts in the devolved Administrations of the effectiveness of enterprise zones in each region. (1461)
- 6N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Appeal Court decision in *Western Sahara Campaign UK v Secretary of State for International Trade and Anor*, what steps she is taking to encourage businesses to explore investment opportunities in the Western Sahara. (1500)
- 7N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to encourage British businesses to invest in (a) green energy, (b) hydrogen and (c) other sustainable initiatives in (i) the Western Sahara and (ii) Morocco. (1501)
- 8N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether senior officials from her Department have travelled to China since January 2019. (1418)
- 9N **Julie Elliott** (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Spring Budget 2023, how many schools have participated in the wraparound pathfinder scheme in 2023; and if she will make a statement. (1565)
- 10N **Julie Elliott** (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools have introduced childcare (a) before and (b) after the school day as a result of the pathfinder scheme. (1566)
- 11N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether senior officials from her Department have travelled to China since January 2019. (1422)
- 12N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the number of disabled people entering into apprenticeships. (1744)
- 13N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of installing HEPA filters in early years educational settings. (1547)



- 14N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential financial implications of providing all kinship carers with a financial allowance equivalent to the national minimum fostering allowance in the context of potential savings to children services and other public services. (1734)
- 15N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what her Department's timescales are for completing its review of the UK's membership of the Energy Charter Treaty; and if she will make a statement. (1741)
- 16N **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State of 5 September 2023 on Energy Bill [Lords], Official Report, column 281, when he plans to (a) publish the first annual report to Parliament on the community energy sector and (b) launch the consultation on the barriers the sector faces when developing projects. (1415)
- 17N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether senior officials from her Department have travelled to China since January 2019. (1423)
- 18N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make it her policy to apply community benefit to offshore wind farms. (1725)
- 19N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she plans to make a decision on the AQUIND interconnector project in 2023. (1686)
- 20N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has provided recent guidance to local authorities on encouraging homeowners in conservation areas to (a) improve the energy-efficiency of their homes through retrofitting and (b) maintain the character of their properties. (1662)
- 21N **Crispin Blunt** (Reigate): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) the Food Standards Agency and (b) its advisory committees on its guidance on the acceptable daily intake of cannabidiol (CBD) for consumers, published on 12 October 2023. [R] (1416)
- 22N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the reported threat of the hybrid of an existing feline coronavirus arriving in the UK. (1464)

- 23N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme on costs for (a) businesses and (b) consumers. (1715)
- 24N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme on costs for the drinks industry. (1716)
- 25N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to appoint an administrator for the deposit return scheme to be introduced in October 2025; and what funding will be made available to the administrator. (1739)
- 26N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether senior officials from his Department have travelled to China since January 2019. (1419)
- 27N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many bathing waters have been de-designated in each region since 2010. (1709)
- 28N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farms are included in the Sustainable Farming Incentive in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (1746)
- 29N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farms are included in the Countryside Stewardship scheme in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (1747)
- 30N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the affordability of water bills in (a) Mid Bedfordshire constituency and (b) Bedfordshire. (1748)
- 31N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help prevent off-road vehicles used for recreational purposes causing damage to (a) farmland and (b) the wider countryside in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (1749)
- 32N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce sewage discharges in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (1750)
- 33N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many outstanding planning decisions that have been the subject of a public planning inquiry are awaiting final decision by him as of 13 November 2023. (1593)

- 34N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 7 September 2023 Question 197602 on Vagrancy Act 1824, what his timeline is for publishing his Department's response to the consultation on the Vagrancy Act 1824. (1695)
- 35N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the distribution of flood relief grant-aid to (a) homes and (b) businesses affected by the flooding caused by Storm Babet in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich constituency. [Transferred] (1090)
- 36N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps the Government has taken to map the geography of place-based science and research strengths. (1560)
- 37N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will hold discussions with representatives of regional airports on taking steps to increase the number of routes that are available at each airport. (1463)
- 38N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many signalling failures there have been on the East Coast Main Line in the last six months; and if he will make an assessment of the impact of these signalling failures on passengers. (1559)
- 39N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to increase the availability of wheelchair accessible private hire vehicles in Newcastle. (1562)
- 40N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help improve the five-year survival rate for people with pulmonary fibrosis. (1727)
- 41N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with Cloudflare on removing the website linked to deaths by suicide reported on by the BBC on 24 October 2023. [Transferred] (1012)
- 42N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the independent report of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, updated on 11 September 2023, what plans he has to develop a new vaccine programme to protect infants and over 75s against Respiratory Syncytial Virus. (1671)
- 43N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of coordination of a Respiratory Syncytial Virus vaccination programme for infants and older adults with seasonal influenza and covid-19 vaccination programmes. (1672)
- 44N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding was provided for Op Courage in 2023. (1754)

- 45N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 14 March 2023 to Question 162208 on Surgical Hubs, how many of the new surgical hubs are now (a) operational and (b) fully staffed. (1628)
- 46N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 16 March 2023 to Question 162205 on Health Services: Waiting Lists, what plans she has to ensure that waiting lists for (a) trauma and orthopaedic surgery, (b) rheumatology and (c) other elective treatment do not rise this winter. (1629)
- 47N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 25 April 2023 to Question 180601 on Orthopaedics: Health Professions, what plans she has to (a) support NHS staff retention and (b) ensure vacancies are filled in (i) trauma and orthopaedics and (ii) rheumatology. (1630)
- 48N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to develop a national strategy on progressive neurological conditions. (1632)
- 49N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average time was for patients to be assessed for NHS continence services in (a) Stockport (b) the North West and (c) England in the latest period for which data is available. (1745)
- 50N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of officials in her Department are on long-term sick leave. (1669)
- 51N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the reasons for disparities in the number of cases of (a) Crohn's disease and (b) ulcerative colitis by (i) region and (ii) socioeconomic status. (1557)
- 52N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Air Accidents Investigations Branch's report on the accident to Sikorsky S-92A, G-MCGYat Derriford Hospital, published on 2 November 2023, what steps her Department plan to take to improve the safety of hospital helipad operations. (1710)
- 53N **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if her Department will publish the projected spend in NHS England's dentistry budget for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. (1705)
- 54N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance her Department has issued to NHS England on the number of clinical handwashing taps that should be installed per hospital bed. (1506)

- 55N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance her Department has issued to NHS England on the number of showers that should be installed per hospital bed. (1507)
- 56N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients have been waiting over 18 months for NHS treatment as of 13 November 2023. (1617)
- 57N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 16 October 2023 to Question 203848 on the UN Population Fund and to the £425 million the UK Government pledged to the United Nations Population Fund Supplies Partnership in 2019 for 2020-2025, to how much that figure was reduced as a result of the decision to reduce that pledge in 2021; and whether the Government is on track to disburse the remaining sum outstanding under that revised pledge by the end of 2025. (1573)
- 58N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much funding the UK pledged to Unitaids in the period from 2006 to 2026; how much and what proportion of that funding has been disbursed; and whether he plans to disburse the full amount of the pledged funding by the end of 2026. (1574)
- 59N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to UNSC resolution 2703, what steps his Department plans to take to encourage Algeria to allow UNHCR to freely conduct a census in the Tindouf camps. (1499)
- 60N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the renewal of the mandate of MINURSO on 30 October 2023, what steps he is taking with his international counterparts to support the Moroccan autonomy initiative. (1502)
- 61N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support a political solution to the Western Sahara issue based on the Autonomy Plan presented by Morocco; and what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on that Plan. (1503)
- 62N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Chinese counterpart on the Colombo Port City project. (1621)
- 63N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament report entitled China, published on 13 July 2023, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for its policies on appointments in international investment initiatives of the findings of that report. (1627)

- 64N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to his Israeli counterpart on the arrest of Mohammad Barakeh. (1697)
- 65N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in Sierra Leone on alleged irregularities in the elections on 24 June 2023; and what diplomatic steps he is taking to help prevent civil conflict in that country. (1740)
- 66N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to introduce routine checks on electronic travel authorisations in Northern Ireland when that scheme begins. (1462)
- 67N **Mary Glendon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government plans to hold discussions with the EU on enabling UK citizens with holiday homes in the EU to extend their stay for more than 90 days in every 180 day period. (1564)
- 68N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of provisions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of (a) Jewish and (b) Muslim students on university campuses. (1569)
- 69N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department has taken to provide additional resources to police forces to support target hardening measures at (a) community spaces and (b) places of worship. (1570)
- 70N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the time taken to bring forward legislative proposals to replace the Vagrancy Act 1824 on the number of arrests of rough sleepers. (1696)
- 71N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans his Department has to reduce the number of pending visa applications. (1561)
- 72N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of civil servants in his Department who are on (a) pay band Senior Civil Servant 2 and (b) full-time equivalent contracts are women. (1610)
- 73N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of civil servants in his Department who are on temporary contracts are women. (1611)
- 74N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on artificial intelligence in each financial year since 2019-20. (1447)



- 75N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on research on (a) hybrid propulsion and (b) power generation in the (i) 2020-21, (ii) 2021-22 and (iii) 2022-23 financial years. (1448)
- 76N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on (a) robotics, (b) automation and (c) human-machine teaming for land domain system technologies in the (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23 financial years. (1449)
- 77N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate he has made of when phase two of the Veteran's Recognition Scheme will be completed. (1752)
- 78N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veterans were consulted as part of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Quinquennial Review 2022-23. (1753)
- 79N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 6 September 2023 to Question 196987 on Military Aircraft: Helicopters, what plans he has for the future of the five Airbus H135 aircraft previously procured for Project MATCHA. (1465)
- 80N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether senior officials from his Department have travelled to China since January 2019. (1417)
- 81N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there are Israeli military personnel deployed on the British Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus. (1736)
- 82N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will ask his Israeli counterpart how many (a) UK citizens and (b) dual nationals are members of the Israeli Defence Force. (1760)
- 83N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential connection between the burglary at Mwangi Macharia's home in Nairobi on 9 November 2023 and litigation against the British army by the African Centre for Corrective and Preventative Action. (1761)
- 84N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department monitors any members of the African Centre for Corrective and Preventative Action in Kenya. (1762)
- 85N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) assessed quality banding and (b) location is of the service family accommodation properties his Department offered to house Afghan people leaving Pakistan. (1706)

- 86N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 12 September 2023 to Question 197420 on Aviation: Prime Minister, which contract covered the provision of rotary wing command air transport by Sloane Helicopters for the Prime Minister's journeys to and from RAF Coningsby on 8 November 2023. (1491)
- 87N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when he plans to update his Department's action plan on Sentences of Imprisonment for Public Protection. (1594)
- 88N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many open family cases there are in each Designated Family Judge area for (a) public and (b) private family law; and what proportion of those cases in each area involve litigants in person in (i) 31 March 2011, (ii) 31 March 2016 and (iii) 31 March 2019. (1556)
- 89N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the reasons for which Wales has a proportionally higher prison population per 100,000 than England. (1661)
- 90N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of implications for his policies of the findings in the 2022-23 annual report of the HMP Rye Hill Independent Monitoring Board that the prison has (a) inadequate resettlement support in place for those leaving and (b) significant challenges to maintaining fair and humane treatment; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of these findings on rates of recidivism. (1742)
- 91N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 25 October 2023 to Question 203252 on Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service, what the (a) number and (b) value was of claims arising from provision of early advice by Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers as of 13 November 2023, based on the Contact Report Forms submitted to the Legal Aid Agency up to that date. (1492)
- 92N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 25 October 2023 to Question 203253 on Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service, what the (a) number and (b) value was of claims arising from provision of in court duty assistance by Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers as of 13 November 2023, based on the Contact Report Forms submitted to the Legal Aid Agency up to that date. (1493)
- 93N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 25 October 2023 to Question 203254 on Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service, how much has been paid out to Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers in respect of their provision of (a) early advice and (b) in court duty assistance as of 13 November 2023. (1494)

- 94N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Prime Minister, when he asked the Minister for Veterans Affairs to review the Afghan resettlement schemes. (1707)
- 95N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information his Department holds on the number of people with Help to Buy ISAs who have bought a house in each of the last three years. (1667)
- 96N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information his Department holds on the number of people who have paid a charge to withdraw money early from an ISA in the last three years; and if he will make an estimate of the total value of those charges. (1668)
- 97N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many house purchases have not been subject to stamp duty due to the Stamp Duty Land Tax (Temporary Relief) Act 2023 since that act was introduced. (1670)

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 20 November

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Civil Service Pay Remit Guidance: Addendum Guidance 2023/24, updated 2 June 2023, if he will take steps to encourage the management of National Highways to award the fixed non-consolidated payment of £1,500 to its employees. (1438)
- 2N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the planned timeline is for implementing the National Security Unit for Procurement within his Department; and who will be responsible for leading that unit. (1505)
- 3N **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many businesses have received funding from the Global Britain Investment Fund; and how much and what proportion of the Fund has been spent. (1436)
- 4N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to publish her Department's transparency returns for ministers' gifts, hospitality, meetings and travel for April to June and July to September. (1469)
- 5N **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people (a) attended and (b) completed a Skills Bootcamps in each region in the last 12 months. (1434)

- 6N **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people (a) attended and (b) completed Skills Bootcamps in each year since 2021. (1435)
- 7N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many people have been convicted of animal cruelty offences in relation to dog fighting since the implementation of the Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Act 2021. (1476)
- 8N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many and what proportion of the recommendations from phase one of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry have been implemented. (1702)
- 9N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of annually increasing Local Housing Allowance at a rate greater than or equal to the rate of inflation. (1768)
- 10N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 November 2023 to Question 346 on Cystic Fibrosis: Drugs, whether her Department plans to measure the long-term health outcomes of the cohort of people with cystic fibrosis who have been treated with Orkambi, Symkevi or Kaftrio through the NHS. (1767)
- 11N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to involve pharmacists in the care of people with heart failure; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of doing so on (a) NHS waiting lists and (b) pressures on NHS staff. (1437)
- 12N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to publish the bi-annual report on the Government Wine Cellar for 2020-22. (1466)
- 13N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many bottles of (a) red wine (b) white wine and (c) spirits and brandies from the Government wine cellar were consumed in each of the last two years. (1467)
- 14N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what is the value of the (a) wine and (b) spirits and brandies from the Government Wine Cellar consumed in each of the last two years. (1468)
- 15N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish legal advice he received on the seizure of Russian central bank assets. (1455)

- 16N **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the final report of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care, published in May 2022, what estimate his Department has made of the potential savings to the public purse of the recommendation to provide a financial allowance to all (a) special guardians and (b) kinship carers with a child arrangements order. (1568)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 21 November

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many people were diagnosed with (a) autism, (b) ADHD and (c) dyslexia in the East of England in the last five years. (1733)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 November

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **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 development of proposals to establish new high seas marine protected areas under the Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. (1475)
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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 November

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of people with pulmonary fibrosis. (1728)