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Questions tabled on Monday 20 November 2023

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- N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under S.O. No. 22(4).
- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 21 November

Questions for Written Answer

1N Drew Hendry (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had discussions with the Competition and Markets Authority on helping ensure that rises in car insurance premiums do not disproportionately impact individuals with protected characteristics. [Transferred] (2346)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 November

Questions for Written Answer

- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Attorney General, what was the total sum (a) paid to and (b) received from the Good Law Project by HM Government in respect of legal costs in each financial year since 2017-18. (2472)
- John Redwood (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) Directors and (b) Director Generals there are in his Department as of 20 November 2023.
 (2437)
- John Redwood (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil servants are employed at each grade above SCS1. (2438)
- 4 Liam Byrne (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her Department's policies of (a) the European Union's publication entitled European economic security strategy, published 26 June 2023 and (b) Executive Order 14017 on America's Supply Chains, signed by President Biden on 24 February 2021. (2515)

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- Liam Byrne (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which Chinese-origin firms have been subject to restrictions on trade and investment under the (a) Import of Goods (Control) Order 1954, (b) (i) Export Control Act 2002 and (ii) Export Control Order 2008, (c) Procurement Act 2023, (d) Telecommunications (Security) Act 2021 and (e) National Security and Investment Act 2021 in the last five years.
- Neale Hanvey (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of the recommendations of the UK Trade and Business Commission's report entitled Trading our way to prosperity, published May 2023. (2650)
- 7 Dame Margaret Hodge (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to enforce the provisions of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 relating to limited partnerships. (2442)
- Dame Margaret Hodge (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to ensure that nominee partners are not used to evade the provisions of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 relating to limited partnerships. (2443)
- 9 **Ronnie Cowan** (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the impact of the whistle-to-whistle ban on gambling advertising in football on the number of gambling messages displayed throughout televised football matches. (2613)
- 10 Ronnie Cowan (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of implementing a ban on gambling advertising on all parts of football kits.

 (2614)
- 11 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps is she taking to increase the uptake of cultural compact initiatives by local authorities. (2622)
- Tahir Ali (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase the uptake of T-level qualifications. (2632)
- 13 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an estimate of the proportion of eligible school children who do not receive free school meals. (2633)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November to Question 1392 on Special Educational Needs: Hertfordshire, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of appointing a Children's Services Commissioner to assist Hertfordshire County Council to deliver their statutory responsibilities to (a) SEND children and (b) their families.

- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to respond to the email of 5 October 2023 from the hon. member for Sheffield, Heeley on the availability of RAAC funding for a school that constituency. (2689)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport on reform of the Apprenticeship Levy to support training needs in the road haulage sector. (2468)
- 17 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure all schools provide opportunities for students to undertake dance classes. (2620)
- 18 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase access to football coaching in schools for boys and girls.

 (2621)
- 19 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure all academy trusts offer opportunities for pupils to (a) learn and (b) participate in (i) music, (ii) sport and (iii) art activities. (2624)
- 20 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of two hours of wraparound care for reception age children. (2711)
- 21 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to monitor unregistered schools . (2736)
- 22 Andrew Percy (Brigg and Goole): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of the organising of strikes during the school day by (a) teachers, (b) parents and (c) students in connection with the Israel-Hamas war. (2554)
- 23 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve rates of literacy in children aged eight to 13. (2523)
- 24 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the quality of school meals within (a) primary and (b) secondary education. (2524)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support children with ADHD in schools. (2593)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average amount of per pupil funding is in mainstream schools in (a) North West Norfolk constituency, (b) Norfolk and (c) England is (i) in the 2023-24 and (ii) planned for in the 2024-2025 financial year.
 (2686)

27 James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to extend the Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme.

(2687)

28 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will have discussions with energy regulators on reducing standing charges.

(2635)

- Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the report by Oxfam entitled Climate Equality: A planet for the 99%, published on 20 November 2023, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the proportion of carbon emissions generated by the (a) richest 1% and (b) poorest two-thirds of the world's population.
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of launching a consultation on a social energy tariff. (2734)
- 31 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will introduce a government-funded discounted social energy tariff for (a) disabled people, (b) unpaid carers and (c) people on lower incomes. (2497)
- Dame Andrea Jenkyns (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Electricity Generation Costs 2023, updated in November 2023, what the evidential basis is for the estimate that the cost for offshore windfarm commissioning in 2025 will be £44/MWh.
- Dame Andrea Jenkyns (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his Department's publication Electricity Generation Costs 2023, updated in November 2023, what the evidential basis is for the assumption that windfarms commissioned in 2025 will (a) not experience any decline in output over their lifetimes and (b) have an average output of 61% of capacity.
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, by what date local authorities are required to start processing applications under the Home Upgrade Grant 2 scheme. (2674)
- Julian Sturdy (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what objectives there are for the OrganicXseeds database; how long the database has been in operation; and how much his Department spent on (a) maintaining the database and (b) producing an annual report of non-organic seed authorisations in the last 12 months.

- Julian Sturdy (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many emergency authorisations were granted to certified organic producers to use non-organic seed in each of the last five years; and if he will make an assessment of the reasons for the trend in the number of emergency authorisations granted in that period. (2578)
- 37 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Food Standards Agency on changing the legal definition of wishbone meat. (2600)
- 38 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Food Standards Agency has made an assessment of the potential impact of changing the legal definition of wishbone meat. (2601)
- Mike Amesbury (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what scores were awarded to bids from (a) Halton Lea and (b) Winnington Bridge in levelling up fund round three. (2695)
- 40 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has conducted an audit of the number of people who are employed in equality, diversity and inclusion roles by councils in England. (2465)
- 41 Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the Answer of 26 October 2023 to Question 203866 on Letting Agents: Regulation, what his planned timescale is to respond to the recommendations from Lord Best's working group.
- 42 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the impact of trends in rental costs on the ability of people eligible for the Local Housing Allowance to afford housing.

 (2616)
- 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 enabling access to housing for claimants who are (a) disabled and (b) not disabled. (2617)
- 44 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the availability of swimming (a) pools and (b) lessons for children. (2619)
- 45 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the introduction of NAPpads on trends in the number of homeless people. (2625)

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- 46 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether local authority grant funding is ring-fenced for the purposes of parish churches upgrading their facilities. (2567)
- 47 Chloe Smith (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
 Housing and Communities, if he will take steps to make water companies
 statutory consultees in medium and large scale planning applications. (2553)
- 48 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to address skills shortages (a) among HGV drivers and (b) in the road transport sector. (2467)
- 49 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the oral answer of 14 September 2023 by the Leader of the House, Official Report column 1023, whether he has made an assessment of the cost to the economy in London of a majority of roads having a speed limit of 20mph.
- Mr Ranil Jayawardena (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of centralising in his Department control of roads in London. (2696)
- 51 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact on privacy of the use of Sentio speed cameras. (2697)
- Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding his Department has provided for bus services in real terms in each of the last five years. (2631)
- Grahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what contracts his Department agreed with (a) Angel Trains, (b) Porterbrook and (c) Eversholt Rail for the leasing of rolling stock as part of the National Rail Contracts agreed with (i) Avanti West Coast and (ii) Cross Country announced on 19 September 2023.
- Grahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding his Department provided for the Class 769 train development programme in each year since 2018. (2558)
- 55 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the level of debt held by Network Rail as of 20 November 2023.
- Grahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the amount that was spent by Network Rail on (a) research and development and (b) rail innovation in each year since 2019. (2560)
- 57 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much his Department spent on rail enhancements in each year since 2019. (2561)

- John Redwood (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding his Department plans to provide to Wokingham Borough Council for (a) fixing potholes and (b) other road maintenance in the (i) 2023-24 and (ii) 2024-25 financial year. (2439)
- 59 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of benefits claims were found to be fraudulent in each of the last two years. (2637)
- Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what evidence his Department requests in order to assess applications for ill health retirement due to long covid. (2675)
- Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many officials in his Department in (a) Liverpool, Walton constituency and (b) the UK have been awarded (i) upper and (ii) lower tier level ill-health retirement when applying as a result of long covid in each of the last three years.
- Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many officials in his Department in (a) Liverpool, Walton constituency and (b) the UK have applied for ill-health retirement as a result of long covid in each of the last three years. (2683)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make a comparative assessment of (a) the Local Housing Allowance and (b) average rental costs for four bedroom properties in St Albans District Council area.

 (2659)
- Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Written Statement of 20 November 2023 on Health and Disability White Paper Tests and Trials, HCWS44, how individuals will be selected for the severe disability group pilot; and if he will make an estimate of the number of individuals who will take part in the pilot in each of the next 12 months.
- 65 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the written ministerial statement by the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work of 20 November 2023, HCWS44, what training his Department provides to Employment and Health Practitioners. (2701)
- Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the written ministerial statement by the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work of 20 November 2023, HCWS44, which 13 areas have been chosen as test sites for the Employment and Health Discussion. (2702)

- 67 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the written ministerial statement by the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work of 20 November 2023, HCWS44, how many people have received support from the Enhanced Support Service. (2703)
- 68 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the written ministerial statement by the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work of 20 November 2023, HCWS44, how many people who have received support from the Enhanced Support Service are now in employment.
- 69 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement made by the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work on 20 November 2023, HCWS44, what estimate he has made of the completion date for the Health Assessment Channels Trial.
- 70 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy to amend the eligibility criteria for Cost of Living Payments so that people on (a) Housing Benefit and (b) Council Tax Reduction qualify. (2494)
- 71 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to extend Cost of Living Payments beyond the Spring.

 (2495)
- 72 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to increase the proportion of eligible people claiming Pension Credit. (2496)
- Dame Andrea Jenkyns (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what guidance his Department issues to public bodies on non-disclosure agreements requested by commercial enterprises as a condition of (a) access and (b) investigation for (i) health and safety at work and other (ii) issues; and what oversight there is of such agreements.
- 74 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy to disapply benefits sanctions to people who have an underlying mental health condition. (2712)
- 75 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have received Intensive Personalised Employment Support, by local authority area, in each of the last five years. (2588)
- 76 Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the overall annual cost of the Intensive Personalised Employment Support programme is. (2589)

- 77 Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has (a) commissioned and (b) undertaken an assessment of the effectiveness of the Intensive Personalised Employment Support programme. (2590)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of the apprenticeship levy on the uptake of apprenticeships.
 (2596)
- 79 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with the (a) National Police Chiefs Council and (b) Police Federation on expanding powers of arrest to DWP benefit investigators. (2717)
- 80 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with the (a) PCS union, (b) Prospect union and (c) First Division Association on expanding powers of arrest to trained DWP benefit investigators.
- 81 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the New Economics Foundation report entitled, From compliance to engagement: Rethinking the use of conditionality in our social security system, published 23 August 2023.
- 82 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessments his Department has made of the implications for his policies of (a) supply shortages and (b) manufacturing problems of drugs used by the NHS.
- Sarah Champion (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the annual cost to the public purse is of NHS repeat prescriptions. (2598)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many ambulance services were at Level 4 Resource Escalation Action Plan in England as at 20 November 2023.
- Ronnie Cowan (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to her contribution to the debate on Drugs Policy on 23 October 2018, Official Report, column 87WH, whether she plans to continue to recuse herself from issues relating to cannabis and synthetic cannabinoids. [R] (2615)
- 86 **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has held recent discussions with (a) ADHD UK, (b) the ADHD Foundation and (c) other organisations representing people with ADHD. (2454)
- 87 **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support her Department is offering to patients unable to access medication for ADHD. (2455)

88 **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she plans to take to increase the supply of (a)
Lisdexamfetamine, (b) Methylphenidate and (c) other ADHD medication. (2456)

89 **Ed Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve the availability of ADHD medication; and whether her Department has held recent discussions with relevant stakeholders on the availability of ADHD medication. (2457)

- 90 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was for a referral to child and adolescent mental health services in (a) Lewisham Deptford constituency, (b)

 London and (c) England in the latest period for which data is available. (2653)
- 91 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was for registering with an NHS dentist in City of Durham constituency in the latest period for which data is available. (2664)
- 92 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of NHS preparedness in County Durham for winter 2023-24; and how much additional funding her Department plans to provide to NHS services in County Durham for winter 2023-24.
- 93 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people are employed in equality, diversity and inclusion roles by NHS England. (2464)
- 94 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans NHS England has to update the Accessible Information Standard. (2466)
- 95 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 28 March 2022 to Question 125389 on Protective clothing: Procurement, how much his Department has spent on defending legal challenges from the Good Law Project regarding the use of the high priority lane for personal protective equipment contracts; and how much was paid by the Good Law Project towards the Department's costs. (2470)
- 96 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 28 March 2022 to Question 125391 on Bunzl Healthcare: Protective clothing, how much his Department spent on its legal costs for the judicial review in relation to the contract awarded by his Department to Bunzl Healthcare in April 2020. (2471)

- 97 Dame Margaret Hodge (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of the proposed merger between Barts Health and Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trusts. (2445)
- 98 Dame Margaret Hodge (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans she has for the governance of the merger between t Barts Health and Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trusts. (2446)
- 99 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when planning began for increased collaboration between Barts Health and Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trusts. (2447)
- 100 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department takes to (a) monitor and (b) evaluate mergers between health trusts. (2448)
- 101 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase (a) awareness among and (b) training for primary healthcare professionals of menstrual health conditions. (2536)
- 102 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to tackle shortages in the supply of ADHD medicines. (2685)
- 103 Carla Lockhart (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help improve NHS (a) social and (b) emotional care for people living with kidney disease. (2710)
- 104 Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department plans to take to improve (a) outcomes and (b) survival rates for people with pancreatic cancer; and if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the report by Pancreatic Cancer UK entitled Don't Write Me Off. (2737)
- 105 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 23 February 2023 to Question 147435 on HIV Infection: Screening, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of opt-out blood-borne virus testing in ambulance and emergency departments in areas with a high prevalence of HIV in London. (2641)
- 106 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of mandating the use of carbon monoxide alarms in all health settings. (2714)
- 107 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the statement by
 the UN entitled Gaza: UN experts call on international community to prevent
 genocide against the Palestinian people, published on 16 November 2023, what
 assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of that statement. (2677)

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- 108 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he plans to take steps to provide diplomatic protection to the Palestinian Mission in London. (2679)
- 109 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the impact for his Department's policies of the statement by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee on the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, dated 5 November 2023.
- 110 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to ensure that no creditor can sue for more than they would have got if they had taken part in (a) the Common Framework for debt restructuring and (b) any other internationally agreed debt restructuring the Government is party to. (2704)
- 111 Vicky Ford (Chelmsford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help prevent weapons being supplied to the Rapid Support Forces by the United Arab Emirates via (a) Chad and (b) other neighbouring countries. (2638)
- 112 Vicky Ford (Chelmsford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Sudanese counterpart on (a) travel permissions for international humanitarian relief workers, (b) transport permissions for humanitarian aid and (c) other bureaucratic barriers to delivering humanitarian aid in east Sudan. (2639)
- 113 Vicky Ford (Chelmsford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his (a) UN and (b) other international counterparts on taking steps with the Sudanese government to (i) provide travel permissions for international humanitarian relief workers, (ii) provide transport permissions for humanitarian aid and (iii) tackle other bureaucratic barriers to delivering humanitarian aid in east Sudan. (2640)
- 114 Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the effective use of aid supplied to Gaza; and what steps he is taking to ensure this aid is not utilised by Hamas. (2469)
- 115 Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the border dispute between Venezuela and Guyana. (2550)
- 116 Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent representations he has received on the border dispute between Guyana and Venezuela. (2551)

- 117 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if his Department will take steps to support Guyana in the border dispute with Venezuela. (2552)
- 118 Lisa Nandy (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent steps the Government has taken to facilitate supplies of fuel to Gaza. (2580)
- 119 Lisa Nandy (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to his Oral Statement of 14 November 2023 on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Official Report, column 508, what (a) aerial and (b) maritime contingencies are under consideration to help increase the supply of aid to Gaza. (2581)
- 120 Lisa Nandy (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many (a) FCO, (b) DFID and (c) FCDO staff have been deployed to Sierra Leone in each financial year since 2010. (2582)
- 121 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many (a) FCO, (b) DFID and (c) FCDO staff have been deployed to Somalia in each financial year since 2010. (2583)
- 122 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent steps his Department has taken to support humanitarian projects in Somalia. (2584)
- 123 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of (a) long-term humanitarian support and (b) reconstruction efforts following the flooding in Derna in Libya. (2585)
- 124 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department is taking steps to help ensure the long-term stability of (a) NGOs and (b) aid agencies that (i) provide humanitarian support and (ii) have other operations in Afghanistan. (2586)
- 125 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has provided humanitarian support to people in Armenia who have been displaced by the Azerbaijani offensive and reoccupation in Nagorno-Zarabakh. (2587)
- 126 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will take steps to seek renewed
 negotiations on a resolution in Cyprus. (2563)
- 127 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the
 implications for his policies of the expansion of illegal settlements in the occupied
 region of Cyprus. (2564)

- 128 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make representations to his
 Turkish counterpart on the removal of military personnel in Northern Cyprus. (2565)
- 129 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has made
 a recent estimate of the number of people that migrated from Turkey to the
 occupied region of Northern Cyprus since 1983. (2566)
- 130 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the address to the UN
 General Assembly by Kiribati's President in September 2023, if the Secretary of
 State will make a statement on the Government's position in response to requests
 relating to the impact of nuclear testing on Kiritimati. (2725)
- 131 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he plans to respond to the
 joint statement by Kiribati and Kazakhstan, made at the August 2023 NPT
 PrepCom. (2726)
- 132 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he plans to share with states
 affected by the UK's nuclear testing relevant information held by his Department
 which could assist ongoing efforts to assess the impacts of those tests. (2727)
- 133 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his
 Mauritian counterpart on the British Indian Ocean Territory in the last month. (2526)
- 134 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his US
 counterpart on the British Indian Ocean Territory in the last three months. (2527)
- 135 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, how many of his Department's staff are
 stationed on Diego Garcia as of 20 November 2023. (2528)
- 136 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has made
 representations to the Commonwealth Secretariat on the situation of Nnamdi
 Kanu. (2532)
- 137 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the Russian drone attacks against Ukraine on 17 and 18 November 2023. (2594)
- 138 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people sitting the UK citizenship test failed in each year since 2019. (2463)

- 139 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his planned timetable is for (a) completing the hiring process for members of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs and (b) announcing newly appointed members. (2733)
- 140 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help ensure the safety of Jewish communities. (2562)
- 141 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, how many people of Chagossian descent have been granted British
 nationality since November 2022. (2530)
- 142 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home

 Department, how many people of Chagossian descent have been refused British
 nationality in each of the past five years. (2531)
- 143 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been identified under the national referral mechanism in the last 12 months. (2595)
- 144 Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the time taken to process (a) student visa and (b) student sponsor license applications. (2610)
- 145 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of student visa applications have not been renewed since 1 June 2023. (2611)
- 146 Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether UK Visas and Immigration is meeting its service standard for processing student visa applications as of November 2023. (2612)
- 147 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Project Pegasus on the right to (a) privacy and (b) data protection. (2602)
- 148 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he has taken to provide access to the passport photo database to police forces. (2603)
- 149 Martin Docherty-Hughes (West Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, on what date he or his ministerial team last held discussions with Scottish Government ministers on the Veterans Capital Housing Fund. (2599)
- 150 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish the Industrial Health Assessment commissioned under the Land Industrial Strategy. (2498)

- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, how many Level 4 Apprentices his Department has recruited since the Finance Profession, Skills and Talent Management Strategy was revised in May 2022. (2499)
- 152 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department expects the remaining GASKET 3 vehicles to be delivered. (2504)
- 153 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his timeline is for completing the assessment of the single living accommodation estate in relation to the new minimum standard. (2505)
- 154 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress he has made on implementing the recommendations of the service justice system review; what steps he is taking to implement outstanding recommendations; and what his timeline is for completion of that implementation. (2506)
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 52 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, HC1468, published on 20 July 2023, when he plans to publish the estate sustainability strategy. (2507)
- 156 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, of the 86 contracts awarded in 2022-23 for which social value formed part of the award criteria, what the average percentage weighting was of the criteria linked to social value.

 (2508)
- 157 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many times the sustainable procurement working group met in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022 and (e) 2023 as of 20 November 2023. (2509)
- 158 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many pieces of digital equipment were deconstructed and disposed of by his Department in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022 and (e) 2023 as of 20 November 2023.
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of obsolete equipment from the Defence Infrastructure
 Organisation Disposals Team went to landfill in (a) 2019 (b) 2020 (c) 2021 (d) 2022 (e) 2023 to date.
- 160 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many ministerial meetings his Department has held with the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on scoping plans for the Greening Government Commitments 2025-30. (2512)
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many apprenticeship programmes his Department introduced in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022. (2513)

- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many apprentices his Department employed in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021 and (d) 2022.
- 163 **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending health and safety legislation to cover armed forces personnel serving overseas. (2649)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget for the National Shipbuilding Office has been in each year since 2021; and from where that funding is drawn. (2482)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) military and (b) civilian staff have been employed at the National Shipbuilding Office in each year since 2021. (2483)
- 166 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff from (a) his Department and (b) other departments have been employed at the National Shipbuilding Office in each year since 2021. (2484)
- 167 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, who is the Shipbuilding Tsar in his Department. (2485)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what procedures his Department has to hold (a) members of the armed forces and (b) civilian defence personnel accountable for acts of sexual harassment at the workplace.
 (2487)
- 169 John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people in receipt of a War Widows pension are claiming Universal Credit.
 (2488)
- 170 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average annual amount of Universal Credit paid to (a) serving members of the Armed Forces and (b) veterans was in each year since 2018. (2489)
- 171 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many households with at least one member serving in the armed forces are claiming Universal Credit. (2490)
- 172 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) mean, (b) median and (c) mode average salary is for personnel in the (i) Royal Navy, (ii) Royal Air Force, and (iii) Army. (2491)
- 173 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment has he made of the potential impact of increases in the cost of living on the number of serving armed forces personnel claiming Universal Credit.

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- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Universal Credit claimants were (a) serving armed forces personnel and (b) veterans in each year since 2018.
- **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the UK has provided (a) lethal aid and (b) other military equipment to Israel since 7 October 2023.
- **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what military support his Department has provided to Israel since 7 October 2023. (2667)
- **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the military cooperation agreement signed by the UK and Israel in December 2020. (2668)
- **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the value was of enhanced learning credits that expired in the 2022-23 financial year. (2597)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Government has (a) sponsored operations to clear military waste on Kiritimati (i) in 2005 and (ii) at any other time and (b) made an assessment of the potential impact of that waste on the island's freshwater lens. (2728)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Government has made periodic assessments of the potential impact of nuclear testing on the indigenous population in Kiribati. (2729)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if the Government will make an assessment of the potential impact of the UK's nuclear testing on the (a) medical, (b) public and (c) genetic health of the population in Kiribati.
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what information his Department holds on assessments made of the potential impact of the UK's nuclear testing on the (a) livelihoods and (b) environment of the local population in Kiritimati. (2731)
- **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what information his Department holds on whether islanders were displaced in order for the UK to test nuclear weapons on Kiritimati. (2732)
- 184 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with his American counterpart on Diego Garcia in the past three months. (2529)
- **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many ethnic minority staff were recruited to positions in the youth secure estate in each reporting year since 2010. (2643)

- **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the attrition rate was for ethnic minority staff in the youth secure estate in each reporting year since 2010. (2644)
- 187 Janet Daby (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to improve the representation of ethnic minority personnel in senior leadership roles in the youth secure estate. (2647)
- **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) ensure that ethnic minority staff are recruited to work in the youth secure estate in similar proportions to the country as a whole and (b) increase retention of ethnic minority staff in the youth secure estate. (2648)
- **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will provide specific examples of exceptional circumstances relating to the (a) offence and (b) offender under the proposed duty to impose suspended sentence orders for sentences of 12 months or less in the Sentencing Bill. (2545)
- **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of offenders convicted of knife crime offences were sentenced to immediate custody of 12 months or less in each of the last five years. (2546)
- **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the proportion of people convicted of assault in a domestic context who were charged with the offence of common assault under Section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 in the latest period for which data is available. (2547)
- **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offences were committed by people sentenced to immediate custody of 12 months or less in each of the last three years, broken down by offence group. (2548)
- **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders were sentenced to immediate custody of 12 months or less in each of the last three years, broken down by offence group. (2549)
- 194 Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for has policies of making (a) full transcripts and (b) audio recordings of hearings in the Crown Court free for victims of crime. (2720)
- 195 Carla Lockhart (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has had recent discussions with the British Medical Association

 Northern Ireland in the last 12 months. (2676)
- **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of ending the freeze on local housing allowance. (2634)

- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the impact of changes to alcohol duty implemented in August 2023 on tax receipts. (2663)
- **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) cancelling and (b) refunding penalties issued for late tax returns in cases where there is no tax due. (2651)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 694 on Russia: Defence Equipment, how many (a) allegations have been received, (b) investigations have taken place and (c) penalties have been issued in relation to UK sanctions against Russia since February 2022. (2486)
- John Redwood (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the cost of (a) the civil service and (b) public administration was in financial year (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2022-23 and (iii) 2023-24 as of 20 November 2023. (2440)
- **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to raise public sector productivity. (2441)
- 202 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in the British Overseas Territories on increasing transparency in their financial services sectors. (2525)
- **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of Oxfam's publication entitled Climate Equality: A Report for the 99%, published on 20 November 2023.
- **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the report by Oxfam entitled, Climate equality: A planet for the 99%, published 20 November 2023.
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of existing legislation to tackle conversion practices affecting LGBT people.. (2688)

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Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many full time equivalent employees in his Department work on the delivery of Op Restore.
 (2671)
- 2N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many full time equivalent employees in his Department work on the delivery of Op Nova. (2673)
- 3N Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Second Interim Report of the Infected Blood Inquiry, published 5 April 2023, if he will take steps to establish an Arms Length Body to administer the compensation scheme for individuals (a) infected and (b) affected but contaminated blood.
- 4N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to regulate battery charged e-bikes and e-scooters. (2522)
- 5N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to increase pupil access to (a) sports and (b) arts opportunities out of school. (2623)
- 6N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what representations her Department has received on the costs of RAAC removal at Abbey Lane Primary in Sheffield. (2626)
- 7N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an estimate of the cost to Sheffield City Council of the removal of RAAC at Abbey Lane Primary. (2627)
- 8N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will reimburse Sheffield City Council for the cost of RAAC removal at Abbey Lane Primary. (2628)
- 9N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the costs of the removal of RAAC in schools will be reimbursed. (2629)
- 10N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has received representations from Sheffield City Council on the funding of the removal of RAAC from schools. (2630)
- 11N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to encourage schools to offer (a) physical activity and (b) the arts to engage with children and young people not regularly in school. (2618)

12N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many small and medium-sized businesses offered apprenticeships using funding not drawn on by larger businesses under the apprenticeship levy in each of the last three years.

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- 13N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing energy islands in the North Sea. (2708)
- 14N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will have discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the potential merits of reinstating the Offshore Wind Workers Concession. (2709)
- 15N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to respond to the consultation entitled Review of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013, published on 2 February 2023. (2519)
- 16N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the Independent review into labour shortages in the food supply chain, published 30 June 2023.
- 17N Sir Christopher Chope (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the quantity and proportion of (a) beef and (b) lamb sold that was halal meat in the last 12 months.

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- 18N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring halal meat to be labelled with a declaration as to whether it comes from animals that are stunned before slaughter. (2460)
- 19N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps the Environment Agency is taking to ensure that the Avon Valley path between Burton and Christchurch is maintained.
- 20N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Leader of the House on when a Bill to ban live animal exports will be introduced. (2533)
- 21N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing a person who has a power of attorney on behalf of a park home resident to appeal against a site licence condition which has been imposed by a local council. (2458)

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- 22N John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he plans to publish the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2024/25. (2453)
- 23N Sir Stephen Timms (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the costs to charities of applying for funding from the people and skills element of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. (2452)
- 24N Barry Gardiner (Brent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to review the funding rules for the Natural Environment Research Council so that international partners can be costed in with a value up to 30% of a grant proposal. (2449)
- 25N Barry Gardiner (Brent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Natural Environment Research Council funding rules on UK Polar research. (2450)
- 26N Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to require websites to verify that every person featured in pornographic content on their platform (a) is an adult and (b) gave their permission for the content to be published on that platform. (2539)
- 27N Bill Esterson (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) two and three axle and (b) four and six axle fully electric heavy goods vehicles are registered as of 20 November 2023. (2573)
- 28N Bill Esterson (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of increases in battery weights on the uptake of four and six axle electric heavy goods vehicles. (2574)
- 29N Bill Esterson (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the impact of battery weights on 4 and 6 axle electric HGVs on the payload they are able to carry to remain within maximum axle weights and gross vehicle weights. (2575)
- 30N Bill Esterson (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he is taking steps to incentivise the uptake of 4 and 6 axle electric HGVs. (2576)
- 31N Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) funding for and (b) timeframe for funds to be allocated to the upgrade of the A1 following the cancellation of Phase 2 of the HS2 project. (2656)
- 32N Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether any funds from the cancellation of Phase 2 of the HS2 project will be reallocated to help increase capacity on the East Coast Main Line. (2657)

- 33N Wayne David (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has had discussions with the Cabinet Office on the potential merits of amending the benefits assessment process for victims of the contaminated blood scandal. (2517)
- 34N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when he plans to publish the next experimental statistics for the Restart Scheme. (2591)
- 35N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many work coaches were in post at the end of October (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (2451)
- 36N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department provides accelerated NHS (a) primary and (b) secondary care services to armed forces veterans whose medical conditions arise from their military service. (2461)
- 37N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions her Department has had with NHS England on the distribution of Paxlovid for the treatment of covid-19. (2660)
- 38N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the capacity of NHS England to treat patients identified by NICE as being eligible for the (a) nirmatrelvir and (b) ritonavir antiviral treatments.
- 39N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that covid-19 antivirals are available to all clinically vulnerable patients. (2662)
- 40N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had recent discussions with relevant stakeholders on the supply of Liraglutide to the NHS. (2608)
- 41N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help secure the supply of Liraglutide for the NHS.
- 42N Mary Glindon (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the amount patients can claim under the Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme. (2592)
- 43N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the availability to patients of NICE-approved anti-viral treatments. (2534)
- 44N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions her Department has had with NHS England on implementing NICE's final draft guidance on patient access to Paxlovid. (2535)

- 45N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help encourage more people to become blood donors in Stockport. (2691)
- 46N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people are on the organ donation waiting list in the North West.

 (2692)
- 47N **Mr Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the number of hospital beds for acute treatment. (2738)
- 48N **Mr Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NHS England publication of 20 January 2023 entitled Delivery plan for recovering urgent and emergency care services, what his planned timetable is for delivering 5,000 additional permanent beds; and what steps the Government is taking to progress delivery of those additional beds. (2739)
- 49N Dame Margaret Hodge (Barking): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department plans to
 report on (a) any decisions reached and (b) points in discussions from the annual
 Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council on 26 and 27 November 2023. (2444)
- 50N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has provided
 recent guidance to (a) UK citizens and (b) dual-nationals who volunteer as (i)
 reservists and (ii) active personnel in the Israeli Defence Force. (2654)
- 51N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if his Department will issue guidance
 to UK citizens on the legal implications of volunteering in (a) Ukraine and (b) the
 Israeli Defence Force. (2655)
- 52N James Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, how much financial support his
 Department has provided to Rohingya refugees in the Kutupalong refugee camp
 in Bangladesh in each of the last five financial years. (2652)
- 53N Lisa Nandy (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what specific steps his Department has taken to support medical charities operating in Gaza. (2579)
- 54N **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of reports that the Nigerian Supreme Court is being pressured by the Nigerian Federal Government to prevent the release of British citizen Nnamdi Kanu.

- 55N Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to strengthen British links with Mongolia. (2684)
- 56N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2023 to Question 1309 on Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership, with which relevant partners in Northern Ireland his Department consulted; and when these consultations took place. (2518)
- 57N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his timetable is for resolving technical faults relating to the issuing of Biometric Residence Permit cards. (2690)
- 58N Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers who arrived in the UK since 20 July 2023 are held in detention centres. (2537)
- 59N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to make it an offence to (a) enable and (b) profit from the commercial sexual exploitation of another person.
- 60N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to discourage demand for trafficking for sexual exploitation. (2541)
- 61N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of the operational performance of Greater Manchester Police in the last 12 months. (2693)
- 62N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if his Department will undertake a review of the current system for compensation following fatal road traffic collisions with emergency service vehicles. (2735)
- 63N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 25 July 2023 to Question 194352 on Crime, when his Department plans to (a) complete and (b) publish its review of the updated estimates for the Economic and Social Costs of Crime report.
- 64N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, whether (a) cash and (b) card can be used at each (i) food, (ii) drink and (iii) souvenir outlet on the Parliamentary estate. (2520)

- 65N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many settlement payments his Department issued following claims of (a) bullying, (b) harassment and (c) discrimination in the (i) 2019-20 (ii) 2020-21, (iii) 2021-22 and (iv) 2022-23 financial years. (2500)
- 66N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) bullying, (b) harassment and (c) discrimination cases were opened by his Department in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022. (2501)
- 67N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many cases of (a) bullying, (b) harassment and (c) discrimination within his Department were closed in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022. (2502)
- 68N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average settlement payment was following the resolution of (a) bullying, (b) harassment and (c) discrimination cases in his Department in the (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21, (iii) 2021-22 and (iv) 2022-23 financial years. (2503)
- 69N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, who sits on the Executive Panel of the International Fund for Ukraine. (2477)
- 70N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2022, how much and what proportion of the £2.3 billion in military support for Ukraine has been spent as of 20 November 2023.
- 71N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the probability that the Government will spend the full £2.3 billion for Ukraine, as announced in the Autumn Statement 2022, by the end of the finance period. (2479)
- 72N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many UK personnel are part of the NATO Mission Iraq. (2480)
- 73N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 22 of his Department's publication entitled Defence's response to a more contested and volatile world, published in July 2023, how much and what proportion of the £400 million to improve service accommodation has been spent as of 20 November 2023. (2481)
- 74N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what resources were allocated to the delivery of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Quinquennial Review 2022-23. (2669)
- 75N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his planned timeframe is for delivering the recommendations of the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Quinquennial Review 2022-23. (2670)

- 76N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many complaints his Department received in relation to the transparency of decision making in the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme in the latest period for which data is available. (2672)
- 77N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much compensation was paid to prisoners in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023 for items which had been ordered by prisoners but were lost in transit. (2604)
- 78N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many items ordered for delivery by prisoners went missing in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023.
- 79N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many ethnic minority staff were employed in the youth secure estate in each reporting year since 2010. (2642)
- 80N Janet Daby (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many ethnic minority personnel were employed in senior leadership roles in the youth secure estate in each reporting year since 2010. (2645)
- 81N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent estimate he has made of when the proportion of ethnic minority people in senior leadership roles in the youth secure estate will be the same as the proportion in the wider working population. (2646)
- 82N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prison officers at HMP Woodhill had an outstanding adjudication in the each of the last 12 months. (2555)
- 83N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of outstanding adjudications of prison officers at HMP Woodhill. (2556)
- 84N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 19 June 2023 to Question 189505 on Legal Aid Scheme: Manchester and Middlesbrough, for what reason the evaluation report into the early legal advice pilot scheme was not published before the end of summer 2023; and when he plans to publish that report. (2542)
- 85N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of hearings at the (a) Crown and (b) Magistrates Court in the 2022-23 financial year that were mostly conducted using (i) audio or (ii) video technology; and what estimate he has made of the number of hearings in each category that had to be adjourned due to technical difficulties with that technology. (2544)

- 86N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the impact of increases in the cost of living on the numbers of (a) businesses at risk of insolvency and (b) people in debt in Mid Bedfordshire constituency; and what fiscal steps he is taking to support those (i) businesses and (ii) people.
- 87N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the impact of increases in mortgage interest rates on levels of household disposable income in (a) Mid Bedfordshire constituency, (b) Bedfordshire and (c) England. (2722)

88N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department is taking steps to help secure free access to (a) cash withdrawals and (b) deposit facilities in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (2723)

89N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to provide financial support to people on lower incomes in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (2724)

Questions for Answer on Monday 27 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Lilian Greenwood (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the cyber-attack against the British Library at the end of October 2023 on the public's access to learning and research materials. (2568)
- 2N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the group or individual responsible for the recent cyber-attack against the British Library has been identified. (2569)
- 3N Lilian Greenwood (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has taken steps to help secure the restoration of the British Library's services following the recent cyber-attack against it; and what estimate her Department has made of the date by which those services will be restored.
- 4N Lilian Greenwood (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department has taken to increase the effectiveness of the Electronic Legal Deposit system since the cyberattack on the British Library. (2571)
- 5N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the letter from Lord Markham, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, to the Chair of the Health and Social

- Care Select Committee, dated 30 August 2023, which are the 36 NHS trusts said in that letter to be participating in NHS England's pilot programmes on improving elective care coordination for patients and care coordination solution. (2473)
- 6N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the letter from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Care to the Chair of the Health and Social Care on NHS Federated Data Platform dated 30 August 2023, which 24 NHS trusts are actively realising benefits from the Improving Elective Care Coordination for Patients and Care Coordination Solution programmes. (2474)
- 7N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the letter from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Care to the Chair of the Health and Social Care on NHS Federated Data Platform (FDP) dated 30 August 2023, what the benefits are for each trust participating in the FDP pilot programme.
- 8N **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made an assessment of the value for money of the Federated Data Platform contract and (b) the extent to which FDP procurement complies with the guidance entitled Managing public money.
- 9N Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help ensure that providers of health and care services are producing information in adequately accessible format. (2740)
- 10N Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to revise the NHS Accessible Information Standard. (2741)
- 11N Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that health and care information is provided in an accessible format. (2742)
- 12N Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to increase funding for accessible health information. (2743)
- 13N Naz Shah (Bradford West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, how many times (a) he and (b) his predecessor have been on an
 official visit to a Mosque in the last three years. (2607)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 November

Questions for Written Answer

1N Wes Streeting (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number and proportion of NHS trusts with Electronic Patient Records (EPRs); and if she will publish a list of trust without EPRs. (2707)