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Questions tabled on Thursday 23 November 2023

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Monday 27 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he is taking steps to reduce the use of external consultants by the civil service.
[Transferred] (3074)
- 2 **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much his Department spent on (a) IT infrastructure in total, (b) legacy IT infrastructure and (c) IT infrastructure that was first purchased in 2013 or earlier in each of the last three years. (3543)
- 3 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the value of trade was between the UK and (a) Vanuatu, (b) Solomon Islands and (c) Tuvalu in the latest period for which data is available. [Transferred] (3153)
- 4 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to ensure that (a) human rights and (b) environmental protections are incorporated in the critical minerals supply chain strategy. (3494)
- 5 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much her Department has spent on outside consultancy fees in the 2022-23 financial year. (3490)
- 6 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much her Department has spent on external consultancy fees in the 2022-23 financial year. (3493)

- 7 **Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger** (Bridgwater and West Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of generative AI on (a) methods of learning and (b) levels of plagiarism. (3441)
- 8 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what support she provides to local authorities to help provide post-adoption support. [Transferred] (3310)
- 9 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of the International Energy Agency's publication entitled The Oil and Gas Industry in Net Zero Transitions, published in November 2023. (3535)
- 10N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has had recent discussions with fuel retailers on the level of fuel prices on motorways. [Transferred] (3202)
- 11N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the difference between fuel prices (a) on and (b) not on motorways. [Transferred] (3203)
- 12N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the trend in the level of average fuel prices in the period between 25 October 2023 and 22 November 2023. [Transferred] (3204)
- 13N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the average price for fuel was at (a) motorway stations and (b) other petrol and diesel stations in the latest period for which data is available. [Transferred] (3205)
- 14 **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what planned timetable is for consulting on barriers to developing community energy projects. (3411)
- 15 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the criteria for winter fuel payments to include people with a terminal illness. (3552)
- 16 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional financial support for energy costs to people with a terminal illness. (3553)
- 17 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when she plans to (a) publish further details of and (b) announce the launch date for the Community Energy Fund; and if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of levels of public sector investment in community energy projects. (3455)

- 18 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will hold discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential merits of introducing incentives for landlords in the private rented sector who (a) are and (b) are not eligible for the (i) Home Upgrade Grant and (ii) ECO scheme to improve the energy efficiency of their properties. (3456)
- 19N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many households have been awarded funding for energy efficiency installations under the ECO4 scheme in (a) Mid Bedfordshire constituency and (b) Bedfordshire. [Transferred] (3405)
- 20N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing funding for renewable energy projects in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. [Transferred] (3408)
- 21 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans she has to support (a) the Ants Group and (b) other renewable energy companies to help achieve the Government's net zero targets by 2030. (3533)
- 22 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what research his Department has undertaken on the causes of trends in the instances of flooding in cities. [Transferred] (3340)
- 23 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to help support farmers to redistribute their surplus food to food charities. (3547)
- 24 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to bring forward the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill. (3550)
- 25 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the speech entitled Environment Secretary speech on 25 Year Environment Plan progress, published on 19 July 2023, what the geographical location is of the over a quarter of a million hectares of priority habitats that have been created and restored since 2010; what is the type of those habitats; and what proportion of those habitats are in a favourable condition. (3457)
- 26 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the provisions in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 on levels of environmental protection. (3458)
- 27 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the guidance on cross compliance updated on 14 February 2023, which (a) cross compliance standards and (b) rules

for participants in the Basic Payments Scheme or Countryside Stewardship will cease to have effect in 2024 and are not otherwise provided for in their entirety in English law as of 23 November 2023. (3459)

- 28 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if the Government will provide specific (a) guidance and (b) resources for local planning authorities to monitor and enforce the Biodiversity Net Gain system that is due to come into force from January 2024. (3460)
- 29 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) inflation and (b) trends in the level of energy costs on services delivered by local authorities. (3549)
- 30 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the (a) Rough Sleepers Accommodation Programme, (b) Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme and (c) Local Authority Housing Fund. (3421)
- 31 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using long-term empty properties to provide affordable homes in the North West. (3422)
- 32 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will raise the threshold above which local authorities can increase the level of the police and fire precept before a local referendum is triggered. (3516)
- 33 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many enquiries were submitted to the DVLA by Rt hon. and hon. Members in March 2023. (3483)
- 34 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many enquiries were submitted to the DVLA by Rt hon. and hon. Members in April 2023. (3484)
- 35 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many enquiries were submitted to the DVLA by Rt hon. and hon. Members in May 2023. (3485)
- 36 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many enquiries were submitted to the DVLA by Rt hon. and hon. Members in June 2023. (3486)
- 37 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many enquiries were submitted to the DVLA by Rt hon. and hon. Members in July 2023. (3487)

- 38 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many enquiries were submitted to the DVLA by Rt hon. and hon. Members in August 2023. (3488)
- 39 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many enquiries were submitted to the DVLA by Rt hon. and hon. Members in September 2023. (3489)
- 40 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, which projects in the north and midlands will receive funds reallocated from the cancellation of Phase 2 of the HS2 project. (3551)
- 41 **Chloe Smith** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish guidance on implementing the policies in his Department's policy paper entitled The plan for drivers, published on 2 October 2023. (3454)
- 42 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of highways funding for (a) Buckinghamshire and (b) England. [Transferred] (3363)
- 43 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Motorcycle Industry Association's report entitled, Realising the Full Potential of Zero Emission Powered Light Vehicles, published February 2022. (3453)
- 44 **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how often the Health and Safety Executive reviews and updates the UK REACH Candidate List of substances of very high concern for authorisation; and what estimate he has made of when the next update of that list will be published. (3556)
- 45 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will hold discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) HM Prison and Probation Service on steps to help increase the number of ex offenders in employment. [Transferred] (3088)
- 46 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 3.25 of the Autumn Statement 2023, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of removing parents' entitlement to benefits on their children. (3512)
- 47 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 3.25 of the Autumn Statement 2023, whether his Department is taking steps to inform social services before a parent loses their entitlement to Universal Credit. (3513)
- 48 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 3.25 of the Autumn Statement 2023, if he will take steps to ensure that the children of parents who lose their entitlement to Universal Credit will not be taken into care. (3514)

- 49 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times to speak to the Disability Service Centre. (3560)
- 50 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the disability cost of living payment on levels of poverty among disabled people. [Transferred] (3173)
- 51 **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications for her policies of the reported increase in incidence of respiratory diseases in China. (3527)
- 52 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 2.3 of the Government response to the Fifty-fourth report of Session 2022-23 from the Committee of Public Accounts on Alcohol treatment services, HC 1001, published on 21 July 2023, what progress she has made towards updating the estimated cost of alcohol to society; and what her planned timetable is for publishing that estimate. (3537)
- 53 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 4.5 of the Government response to the Fifty-fourth report of Session 2022-23 from the Committee of Public Accounts on Alcohol treatment services, HC 1001, published on 21 July 2023, what her planned timetable is for publishing the joint action plan with NHS England to address co-occurring mental health and drug/alcohol-related conditions. (3538)
- 54 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 5.3 of the Government response to the Fifty-fourth report of Session 2022-23 from the Committee of Public Accounts on Alcohol treatment services, HC 1001, published on 21 July 2023, what progress her Department has made on its toolkit for local authorities. (3539)
- 55 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 4.3 of the Government response to the Fifty-fourth report of Session 2022-23 from the Committee of Public Accounts on Alcohol treatment services, HC 1001, published on 21 July 2023, what steps her Department has taken to identify opportunities to share best practice of alcohol treatment in local areas. (3540)
- 56 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 6.2 of the Government response to the Fifty-fourth report of Session 2022-23 from the Committee of Public Accounts on Alcohol treatment services, HC 1001, published on 21 July 2023, what her planned timetable is for publishing the substance misuse workforce strategic plan. (3541)
- 57 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 6.2 of the Government response to the Fifty-fourth report of Session 2022-23 from the Committee of Public Accounts on

Alcohol treatment services, HC 1001, published on 21 July 2023, when she plans to publish (a) phase 1 of the national drug and alcohol treatment and recovery capability framework and (b) a workforce calculator. (3542)

58 **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what representations she has received on establishing a social care council. (3410)

59 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help financially support children's hospices. (3417)

60 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of full time equivalent fully qualified grade one (a) adult rheumatology and (b) pediatric rheumatology consultant vacancies in England. (3423)

61 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has a plan to increase the number of (a) adult and (b) paediatric full time equivalent (i) fully qualified grade one rheumatology consultants and (ii) rheumatology specialist nurses in England over the next (A) 12 months, (B) five years and (C) 15 years. (3424)

62 **Gareth Johnson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of data from New Zealand on a generational ban on smoking. (3462)

63 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on ensure that the evidence submitted to an education, health and care plan by a clinician carries appropriate weight when determining resource requirements. (3505)

64 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, for what reason the UK Permanent Representative at the United Nations voted against the resolution proposed by the Africa Group entitled Promotion of inclusive and effective international cooperation on tax matters at the United Nations; and whether the Government plans to support the development of a new UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation following the adoption of that resolution. (3536)

65 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will have discussions with his international counterparts on the potential merits of creating an international peacekeeping presence through (a) the UN and (b) an ad hoc arrangement for the purpose of monitoring humanitarian pauses in the conflict in Israel and Palestine. (3557)

- 66 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Colombia about reported criminalisation of environmental defenders in that country. (3495)
- 67 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has had discussions with the Colombian government on the compliance of AngloGold Ashanti with the referendum rejecting mining operations in Cajamarca. (3496)
- 68 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether HM Embassy Bogota has met Robinson Arley Mejia Alonso to discuss his security situation. (3497)
- 69 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with the NGOs working in Gaza on their ability to deliver aid to all parts of Gaza during the humanitarian pause. (3506)
- 70 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies on a ceasefire of the amount of aid delivered to Gaza during the humanitarian pause. (3507)
- 71 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will hold discussions with the Secretary of State for Defence on using the armed forces to deliver desalination equipment to the coast of Gaza. (3508)
- 72 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will hold discussions with the Secretary of State for Defence on using the armed forces to deliver food to the coast of Gaza. (3509)
- 73 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with aid agencies on the potential implications of the onset of winter in Gaza. (3510)
- 74 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what information his Department holds on the (a) location in the (i) West Bank and (ii) East Jerusalem of areas of violence and the numbers of casualties in each such area since since 7 October 2023. (3511)
- 75 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many UK Overseas Development Aid projects are involved in supporting the Belt and Road Initiative. (3466)
- 76 **Tom Randall** (Gedling): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart about reports Hamas is using ambulances to travel within Gaza. (3555)

- 77 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for peace and security in the region of the hijacking on 19 November 2023 of the Galaxy Leader. (3559)
- 78 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the proposal made on 8 July 2022 by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus on cooperation to de-mine that island. (3452)
- 79 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has issued recent guidance to the organisers of festivals on the use of back-of-house drug testing licences. (3548)
- 80 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had discussions with private facial recognition surveillance suppliers on use of live facial recognition in the retail sector. (3448)
- 81 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the potential role of members of Hamas in pro-Palestinian protests in the UK. (3546)
- 82N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing multi-year funding for the Community Security Trust. [Transferred] (2897)
- 83 **Gareth Johnson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether adult smokers will be required to present an identification document to retailers after the introduction of the generational ban on smoking. (3461)
- 84 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was to clear Border Force security on arrival at Bristol International Airport in the last 12 months. (3474)
- 85 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was to clear Border Force security on arrival at London City Airport in the last 12 months. (3475)
- 86 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was to clear Border Force security on arrival at Manchester Airport in the last 12 months. (3476)
- 87 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was to clear Border Force security on arrival at Belfast International Airport in the last 12 months. (3477)
- 88 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was to clear Border Force security on arrival at East Midlands Airport in the last 12 months. (3478)

- 89 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was to clear Border Force security on arrival at Cardiff Airport in the last 12 months. (3479)
- 90 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was to clear Border Force security on arrival at Glasgow Airport in the last 12 months. (3480)
- 91 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was to clear Border Force security on arrival at Newcastle Airport in the last 12 months. (3481)
- 92 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time was to clear Border Force security on arrival at Leeds-Bradford Airport in the last 12 months. (3482)
- 93 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time has been to pass Border Force security on arrival at Liverpool John Lennon Airport in the last 12 months. (3491)
- 94 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time across the UK's passenger airports to pass Border Force security was on arrival in the last 12 months. (3492)
- 95 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 1700 on Asylum: Finance, what his Department considers to be a timely manner. (3544)
- 96 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 165 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23, published on 20 July 2023, what steps he is taking to improve the (a) production and (b) distribution of management information to enable better oversight of compliance with core controls. (3425)
- 97 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to strengthen the linkage between (a) Board risks, (b) disaggregated risks and (c) risks owned and managed in individual entities of his Department. (3426)
- 98 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to retrieve the £149 million lost through fraud in 2020-21. (3428)
- 99 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many duplicate expense claims were submitted within his Department in each year from 2019 to 2023 as at 23 November. (3429)

- 100 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 79 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, how much has been recovered from the overpayment of expenses in each year from 2019 to 2023 as at 23 November. (3430)
- 101 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 79 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts, whether he has amended his Department's (a) working practices and (b) policies in response to participation in the National Fraud Initiative 2022-23. (3431)
- 102 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 79 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, how many people participated in the fraud, bribery and corruption training package in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 23 November 2023. (3432)
- 103 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many members of staff were employed in Fraud Defence on average in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 23 November. (3436)
- 104 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to amend the compensation tariffs within the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme to include chronic pain as a separate condition. (3438)
- 105 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications were received under the (a) War Pensions and (b) Armed Forces Compensation scheme for (i) primary and (ii) secondary chronic pain conditions attributable to service in the last three years; and how many such applications were (A) granted, (B) refused and (C) outstanding. (3439)
- 106 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel were medically discharged due to a (a) primary or (b) secondary chronic pain condition in the last three years. (3440)
- 107 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral statement of 21 November 2023 by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Official Report, column 214, how much the rebranding of Veterans UK will cost. [Transferred] (3138)
- 108 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending post-service transition support services for people medically discharged from the armed forces from six months to two years. (3520)
- 109 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress he has made on implementation of Project Cortisone; and when he plans that it will be fully operational. (3521)

- 110 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the (a) First Sea Lord, (b) Chief of the General Staff and (c) Chief of the Air Staff on tackling gaps in transition services for people who are medically discharged from the armed forces. (3522)
- 111 **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what his Department's timetable is for publishing an interim response to the report published by the Law Commission entitled Celebrating Marriage: A New Weddings Law. (3526)
- 112N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people (a) applied for and (b) received Specified Adult Childcare credits in each of the last three years. [Transferred] (3134)
- 113N **Damian Collins** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of cost of living support has been accounted for by spending in Folkestone and Hythe constituency in each year since 2019. [Transferred] (3187)
- 114 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the Barnett consequentials are for Northern Ireland following the announcements for additional funding for (a) housing associations through the Affordable Homes Guarantee Scheme and (b) the third round of the Local Authority Housing Fund in the Autumn Statement 2023. (3558)
- 115 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his Autumn Statement 2023 on 22 November 2023, Official Report, column 326, what funding he provides to tackle anti-black racism in the UK. (3469)
- 116 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his Autumn Statement 2023 on 22 November 2023, Official Report, column 326, what funding he provides to tackle racism against Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities in the UK. (3470)
- 117 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the impact of freezing the personal allowance on the average amount of income tax paid in 2023-24. (3515)
- 118 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what definition his Department uses of (a) relative and (b) absolute poverty. (3517)
- 119 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing direct grants to food banks. (3518)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 28 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will publish a list of exports that will have tariff free access to CPTPP countries once the UK ratifies the agreement. (3413)
- 2N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will publish a list of products that will receive additional tariff rate quotas once the CPTPP accession has been ratified. (3414)
- 3N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will publish a list of domestic agencies that will be required to certify imports from CPTPP countries once the agreement has been ratified. (3415)
- 4N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of Northern Ireland's electricity supply capacity to help meet an increased demand for electric vehicles. (3443)
- 5N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help ensure that people with Rett Syndrome are able to heat their homes to a safe temperature. (3418)
- 6N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the (a) prevalence and (b) impact on the level of methane emissions of the use of 3-nitroxypropionol by the (i) food and (ii) farming sectors in Northern Ireland. (3449)
- 7N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent estimate he has made of the number of domestic residences in (a) England and (b) the UK. (3532)
- 8N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Trial encourages low-income pensioners to apply for extra financial support, published on 17 July 2023, what the priority objectives are of the invitation to claim trial. (3444)
- 9N **Anne McLaughlin** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if his Department will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the application process for Pension Credit; and if he will take steps to help increase the accuracy of decisions made on Pensions Credit applications. (3498)
- 10N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the oral contribution of 22 November 2023 by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Official Report, column 348, what the value of the Household Support Fund will be in 2024-25. (3412)

- 11N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Back to Work plan, published on 16 November 2023, what discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on whether measures to restrict the eligibility to free prescriptions of benefit claimants who are subject to sanctions will apply to claimants in Wales. (3442)
- 12N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to promote the new Pace Checker feature in the NHS Active 10 app. (3445)
- 13N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether there are license applications for melatonin gummy products being processed as of 23 November 2023. (3446)
- 14N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 22 November 2023 to Question 1712 on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Drugs, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of her Department's processes to (a) manage and (b) mitigate problems in the supply of medicines used for the management of ADHD. (3545)
- 15N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help prepare the NHS for winter 2023-24. (3561)
- 16N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number of elective surgeries cancelled in the last 12 months. (3562)
- 17N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the average length time (a) children and (b) adults wait for an autism assessment (i) nationally and (ii) in York. (3500)
- 18N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the number of staff available to conduct autism assessments for (a) children and (b) adults (i) nationally and (ii) in York. (3501)
- 19N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she has taken to assess the quality of autism assessments undertaken in the private sector. (3502)
- 20N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on (a) changes in the levels of autism assessments in children and (b) the potential impact of those changes on services supporting education, health and care plans. (3503)
- 21N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Education on ensuring school environments are suitable to support (a) children with autism and (b) other neurodivergent children. (3504)

- 22N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has awarded a contract for a consultant on the NHS review into productivity in the 2023-24 financial year. (3499)
- 23N **Antony Higginbotham** (Burnley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure that (a) Hezbollah and (b) other groups sponsored by Iran in Syria do not escalate conflict with Israel during its war with Hamas. (3554)
- 24N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had in international fora on (a) rape and (b) sexual violence perpetrated by Hamas terrorists. (3450)
- 25N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will raise in the United Nations, the issue of gender-based violence by Hamas terrorists. (3451)
- 26N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of China Investment Corporation's involvement in the Belt and Road Initiative. (3524)
- 27N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what representations he has made to his Chinese counterpart on the rights of the Muslim population of that country. (3525)
- 28N **Damian Collins** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police officers were serving in (a) the Folkestone and Hythe district and (b) Kent Police, in each year since 2010. (3463)
- 29N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of how much his Department lost to fraud in each year since 2010. (3427)
- 30N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many cases Fraud Defence opened in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 23 November 2023. (3433)
- 31N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many cases of (a) bribery and (b) corruption Fraud Defence closed in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 23 November. (3434)
- 32N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many cases of (a) fraud and (b) misconduct Fraud Defence closed in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 23 November. (3435)

- 33N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of time for an investigation by Fraud Defence to be completed was in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022 and (e) 2023 to 23 November 2023. (3437)
- 34N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that women in third countries who are (a) eligible for the (i) ACRS and (ii) ARAP schemes and (b) in the third trimester of pregnancy are flown to the UK before they are no longer fit to fly. (3467)
- 35N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Ajax vehicles had been delivered to his Department as of (a) 1 January 2023, (b) 20 March 2023 and (c) 23 November 2023. (3447)
- 36N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will expand the eligibility criteria for the £300 cost of living payments to include households in receipt of contribution-based or new style Employment Support Allowance. (3419)
- 37N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing an additional Disability Cost of Living Payment of £150 to people in receipt non means-tested benefits. (3420)
- 38N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his Autumn Statement 2023 on 22 November 2023, Official Report, column 326, what funding he provides to tackle Islamophobia in the UK. (3468)
- 39N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his Autumn Statement 2023 on 22 November 2023, Official Report, column 326, what funding he provides to tackle racism against ethnic minority communities in the UK. (3471)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will publish a list of global trade shows which her Department has encouraged businesses to attend in each of the last two years. (3416)
- 2N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with representatives of the art sector on the potential impact of AI on that sector. (3464)

- 3N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is steps taking to ensure the adequacy of funding for cultural activities in Nottingham. (3465)
- 4N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Answer of 26 October 2023 to Question 203895 Teachers: Recruitment, what estimate her Department has made of the (a) number and (b) proportion of new teacher sign ups that is attributable to the Get Into Teaching advertising campaign. (3531)
- 5N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many times the National Science and Technology Council met in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023 as of 23 November. (3523)
- 6N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to prepare for future viral respiratory diseases. (3528)
- 7N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to promote the uptake of Covid-19 booster vaccinations. (3529)
- 8N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to promote the uptake of influenza vaccinations. (3530)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Gavin Newlands** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 29 November. (900401)
- 2 **Derek Twigg** (Halton): (900402)
- 3 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): (900403)
- 4 **Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): (900404)
- 5 **Jack Lopresti** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): (900405)
- 6 **Rehman Chishti** (Gillingham and Rainham): (900406)
- 7 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): (900407)
- 8 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): (900408)
- 9 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): (900409)
- 10 **Miss Sarah Dines** (Derbyshire Dales): (900410)
- 11 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): (900411)

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| 12 | Peter Grant (Glenrothes): | (900412) |
| 13 | Mohammad Yasin (Bedford): | (900413) |
| 14 | Beth Winter (Cynon Valley): | (900414) |
| 15 | Deidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith): | (900415) |
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to end the use of daylight saving time. (3534)
- 2N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the draft guidance published by NICE entitled Ivacaftor–tezacaftor–elexacaftor, tezacaftor–ivacaftor and lumacaftor–ivacaftor for treating cystic fibrosis, published on 3 November 2023, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the recommendation that modular therapies should not be provided on the NHS on the health of people with cystic fibrosis. (3472)
- 3N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions she has had with people with (a) cystic fibrosis and (b) representative organisations on the draft guidance on the future availability of (i) Orkambi, (ii) Symkevi and (iii) Kaftrio on the NHS. (3473)
- 4N **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with the devolved administrations on extending the remit of Op Courage outside England. (3519)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- 1 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): What steps she is taking to help small and medium-sized businesses to export. (900366)
- 2 **Martin Vickers** (Cleethorpes): What assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership on small and medium-sized enterprises in the UK. (900367)
- 3 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What recent progress her Department has made on bringing forward legislative proposals on reform of audit and corporate governance. (900368)

- 4 **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): What steps she is taking to prevent the use of fire and rehire practices. (900369)
- 5 **John McNally** (Falkirk): What steps her Department is taking to help mitigate job losses from the use of artificial intelligence technologies over the next 20 years. (900370)
- 6 **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): What steps she is taking to encourage businesses to open outlets on high streets. (900371)
- 7 **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): What steps she is taking to help small and medium-sized businesses to export. (900372)
- 8 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): What assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of retail crime on high street businesses. (900373)
- 9 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): What steps she is taking to encourage businesses to open outlets on high streets. (900374)
- 10 **James Sunderland** (Bracknell): What steps her Department is taking to support Small Business Saturday. (900375)
- 11 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): If she will make a comparative assessment of the adequacy of the number of statutory duties of the Competition and Markets Authority and other regulators reporting to her Department. (900376)
- 12 **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): What steps she is taking to maintain access to high street postal services. (900377)
- 13 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): What her planned timetable is for the ratification of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. (900378)
- 14 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): What steps she is taking to help increase the number of businesses that export. (900379)
- 15 **Priti Patel** (Witham): What steps she is taking to help support businesses in Essex to export. (900380)
- 16 **Joanna Cherry** (Edinburgh South West): Whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of revoking arms export licenses to Israel. (900381)
- 17 **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): What recent progress she has made on negotiating a trade deal with India. (900382)
- 18 **Steven Bonnar** (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): Whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of revoking arms export licenses to Israel. (900383)
- 19 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): What steps she is taking to help support the steel industry. (900384)
- 20 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): What steps she is taking to prevent the use of fire and rehire practices. (900385)

- 21 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): What steps her Department is taking to encourage inward investment. (900386)
- 22 **Marco Longhi** (Dudley North): What steps her Department is taking to reduce bureaucracy for businesses. (900387)
- 23 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): What steps she is taking to help small and medium-sized businesses to export. (900388)
- 24 **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): What steps she is taking to increase trade with African countries. (900389)
- 25 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the closure of the blast furnaces in Scunthorpe on virgin steel production. (900390)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- T1 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton South): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (900391)
- T2 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): (900392)
- T3 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): (900393)
- T4 **Mr David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): (900394)
- T5 **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): (900395)
- T6 **Joanna Cherry** (Edinburgh South West): (900396)
- T7 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): (900397)
- T8 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): (900398)
- T9 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): (900399)
- T10 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): (900400)