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Questions tabled on Tuesday 28 November 2023

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 29 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the value of UK exports to Kyrgyzstan was in each of the last five years.
[Transferred] (3956)
- 2N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Answer of 3 July 2023 to Question 191252 on Small Businesses: Northern Ireland, what steps she is taking to promote the availability of the investment fund for small businesses in Northern Ireland.
[Transferred] (3596)
- 3 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the (a) amount raised through the apprenticeship levy and (b) number of apprenticeship levy service accounts in each year since its introduction.
[Transferred] (3786)
- 4 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many apprenticeship levy funded service accounts have (a) utilised all of the funds in their account and (b) not utilised all of the funds available within the two-year time period in each year since its introduction.
[Transferred] (3787)
- 5 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much and what proportion of funds raised from the apprenticeship levy have remained unspent within the two year threshold in each year since its introduction.
[Transferred] (3788)

- 6 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what data her Department holds on the number of (a) leaseholders and (b) freeholders that have received retrofitting grants in the last 12 months. [Transferred] (3885)
- 7 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a time-limited energy tariff to help lower the cost of energy bills for (a) elderly people, (b) disabled people, (c) families with young children and (d) other people who are vulnerable to the cold. [Transferred] (3720)
- 8 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of dog legislation officer capacity to implement the ban on American Bully XL type dogs. [Transferred] (3839)
- 9 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for dog legislation officers to be trained to enforce the ban on American Bully XL type dogs. [Transferred] (3840)
- 10 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many dog legislation officers are employed by the police; and whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of these numbers to successfully identify American Bully XLs. [Transferred] (3957)
- 11 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the threat of antimicrobial resistance to human health from overuse of antibiotics on industrial farms. [Transferred] (3771)
- 12 **Julie Elliott** (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Huawei legal notices issued, published on 13 October 2022, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of that decision. [Transferred] (3829)
- 13 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is taking steps to reopen the canal in Measham; and if he will take steps to provide compensation to Measham Parish Council for the loss of this amenity in recent years. [Transferred] (3836)
- 14 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Government's consultation on Disability workforce reporting, published on 16 December 2021, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of requiring companies with more than 250 employees to publish annual data on the number of disabled people they employ as a proportion of their workforce; and when he plans to respond to that consultation. [Transferred] (3939)

- 15 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to require companies with more than 250 employees to publish data annually on (a) their disability pay gap and (b) the proportion of disabled employees within each pay quartile. [Transferred] (3940)
- 16 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many cold weather payments were made to pensioners in Hornsey and Wood Green constituency in (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23; and what the total value of these payments were. [Transferred] (3879)
- 17 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to extend the Learning Support Fund to students studying pharmacy and cardiac physiology. [Transferred] (3951)
- 18 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to increase the annual grant available under the Learning Support Fund for healthcare students studying (a) nursing, (b) midwifery and (c) allied healthcare professions. [Transferred] (3952)
- 19 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help provide proactive mental health support to veterans. [Transferred] (3692)
- 20 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help support the (a) mental health and (b) well-being of veterans' families. [Transferred] (3693)
- 21 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2023 to Question 2203 on Marine Environment: Treaties, what his timetable is for (a) incorporating the provisions of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement into UK law and (b) ratifying that Agreement. [Transferred] (3765)
- 22 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether intelligence obtained by (a) the National Security Agency and (b) GCHQ from the UK Sovereign Base Areas has been shared with Israel since 7 October 2023. [Transferred] (3986)
- 23 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will recall all licences for companies to carry out animal testing. [Transferred] (3882)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 30 November

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish an updated list of Parliamentary Private Secretaries. (4275)

- 2 **Sarah Dyke** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had recent discussions with United Kingdom Security Vetting on vetting clearance rates for applicants with mental health conditions. (4311)
- 3 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he is taking steps to increase levels of (a) scientific and (b) statistical literacy among ministers. (4272)
- 4 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Intelligence and Security Committee report on Russia, HC 632, published on 21 July 2020, what steps he is taking to ensure that UK General Elections are not affected by political interference. (4272)
- 5N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the GREAT Tech campaign on (a) overseas investors' perceptions of the UK's technology ecosystem and (b) the propensity of overseas investors to invest in the UK. [Transferred] (3816)
- 6 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many applications to restrict publication of personal data under section 790ZG of the Companies Act 2006 Companies House (a) received and (b) granted in each of the last three years. (4031)
- 7 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many refusals by Companies House to grant an application to restrict publication of personal data under section 790ZG of the Companies Act 2006 were subject to (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful judicial review in each of the last three years. (4032)
- 8 **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment she has made of Ofcom's enforcement of the postal services obligation on Royal Mail. (4030)
- 9 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much the British Business Bank has invested directly in companies through its Future Fund: Breakthrough programme as of 28 November 2023. (4153)
- 10 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has had recent discussions with (a) Ofcom and (b) Royal Mail on increases in the price of postage stamps. (4164)
- 11 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of trends in absence rates of children with pathological demand avoidance. (4279)

- 12 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the average length of time the Student Loans Company takes to refund people who have made an overpayment on their student loan. (4210)
- 13 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of financial advice available to students before they take out a student loan. (4211)
- 14 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of (a) mental health and (b) suicide prevention provision in secondary schools. (4274)
- 15 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding has been allocated by the Education and Skills Funding Agency in Wellingborough constituency in each year since 2017. (4172)
- 16 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many youth apprenticeship starts there have been in Wellingborough constituency in each year since 2011. (4173)
- 17 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding the Office for Students has provided to further education institutions in each of the last three years. (4174)
- 18 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of age limits in regulated professions on the ability of colleges to provide industry placements for T-level students. (4175)
- 19 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of levels of teacher (a) recruitment and (b) retention on the provision of (i) English, (ii) maths and (iii) functional skills in further education settings. (4176)
- 20 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Degree Apprenticeship places have been available in each of the last ten years. (4180)
- 21 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many unregistered schools there are in England. (4282)
- 22N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to page 95 of the Autumn Statement 2023, whether she has had discussions with the Welsh Government on the Transmission Acceleration Action plan. [Transferred] (3769)

- 23N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the legal framework for protecting the marine environment in the context of recent progress in decommissioning oil and gas boreholes in the North Sea.
[Transferred] (3917)
- 24 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much the Government has spent on the promotion of smart meters since 2019. (4034)
- 25 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the North Sea Transition Authority for supporting the delivery of the UK's climate targets. (4119)
- 26 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to her Department's press release UK reviewing membership of energy treaty, published on 1 September 2023, what assessment she has made of the implications for her (a) policies on and (b) review of UK membership of the Energy Charter Treaty of the removal of the modernisation process from the agenda for that Treaty's annual conference. (4125)
- 27 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether people living in the UK on a British National (Overseas) visa are eligible for the boiler upgrade scheme. (4286)
- 28 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department expects that new gas and oil produced in the North Sea will be allocated for domestic use. (4233)
- 29 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the press release New opportunities for North Sea oil and gas, published by the Prime Minister's Office on 5 November 2023, if she will publish a breakdown of the more than 200,000 jobs supported by the combined oil and gas industry. (4234)
- 30 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has made an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of including provision for a response to embedded carbon emissions from methane leakages in the design of a potential UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. (4235)
- 31 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it remains her Department's policy to reduce domestic energy consumption by 15 per cent by 2030. (4091)
- 32 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of locating a nuclear power project in Northern Ireland. (4158)

- 33 **Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of delaying implementation of the forthcoming ban on peat until 2030 on the horticultural sector. (4145)
- 34 **Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the guidance entitled Apply for CITES permits and certificates to move or trade endangered species, published on 17 July 2019, whether he is taking steps to digitise the end-to-end process for importing horticultural products into the UK. (4146)
- 35 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on the responsibility of local authorities to work with water companies to tackle polluted surface water outfalls that occur as a result of mis-connections to sewers rather than surface water runoffs. (4280)
- 36 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to maintain UK food standards. (4095)
- 37 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions his Department has had with local authorities on steps to improve air quality. (4096)
- 38 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many times fisheries patrol vessels boarded and inspected UK registered fisheries vessels in each year between 2018 to 2022 inclusive. (4129)
- 39 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many times fisheries patrol vessels boarded and inspected EU registered fisheries vessels in each year between 2018 and 2022 inclusive. (4130)
- 40 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what data his Department holds on the number of individuals who have imported hunting trophies in each of the past five years. (4265)
- 41 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what data his Department holds on the species from which the greatest proportion of hunting trophies was imported in each of the past five years. (4266)
- 42 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what data his Department holds on the number of hunting trophies imported in each of the past five years. (4267)

- 43 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions the Chief Veterinary Officer has had with representatives of countries where puppies are bred for illegal importation into the UK; and what commitments have been obtained from those countries. (4268)
- 44 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent the illegal importation of puppies from EU countries. (4269)
- 45 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of canine brucellosis from dogs imported illegally from the EU on the UK dog population; and what steps he is taking to help mitigate that impact. (4270)
- 46 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the number of puppies that have been illegally smuggled into the UK for sale in each of the last five years. (4271)
- 47 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reason he plans that the public consultation on the definition of irreplaceable habitats and principles for compensation for use in the Biodiversity Net Gain system due to come into force from January 2024 will be launched in the second half of 2024. (4118)
- 48 **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals on (a) cat and (b) other pet theft. (4243)
- 49 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the responsibility of local authorities to work with water companies on polluted surface water outfalls caused by misconnections to sewers. (4281)
- 50 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Levelling Up Fund Round 3: explanatory and methodology note on the decision-making process, published on 20 November 2023, whether his Department requested feedback on the approach taken in previous rounds from local authorities. (4193)
- 51 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether local authorities were informed of the methodology for the decision-making process for selecting successful bids to Round 3 of the Levelling Up Fund before his Department's publication on 20 November 2023. (4194)

- 52 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when local authorities were informed of the final decisions for allocation of funds from Round 3 of the Levelling Up Fund. (4195)
- 53 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, for what reason the Odsal Stadium regeneration bid for Levelling Up Fund Round 3 was rejected. (4196)
- 54 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of further regulating the fines chargeable by parking companies operating on private land. (4246)
- 55 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of measures to help people without a guarantor access private rental tenancies. (4237)
- 56 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions the Government has had with the UN on international space conventions. (4182)
- 57 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the press release G7 nations commit to the safe and sustainable use of space, published by the UK Space Agency on 13 June 2021, what steps her Department is taking to manage the risks posed by space debris. (4155)
- 58 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page 36 of the National Space Strategy, published in September 2021, What steps her Department has taken to (a) set long-term space science and exploration goals and (b) move to a longer-term strategic planning approach for national space science and exploration. (4157)
- 59 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many sections of dual carriageway are subject to reduced speed limits due to the condition of central reservation safety barriers as of 28 November 2023. (4183)
- 60 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reopening Littleworth railway station in Deeping St Nicholas. (4037)
- 61 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to research conducted by Friends of the Earth published on 28 November 2023, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the findings on changes to bus service levels in the North East. (4166)

- 62 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of franchising bus services for communities in the North East. (4167)
- 63 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans his Department has to support rural bus services in (a) Wansbeck constituency, (b) Berwick-upon-Tweed constituency, (c) Blyth Valley constituency, (d) Hexham constituency, (e) Northumberland and (f) the rest of the North East. (4168)
- 64 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussion he has had with car insurance providers on (a) changes in the price of car insurance renewals in the last 12 months and (b) the potential impact of such changes on consumers. (4217)
- 65 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the length of time for which a driving theory test certificate is valid. (4241)
- 66 **Mrs Heather Wheeler** (South Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of job losses at the Alstom manufacturing plant in Derby on (a) future rolling stock competitions, (b) value for money in procurement and (c) businesses in the supply chain supporting the plant. (4136)
- 67 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to support pensioners over winter 2023-24. (4094)
- 68 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people had their Motability allowance stopped in each of the last three financial years; and how many of those people had their allowance stopped after moving from Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payment. (4212)
- 69 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he has taken to reduce waiting times for PIP assessments. (4239)
- 70 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to enforce attendance at the workplace. (4159)
- 71 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Care during the Westminster Hall debate on Healthcare Services: Carshalton and Wallington on 23 May 2023, Official Report, Column 71WH, what progress her Department has made on producing a radical dentistry plan. (4278)

- 72 **Mr Jonathan Djanogly** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had discussions with the Government of New Zealand on the proposed generational ban on smoking. (4082)
- 73 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State during the debate in Grand Committee on Healthcare: Controlled Drugs in the House of Lords on 14 September 2023, what progress her Department has made on allowing therapeutic radiographer independent prescribers to prescribe (a) opioids and (b) other controlled drugs. (4131)
- 74 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State during the debate in Grand Committee on Healthcare: Controlled Drugs in the House of Lords on 14 September 2023, what steps she is taking to allow therapeutic radiographer independent prescribers to prescribe (a) opioids and (b) other controlled drugs. (4132)
- 75 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of howmany (a) e-cigarette and (b) tobacco products were sold (i) online and (ii) online to people underage in each of the last five years. (4229)
- 76 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of e-cigarette use on the risk of developing an eating disorder. (4230)
- 77 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to publish a long-term cancer strategy for England. (4036)
- 78 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions the Government has had with Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers on the introduction of a generational ban on the sale of cigarettes. (4086)
- 79 **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans she has to implement the recommendations of the Law Commission's report Building families through surrogacy: a new law, HC1236, on (a) establishing a new pathway for surrogacy in which intended parents can be recognised as legal parents from birth, when supported by Regulated Surrogacy Organisations, (b) establishing a surrogacy register to enable people born through surrogacy to find out about their origins, (c) removing the need for surrogates' partners to consent to parental orders and (d) introducing up to date guidance on what counts as a reasonable expense within a surrogacy agreement. (4188)

- 80 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 November 2023 to Question 1512 on Prescriptions: Fees and Charges, what percentage of prescriptions are exempt from charges due to (a) Prescription Prepayment Certificates and (b) other reasons. (4128)
- 81 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the process for assessing the eligibility of dementia patients for continuing healthcare funding. (4249)
- 82 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans she has to publish a workforce strategy for the community diagnostic centre programme. (4133)
- 83 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve health outcomes for children with cystic fibrosis. (4150)
- 84 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had discussions with NHS England on the potential merits of (a) lowering the thresholds for initiation of treatment for chronic hepatitis B and (b) expanding opt-out testing for blood borne viruses in areas estimated to have high prevalence of chronic hepatitis B relative to the rest of the country. (4285)
- 85 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether NICE plans to amend its guidance on the treatment of locally advanced high-risk non-metastatic prostate cancer to recommend the use of abiraterone acetate in England. (4318)
- 86 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to increase access to NHS dental services in (a) Brighton, Kemptown constituency, (b) the City of Brighton and Hove and (c) Lewes District. (4236)
- 87 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to establish national standards for (a) referral and (b) waiting times for memory assessment services. (4160)
- 88 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to raise awareness of early onset heart disease. (4161)
- 89 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the number of COVID-19 cases. (4165)
- 90 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help reduce the number of young people who are vaping. (4301)

- 91 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to increase access to mental health services. (4302)
- 92 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce childhood obesity. (4303)
- 93 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her planned timeframe is for a decision on whether there will be a public inquiry relating to the Edenfield Centre. (4304)
- 94 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to reduce waiting times for axial spondyloarthritis diagnosis. (4283)
- 95 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to incorporate training on axial spondyloarthritis as a core component of continuous professional development within primary care. (4284)
- 96 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking with international counterparts to respond to the security situation in West Darfur. (4140)
- 97 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department is providing support to governments in North and East Africa to help increase levels of accountability in Sudan. (4141)
- 98 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what his policy is on the Esequiba region of Guyana, in the context of Venezuela's referendum in December 2023. (4142)
- 99 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has taken steps to help Pakistan create a commission for managing matters relating to Afghan refugees in that country. (4263)
- 100 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment his Department has made of the (a) potential for an escalation of violence in Myanmar, (b) level of threat to Rohingya groups and (c) security situation in that region. (4264)
- 101 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether the Government has taken steps to condemn settler violence and forced displacements since the start of the war in Israel and Gaza. (4306)

- 102 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made representations to his Israeli counterpart on allowing aid to enter Gaza directly through the Karem Shalom crossing. (4307)
- 103 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether the UK recognises the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court in (a) Gaza and (b) other Occupied Palestinian Territories; and if he will support an urgent investigation by that Court into all allegations of breaches of humanitarian law in the current conflict. (4308)
- 104 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether it is this policy that civilians displaced from the north of Gaza should be able to return when it is safe for them to do so. (4309)
- 105 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to support reconstruction in Gaza; and what support his Department has provided to Palestinians affected by the conflict. (4310)
- 106 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if his Department will pledge (a) new and (b) additional finance to the Loss and Damage fund at COP28. (4120)
- 107 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the discussions ahead of COP28 on the World Bank potentially hosting the Loss and Damage fund for an interim period, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help ensure that the World Bank (a) meets the needs of communities most affected by loss and damage and (b) is accessible for local organisations and actors during this interim period. (4121)
- 108 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of delays to the delivery of the \$100 billion global climate finance target on negotiations at COP28. (4122)
- 109 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference the Written Statement of 17 October 2023, HCWS1071, on International Climate Finance, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of reclassification of the UK's international climate finance contributions on the UK's partnerships with climate-vulnerable countries. (4123)

- 110 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 24 November 2023 to Question 2123 on Gaza: Humanitarian Aid, what information his Department holds on the number of tonnes of aid that (a) were required and (b) entered Gaza each week since 9 October 2023. (4126)
- 111 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much of the funding pledged by the UK at COP26 for the Just Energy Transition in South Africa has been allocated; and what information his Department holds on how much of the total funding pledged at COP26 for the Just Energy Transition in South Africa has been allocated as of 28 November 2023. (4177)
- 112 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much and what proportion of UK ODA spending has been spent on (a) 16-19 education, (b) adult education and (c) education in total in each of the last 10 years. (4178)
- 113 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much and what proportion of UK ODA spending has been spent on green skills in each of the last 10 years. (4179)
- 114 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Kenya on potential human rights violations on the Ogiek people of Mau. (4151)
- 115 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his European counterparts on the political and security situation in Ukraine. (4162)
- 116 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his US counterpart on the potential merits of introducing additional sanctions against Russia. (4163)
- 117 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Polish counterpart on cases outstanding of children abducted from the UK to Poland. (4305)
- 118 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he plans to take to support the work of the Defending Democracy Taskforce in the next 12 months. (4143)
- 119 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his planned timetable is for the introduction of the foreign interference offence. (4144)

- 120 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many work visas were (a) applied for, (b) granted and (c) refused by job type in each financial year from 2019-20. (4276)
- 121 **Mr Jonathan Djanogly** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many recorded incidents of (a) violence, (b) abuse, (c) theft and (d) other crimes against retailers took place in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022. (4081)
- 122 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to take steps to increase the number of police officers in (a) County Durham and (b) Darlington. (4273)
- 123 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many visits his Department has made to car washes in Sheffield to investigate modern slavery in the last five years. (4207)
- 124 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many arrests have been made for modern slavery in connection with car washes in the last five years. (4208)
- 125 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many modern slavery referrals have been made in connection with car washes in the last five years in Sheffield. (4209)
- 126 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of recorded crime against retailer workers was associated with age-related sales in the last 12 months. (4087)
- 127 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what support he plans to provide to help retailer workers implement a generational ban on the sale of cigarettes. (4088)
- 128 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the potential role of foreign state actors in pro-Palestinian protests in London. (4134)
- 129 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to take steps with Cabinet colleagues to prevent purchases of laser pens by people under the age of 18. (4224)
- 130 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of waiving the cost of passport renewal in the event that renewal is required as a result of a passport having been damaged by a (a) UK and (b) foreign border control agent. (4225)
- 131 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many instances of passports being damaged by foreign border control agents have been reported to his Department in each of the last three years. (4226)

- 132 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that private providers contracted to run asylum accommodation services deliver on their contractual obligations. (4298)
- 133 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that the safety and wellbeing of asylum seekers is prioritised while in asylum accommodation. (4299)
- 134 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an estimate of the average level of profit that private providers have made running asylum accommodation in the most recent period for which data is available. (4300)
- 135 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the recent technical issue with the processing and issuing of Biometric Resident Permits has been; what steps his Department is taking to resolve that issue; and what estimate he has made of when that work will be complete. (4240)
- 136 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many civil servants in his Department were seconded to other Departments in each year since 2019. (4059)
- 137 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 101 of the publication entitled Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23, how much his Department has spent on developing whole force people data analytics solutions as of 28 November 2023. (4060)
- 138 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 101 of the publication entitled Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23, what outcomes his Department plans to achieve from the development of whole force people data analytics solutions. (4061)
- 139 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 218 of the publication entitled Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23, what recent estimate his Department has made of when it will complete a pan-Defence whole force skills picture. (4062)
- 140 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to encourage people from ethnic minorities groups to join his Department. (4063)
- 141 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department is taking steps to reduce expenditure on consultancy services. (4064)
- 142 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many consultancy contracts his Department renewed for more than six months in each year since 2019. (4065)

- 143 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many consultancy contracts were renewed for 12 months or longer in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 28 November. (4066)
- 144 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average duration for an individual within his Department on an off-payroll engagement for over four years was in the 2022-23 financial year. (4072)
- 145 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the percentage change of people within his Department on an off-payroll engagement was between financial years 2019-20 and 2022-23. (4073)
- 146 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average settlement payment was for asbestos-related diseases in the 2022-23 financial year. (4074)
- 147 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many settlement payments were issued by his Department for asbestos-related diseases in 2022-23. (4075)
- 148 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of the Memorandum for the Ministry of Defence Main Estimate 2023-24, what the reason was for each of the transfers totalling £310.498 million his Department made to the Single Intelligence Agency in 2023-24. (4042)
- 149 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what mechanisms his Department uses to help ensure value for money when utilising Other Government Department transfers. (4043)
- 150 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of the Memorandum for the Ministry of Defence Main Estimate 2023-24, for what reason his Department transferred £4.955 million to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. (4044)
- 151 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of the Memorandum for the Ministry of Defence Main Estimate 2023-24, for what reason his Department provides funding for the National Cyber Security Programme. (4046)
- 152 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of the Memorandum for the Ministry of Defence Main Estimate 2023-24, when his Department first began Other Government Departments (OGD) transfers for the National Cyber Security Programme; and how much has been transferred from his Department for this programme since the first of those transfers took place. (4047)

- 153 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of the Memorandum for the Ministry of Defence Main Estimate 2023-24, what recent estimate he has made of the amount of Other Government Departments (OGD) transfer there will be for the National Cyber Security Programme in the 2024-25 financial year. (4048)
- 154 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of the Memorandum for the Ministry of Defence Main Estimate 2023-24, published on 23 May 2023, if he will clarify what HQS refers to in relation to the (a) £143.7 million and (b) £103.6 million transferred from his Department to the Single Intelligence Agency. (4049)
- 155 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much budget his Department has transferred to the Cabinet Office for the Crisis Response Programme through Other Government Departments transfers each year since 2010. (4050)
- 156 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has transferred to other government departments each year since 2010; and what the purpose was for each of these transfers. (4051)
- 157 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has received from other government departments in each year since 2010; and what the purpose was for each transfer. (4052)
- 158 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will list the medical conditions for which an application to join the Armed Forces is automatically rejected. (4053)
- 159 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 2760 on Middle East: Armed Forces, how many UK troops were present in (a) Jordan, (b) Lebanon, (c) Oman, (d) Bahrain and (e) Cyprus in each year since 2010. (4054)
- 160 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the current status is of Project Grayburn. (4055)
- 161 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the current out-of-service date is for the SA80 rifle. (4056)
- 162 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of procuring a replacement for the SA80 rifle. (4057)
- 163 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average (a) AS90, (c) L118 light gun, (c) Jackal and (d) Foxhound vehicle availability rate was in each year since 2018. (4109)

- 164 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what data his Department holds on the number of excess hours worked by service personnel in each of the last five calendar years, broken down by service. (4255)
- 165 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has a target for the average number of hours per week worked by armed forces personnel, broken down by service. (4256)
- 166 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans his Department has to support service personnel with the cost of living in winter 2023-24. (4257)
- 167 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse of his Department's spending on targeted cost of living support for service personnel was in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023 as of 28 November 2023. (4258)
- 168 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made on surveys to identify buildings on his Department's land which may have been constructed with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. (4259)
- 169 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will publish (a) a copy of Lord Chancellor's Instruments (LCIs) Nos 76 and 118 and (b) set out which exemptions applied under those LCIs to retain Atomic Weapons Establishment files containing details of blood and urine testing of personnel in the UK nuclear weapons programme. (4035)
- 170 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward proposals to ensure that people who have lost a court case as a result of a solicitor's negligence are able to access legal redress in the event that the law firm for which that solicitor worked has gone out of business. (4247)
- 171 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of (a) the adequacy of the support provided to people making complaints against solicitors and (b) the potential merits of (i) increasing the support provided throughout the complaints process and (ii) simplifying the complaints process. (4248)
- 172 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data his Department holds on the number of applications received for jobs in prisons at grade bands 3 to 5 in each year since 2010. (4112)
- 173 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an estimate of the number of hours of unpaid work completed at home as part of community sentences in each year since 2010. (4113)

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- 174 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many judges retired in each of the last five years. (4114)
- 175 **Mr Jonathan Djanogly** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential impact that a generational ban on the purchase of cigarettes will have on the (a) excise duty and (b) VAT gap on tobacco products. (4083)
- 176 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the publication entitled OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS: Progress Report September 2022-September 2023, published on 11 October 2023; and if he will make it his policy to (i) support the UN Africa Group's draft resolution on the Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation and (ii) make representations at the UN on ratification of that proposed convention by June 2025. (4124)
- 177 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Government's response to Professor Dame Angela McLean's Pro-Innovation Regulation of Technologies review, published November 2023, whether he made an assessment of the potential merits of accepting the recommendation on establishing an evidence gathering pilot. (4148)
- 178 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to tackle companies that provide misleading and fraudulent Individual Voluntary Arrangements. (4238)
- 179 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, which stakeholder groups representing the LGBT+ community she has met in the last 12 months. (4205)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 4 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the Public Sector Fraud Authority's most recent estimate of the value of fraud associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. (4169)
- 2N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the Public Sector Fraud Authority's most recent estimate of the amount of fraud associated with the Covid-19 pandemic which has been recovered as of 28 November 2023. (4170)
- 3N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much the Government spent on external recruitment consultants in each of the financial years (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22, and (c) 2022-23. (4171)

- 4N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 3092 on Veterans: Finance, whether the £10m funding for the Veterans' Places, Pathways, and People Programme is drawn from his Department's pre-existing budget. (4039)
- 5N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November to Question 3092 on Veterans: Finance, before additional funding was announced in the Autumn Statement 2023, what the annual budget was for the Veterans' Places, Pathways and People Programme for the period from 2024-25 to 2026-27. (4040)
- 6N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's publication entitled The UK Government Resilience Framework, published in December 2022, what steps his Department is taking to strengthen the role of the voluntary sector in participating in local resilience forums. (4290)
- 7N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill on the ability of charities to claim gift aid on membership subscriptions. (4135)
- 8N **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of Royal Mail's postal service in the CO postcode area. (4029)
- 9N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Prime Minister unveils £29.5 billion of investment at historic Global Investment Summit, published on 27 November 2023, how much and what proportion of the funding will be invested in each region of the UK. (4152)
- 10N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Inward investment in to freeports: December 2021 to November 2023, published on 24 November 2023, if she will detail which freeports the (a) 1,421 jobs and (b) £1,278 million of capital expenditure were attributed to in that publication. (4105)
- 11N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Inward investment in to freeports: December 2021 to November 2023, published on 24 November 2023, what are the equivalent estimates for the (a) number of jobs created and (b) amount of capital expenditure generated as a result of investment by UK resident entities over the period covered by that publication. (4106)
- 12N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has (a) commissioned and (b) undertaken an outcomes-based evaluation of the effectiveness of music education hubs. (4115)

- 13N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what data her Department holds on the accessibility of arts and culture to children and young people under the age of 16. (4117)
- 14N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the provisions in the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023 in the context of the response to recent remarks made by the Rector of St Andrews University on the Israel - Gaza war. (4079)
- 15N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of average waiting times from referral to the issue of an education, health and care plan in Wellingborough constituency. (4216)
- 16N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 2118 on Music: education, what the cost to the public purse was of (a) consultations and (b) legal advice on proposals to change the structure of music education hubs. (4116)
- 17N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, which (a) Ministers and (b) trade envoys will attend COP28. (4097)
- 18N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the average energy bill was for households in Mid Bedfordshire constituency in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (4315)
- 19N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will hold discussions with the RSPCA on possible changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. (4076)
- 20N **Anne McLaughlin** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will reinstate the role of Food Surplus and Waste Champion. (4202)
- 21N **Anne McLaughlin** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's news story entitled Action to reduce food waste announced, published on 1 October 2018, how the funding to tackle food waste was spent. (4203)
- 22N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Technical paper on Level 4 devolution framework, published on 22 November 2023, whether his Department is commissioning any (a) gateway assessments with combined authorities, (b) learning exercises and (c) other evaluations of the existing (i) combined authority and (ii) devolution settlements in England. (4184)

- 23N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many times (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have met local authorities to discuss the operation and application of Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 since his appointment. (4185)
- 24N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many times (a) he and (b) Ministers in his Department have met housing developers to discuss the operation and application of Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 since his appointment. (4186)
- 25N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 10 November 2023 to Question 1396 on Local Government: Standards and the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 2902 on Local Government: Contracts, on what basis his Department decided on the anticipated number of a minimum of six and maximum of 32 reviews. (4187)
- 26N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the supply of adapted housing for (a) adults and (b) children with disabilities in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (4316)
- 27N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page 38 of her Department's publication entitled, Government's response to the Independent Review of the UK's Research, Development and Innovation Organisational Landscape, published November 2023, for what reason her Department plans to wait until early 2024 to respond to the 2022 Independent Review of Research Bureaucracy. (4147)
- 28N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 3220 on Research: Finance and with reference to the Answer of 22 February 2023 to Question 150475 on Euratom and Horizon Europe: Finance and to paragraph 4.49 of the Autumn Statement 2023, CP 977, published on 22 November, whether the £750 million of R&D spend has been drawn from the allocation made in the 2021 Spending Review for association with Horizon Europe in this financial year. (4154)
- 29N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page 34 of the National Space Strategy, published in September 2021, what steps her Department is taking to ensure robust controls on downstream activities that could potentially be used to support military operations of concern. (4156)

- 30N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) Carnival UK on proposed changes to employment contracts at Carnival UK. (4317)
- 31N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what funding his Department has allocated for accessibility works at Flitwick station. (4313)
- 32N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans his Department has to improve accessibility at Harlington station. (4314)
- 33N **Anne McLaughlin** (Glasgow North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 3498 on Pension Credit: Applications, what steps his Department is taking to modernise the Pension Credit application process. (4204)
- 34N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the waiting times for the Pensions Ombudsman to respond to enquiries that the Early Resolution Team have escalated. (4291)
- 35N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the adequacy of (a) financial and (b) staffing support for the Pensions Ombudsman in (i) 2020, (ii) 2021, (iii) 2022 and (iv) 2023 to date. (4292)
- 36N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many complaints the Pensions Ombudsman Early Resolution Team escalated to the Pensions Ombudsman in (a) 2020, (b) 2021 and (c) 2022; and how much funding his Department provided the Pensions Ombudsman in those years. (4293)
- 37N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of benefit applications involved a face-to-face interview in each of the last five years. (4098)
- 38N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy to increase the number and proportion of benefit decisions that include a face-to-face interview with the claimant. (4099)
- 39N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of applications made (a) following face-to-face interviews and (b) determined on paper were successful in the last 12 months. (4100)
- 40N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to support those living in destitution in Nottingham. (4296)

- 41N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to help ensure claimants subject to benefit sanctions have adequate income to afford living essentials. (4297)
- 42N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to improve the supply of elvanse. (4222)
- 43N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many fines have been issued by Trading Standards to retail outlets for the sale of (a) tobacco and (b) e-cigarette products in each of the last 10 years. (4228)
- 44N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Home Office's publication entitled Manchester Arena Inquiry Volume 2: Emergency Response, published in November 2022, what steps she is taking to ensure Public Access Trauma kits are available in all locations where they are most likely to be needed. (4288)
- 45N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps the Government is taking to support the delivery of mental health first aid in the workplace. (4289)
- 46N **Mr Rob Roberts** (Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answers of 20 November to Questions 2738 and 2739 on Intensive Care: Hospital Beds and Hospital Beds respectively, if she will make a comparative estimate of the number of NHS acute hospital beds (a) available and (b) required in winter 2023-24; how many and what proportion of the 5,000 additional beds that were promised have been deployed; and what her planned timeframe is for the deployment of the remainder of the 5,000 beds in each constituency. (4287)
- 47N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many hospital admissions due to anaphylaxis there have been in each year since 2000. (4102)
- 48N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many deaths from allergies there have been in each year since 2000, by type of allergy. (4103)
- 49N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children under the age of 18 were admitted to hospital for a tooth extraction due to decay in Bedfordshire in each of the last five years. (4312)
- 50N **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of trends in the level of pharmacy students in Walsall South constituency. (4138)

- 51N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what his Department's planned timescale is for returning to spending 0.7% of Gross National Income on Official Development Assistance. (4218)
- 52N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what proportion of bilateral Official Development Assistance spend for financial year 2023-24 has been disbursed to less developed countries as of 28 November 2023. (4219)
- 53N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what proportion of bilateral Official Development Assistance programmes have a focus on gender equality in the latest period for which data is available. (4220)
- 54N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what proportion of bilateral Official Development Assistance programmes have a focus on supporting LGBT rights. (4221)
- 55N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what criteria he applies when deciding whether to file an amicus brief to international court proceedings; what amicus briefs the Government has submitted to international courts in the last 12 months; and what recent discussions he has had with international counterparts on the policies of the Israeli Government in relation to the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (4101)
- 56N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 3279, how many government-funded foreign infrastructure projects included delivery partners that were (a) state owned enterprises and (b) companies registered in the People's Republic of China in each of the last ten years. (4206)
- 57N **Anna McMorris** (Cardiff North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the referendum in Venezuela on the Venezuela-Guyana border on Sunday 3 December 2023. (4242)
- 58N **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 November 2023 to Question 1785 on Jagtar Singh Johal, whether the Minister of State for South Asia and the Indian External Affairs Minister discussed when the Indian authorities plan to decide whether to charge or release Jagtar Singh Johal. (4033)
- 59N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the King's Speech 2023, whether he has had discussions with the Leader of the House on the timetable for introducing Protect Duty legislation. (4077)

- 60N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 5 November 2019 to Question 4944 on Passports: Republic of Ireland, how many British passports were printed for residents of the Republic of Ireland whose applications were processed by the Belfast passport office between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. (4080)
- 61N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Minister for Immigration's oral contribution on Monday 27 November 2023, column 536, what the evidential basis is for many people claiming asylum in the UK being economic migrants making spurious claims to game the system. (4245)
- 62N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) e-cigarette and vaping and (b) tobacco products were seized at UK borders in each of the last 10 years. (4231)
- 63N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of reports of the sale of (a) knives and (b) other illegal weapons on online shopping apps. (4213)
- 64N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of age verification and identity checks by (a) Temu and (b) other online shopping apps for sales of (i) knives and (ii) other age-restricted items. (4214)
- 65N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 18 October 2023 to Question 202514 and the absence of a reference to that potential legislation in the King's Speech, what plans his Department has to bring forward legislative proposals on banning machetes and zombie knives. (4215)
- 66N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the effectiveness of Diamorphine Assisted Treatment in tackling drug-related crime. (4319)
- 67N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the (a) gross and (b) net long-term migration was each year from July 1993, broken down by arrivals by (i) asylum and (ii) other humanitarian routes. (4250)
- 68N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost to the public purse was for (a) financial support and (b) accommodation for people (i) seeking asylum and (ii) arriving through other humanitarian routes in each of the last ten years, broken down by local authority. (4251)

- 69N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November to Question 1561 on Visas: Applications, what is (a) the target time and (b) average time taken to process a skilled worker visa. (4149)
- 70N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 2778 on Immigration: Employment, and Freedom of Information release 31192, published on 11 June 2014, how many illegal working enforced visits were made by the UK Border Agency by employment sector in each year since 2012. (4058)
- 71N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with his Ukrainian counterpart on reports on the number of Russian personnel and tanks lost during the war in Ukraine. (4078)
- 72N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of each consultancy contract awarded by his Department was in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 28 November. (4067)
- 73N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many consultancy contracts were awarded by his Department in each year from 2019 to 2023 as of 28 November. (4068)
- 74N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much was spent on off-payroll engagements earning more than £245 per day in financial years (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (4069)
- 75N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average per day payment rate for those employed on off-payroll engagements in his Department was in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (4070)
- 76N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the longest duration an individual has been employed under an off-payroll engagement contract within his Department is. (4071)
- 77N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 2076 on Ukraine: Armed Forces, whether his Department has set a target for the number of Ukrainian Armed Forces personnel it plans to train in 2024. (4038)
- 78N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of the Memorandum for the Ministry of Defence Main Estimate 2023-24, which Minister in the Cabinet Office had Special Advisers paid for through Other Government Departments (OGD) transfers of £350,000 in the 2023-24 financial year. (4041)

- 79N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of the Memorandum for the Ministry of Defence Main Estimate 2023-24, how much each Government department received from the £336.234 million transferred for the National Cyber Security Programme. (4045)
- 80N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1826 on Armoured Fighting Vehicles, what the average age of a British Army Snatch Land Rover is. (4084)
- 81N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1826 on Armoured Fighting Vehicles, how many Snatch Land Rovers are in the British Army's inventory as of 28 November 2023. (4085)
- 82N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 3447, how many of the 143 Ajax vehicles delivered to his Department by 1 January 2023 were (a) Capability Drop 1, (b) Capability Drop 2 and (c) other vehicles. (4089)
- 83N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 20 June 2023 to Question 189763, how many rounds have been successfully fired from Capability Drop 3 Ajax vehicles during vehicle movement. (4090)
- 84N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 2667 on Israel: Military Aid, whether any (a) lethal and (b) other military equipment other than medical supplies has been provided to Israel since 7 October 2023. (4277)
- 85N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 25 October 2023 to Question 203030 on Military Exercises: Conventional Weapons, how many 81mm mortars were fired on training exercises in each year since 2015. (4107)
- 86N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish a list of the types of small arms and light weapons that went missing from his Department's establishments and facilities in each year since 2015. (4108)
- 87N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the letter deposited in the House of Commons, committed on 13 November 2023, paper reference DEP2023-0876, how many service personnel were living in below grade 4 single living accommodation as of 16 October 2023. (4252)
- 88N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 November 2022 to Question 78640 on Armed Forces: Housing, what estimate his Department has made of the number of service personnel living in single living accommodation in each year since 2018. (4253)

- 89N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 November to Question 75786 on Armed Forces: Housing, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of service personnel occupying each grade of single living accommodation, including below grade 4, across the last five calendar years. (4254)
- 90N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the quality of accommodation for service personnel at RM Stonehouse. (4260)
- 91N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of Armed Forces personnel sold annual leave in financial year 2023-24. (4261)
- 92N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 2832 on Sloane Helicopters: Contracts, up to what date was the contract with Sloane Helicopters extended; and up to what maximum value. (4104)
- 93N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much compensation was paid to prisoners for items lost in transit at HMP Swansea in 2023. (4189)
- 94N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of how many letters addressed to prisoners went missing in the last month. (4190)
- 95N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much compensation has been paid by HM Prison and Probation Service to prisoners who had complaints upheld on missing parcels in the last 60 days. (4191)
- 96N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, on how many occasions a prison has had to have locks replaced because of the loss or theft of keys in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023; and what estimate he has made of the cost of each incident. (4192)
- 97N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many tents prisons have provided to people leaving prison in (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24 to date. (4181)
- 98N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many hours of Community Payback are yet to be delivered as of 28 November 2023 in each (a) region of (i) England and (ii) Wales and (b) probation service area in the latest period for which figures are available. (4110)
- 99N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many hours of community service were not carried out in each (a) local justice area and (b) region in (i) England and (ii) Wales in each year since 2010. (4111)

- 100N Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will have discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the feasibility of raising the earnings threshold for eligibility for tax free childcare in Northern Ireland in the context of the absence of a Northern Ireland Executive preventing implementation of Government measures on childcare announced in Spring 2023. (4294)
- 101N Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the report by ActionAid entitled How the Finance Flows: The banks fuelling the climate crisis, published 4 September 2023. (4244)
- 102N Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 3.10 of the Autumn Statement 2023, CP 977, published on 22 November 2023, if he will take steps to ensure self-employed parents remain able to verify their eligibility for maternity allowance. (4139)
- 103N Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the feasibility of increasing the earnings threshold for eligibility for tax free childcare. (4295)
- 104N Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 1954 on Revenue and Customs: Staff, how many and what proportion of the 17,300 customer compliance staff work on matters relating to the UK's departure from the EU. (4223)
- 105N Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much revenue has been collected from the ordering of new (a) passports and (b) driving licences in each of the last three financial years. (4227)
- 106N Valerie Vaz** (Walsall South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the number of Child Trust Fund accounts (a) created and (b) claimed by 18-21 year olds in Walsall South constituency. (4137)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

- 1 Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): What steps he is taking to support economic growth in Yorkshire and the North. (900431)
- 2 Andrew Percy** (Brigg and Goole): What recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of antisemitism. (900432)
- 3 Stephen Crabb** (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Levelling Up Fund at distributing funding across all parts of the UK. (900433)

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- 4 **Tony Lloyd** (Rochdale): What steps he is taking to reform the private rented sector. (900434)
- 5 **Priti Patel** (Witham): What funding he plans to provide to local authorities in Essex in the 2024-25 financial year. (900435)
- 6 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): What steps he is taking to reform the leasehold system. (900436)
- 7 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): If he will take steps to restrict the sale of social housing for use as a second home. (900437)
- 8 **Sarah Dyke** (Somerton and Frome): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of council budget shortfalls. (900438)
- 9 **Simon Baynes** (Clwyd South): What recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Levelling Up Fund at distributing funding across all parts of the UK. (900439)
- 10 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): What steps his Department is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support people from Ukraine, Hong Kong and Afghanistan who have come to the UK through Government resettlement schemes. (900440)
- 11 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): What recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Levelling Up Fund at distributing funding across all parts of the UK. (900441)
- 12 **Gordon Henderson** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): What plans he has for leasehold reform. (900442)
- 13 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): What steps he is taking to reform the leasehold system. (900443)
- 14 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on the use of land for renewable energy generation. (900444)
- 15 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): What plans his Department has for further devolution in England. (900445)
- 16 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): What assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Government's levelling-up policies at reducing regional inequalities. (900446)
- 17 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): What assessment he has made of the potential merits of developing a definition of Islamophobia. (900447)
- 18 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): What steps his Department is taking to help increase the availability of rental properties for long-term lets. (900448)
- 19 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): What steps he is taking to promote transparency in local government. (900449)

- 20 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): What recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of forthcoming changes to the National Planning Policy Framework on the supply of new homes. (900450)
- 21 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): What recent discussions he has had with the Electoral Commission on administering free and fair elections. (900451)
- 22 **Jeremy Quin** (Horsham): What steps he is taking to ensure that local authorities take relevant environmental requirements into account when considering new housing developments. (900452)
- 23 **Kate Hollern** (Blackburn): What recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of assessments of relative needs at ensuring the adequacy of council funding. (900453)
- 24 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): What assessment he has made of the impact of demand for temporary accommodation on the finances of local authorities. (900454)
- 25 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): What recent discussions he has had with local authorities on setting council tax levels for the 2024-25 financial year. (900455)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

- T1 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (900456)
- T2 **Tom Hunt** (Ipswich): (900457)
- T3 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): (900458)
- T4 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): (900459)
- T5 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): [R] (900460)
- T6 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): (900461)
- T7 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): (900462)
- T8 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): (900463)
- T9 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): (900464)
- T10 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): (900465)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 5 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to support parents of primary-aged children with childcare outside of school hours. (4092)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 6 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to provide (a) activities and (b) food support for children over school holiday periods. (4093)
- 2N **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department expects the proportion of heavy crude oil to increase as a proportion of the UK's North Sea oil production up to 2035. (4232)
- 3N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the attrition rate was for staff in the youth custody service in each reporting year since 2010. (4262)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Wales

- 1 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): What assessment he has made of the impact of inflation on public spending in Wales. (900416)
- 2 **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): Whether he has had discussions with the Welsh Government on promoting and supporting narrow gauge railway tourism in Wales. (900417)
- 3 **Sarah Atherton** (Wrexham): What assessment he has made of the impact of the Autumn Statement on the Welsh economy. (900418)
- 4 **Kevin Foster** (Torbay): What recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the potential financial impact of proposals to implement a visitor levy for Wales on the tourism sector. (900419)
- 5 **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): What recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the potential impact of the 20mph speed limit on rural communities. (900420)

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- 6 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the impact of the Autumn Statement on households in Wales. (900421)
 - 7 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on expediting the development of floating offshore wind in the Celtic Sea. (900422)
 - 8 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the cost of energy bills in Wales. (900423)
 - 9 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): What steps he is taking to support farming in Wales. (900424)
 - 10 **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): What recent assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the adequacy of the performance and operation of D r Cymru. (900425)
 - 11 **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of rail infrastructure in Wales. (900426)
 - 12 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of rail infrastructure in Wales. (900427)
 - 13 **Peter Grant** (Glenrothes): What recent discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the impact of changes in the level of interest rates on homeowners in Wales. (900428)
 - 14 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the potential impact of the 20mph speed limit on rural communities. (900429)
 - 15 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve the quality of water in rivers and streams in Wales. (900430)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 7 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the Paradise Golf and Beach Resort development in Tangiers. (4197)
- 2N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help ensure British citizens recover their investment in the Paradise Golf and Beach Resort development in Tangiers. (4198)

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- 3N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, when he next plans to meet his Moroccan counterpart; and if he will raise the Paradise Gold and Beach Resort development at that meeting. (4199)
- 4N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent progress he has made on the Paradise Golf and Beach Resort development. (4200)
- 5N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department raised the Paradise Golf and Beach Resort development during the fourth session of the Morocco-UK Strategic Dialogue. (4201)