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Questions tabled on Monday 4 December 2023

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 5 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take legislative steps to require Royal Mail to (a) notify Ofcom of and (b) publish live data on ongoing failures to maintain the universal service obligation.
[Transferred] (4671)
- 2N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on Remit and Recommendations of the Financial Policy Committee of the Bank of England.
[Transferred] (4638)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 6 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Attorney General, what discussions she has had with the Public Prosecution Service in Northern Ireland on increasing conviction rates for (a) theft and (b) burglary.
(5021)
- 2 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, whether any severance payments have been made by her Department to Ministers other than to the Rt hon. Member for Torridge and West Devon since 1 January 2015.
(4982)

- 3 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has made an assessment of the value for money of Operation Safeguard in 2023. (5071)
- 4N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many full time equivalent staff are employed in (a) implementing and (b) monitoring the (i) Trader Support Service and (ii) Movement Assistance Schemes. [Transferred] (4804)
- 5 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on their plans to trial Automatic Voter Registration. (5042)
- 6 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, if the Church will have discussions with the Dioceses of (a) Hereford and (b) Lichfield on support with energy costs. (4961)
- 7 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to page 61 of the policy paper entitled Refresh to the National Shipbuilding Strategy, published on 10 March 2022, whether her Department has completed the market assessment of green marine capability. (4927)
- 8 **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate she has made of (a) when neonatal care and leave will be provided under the Neonatal Care (Leave and Pay) Act 2023 and (b) the number of families that will be able to access that care and leave in its first year. (5143)
- 9 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps to negotiate closer cooperation with the Swiss financial services industry. (4923)
- 10 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate she has made of the value of the UK's trading relationship with (a) the Southern Africa Customs Union and (b) Mozambique. (4992)
- 11 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department is taking steps to promote British business opportunities in the Namibian (a) mining and (b) renewable energy sectors. (4993)
- 12 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the Government has plans to pursue a free trade agreement with East Timor. (4994)
- 13 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to ensure that a UK-Switzerland trade deal includes provisions for the (a) digital, (b) data and (c) investment sectors. (5022)

- 14 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to promote English baroque musical tradition in (a) England and (b) Romford constituency. (4996)
- 15 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the contract awarded by her Department to Frontier Economics on 16 November 2023 under procurement reference 103726, if she will publish the specification of requirements in that contract. (4984)
- 16 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of levels of confidence among primary school teachers in teaching religious education. (4893)
- 17 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of regional variations in levels of supply and demand for religious education teachers in secondary schools. (4894)
- 18 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department (a) is taking and (b) plans to take steps to increase the number and proportion of teachers trained in religious education teaching. (4898)
- 19 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the annual cost of educating a non-English speaking child in secondary schools. (4968)
- 20 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of children who have (a) received a Statement of Special Education Needs and (b) do not have access to the necessary funding to support those needs. (4969)
- 21 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of children who were given special arrangements to sit (a) GCSE and (b) A Level examinations in each of the last three years in England. (4970)
- 22 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department holds information on the economic status of families of children who have special learning requirements in primary schools. (5018)
- 23 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the offer of 30 hours of free childcare for three and four year-olds to the children of working parents in families with no recourse to public funds. (5030)
- 24 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact on public health of expanding UK oil and gas fields. (5081)

- 25 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 3974 on Electricity and Natural Gas: Prices, whether the Typical Domestic Consumption Value is assessed as being the same across Great Britain. (5109)
- 26 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 3974 on Electricity and Natural Gas: Prices, whether the Typical Domestic Consumption Value for England and Wales is lower than that for Scotland. (5131)
- 27 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 3974 on Electricity and Natural Gas: Prices, if she will direct Ofgem to publish the information it holds on the typical domestic consumption values for each region. (5133)
- 28 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 3974, whether Ofgem takes into account trends in the level of fuel poverty in areas off the gas grid in determining Typical Domestic Consumption Values. (5134)
- 29 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 3974 on Electricity and Natural Gas: Prices, what steps did Ofgem take to ensure that (a) geography and (b) climate were taken into consideration when updating the Typical Domestic Consumption Value. (5135)
- 30 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Office on ensuring fire safety in (a) onshore and (b) offshore wind farms. (5138)
- 31 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, which Government body is responsible for fire safety in offshore wind farms. (5139)
- 32 **Sarah Dyke** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Asian Hornet on (a) honey bees and (b) other wild pollinators since January (i) 2023 and (ii) 2024. [R] (5049)
- 33 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much his Department spent on Henry Dimbleby's independent review of England's food chain. (4904)
- 34 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of the large businesses that responded to the consultation entitled Improving food waste reporting by large food businesses in England were in favour of mandatory waste reporting by large businesses. (5090)

- 35 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking increase support for food banks in winter 2023-24. (5019)
- 36 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he plans to announce funding levels for local planning authorities to help tackle planning backlogs. (5050)
- 37 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to help reduce indirect discrimination against prospective housing tenants in receipt of benefits. (5089)
- 38 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent steps her Department has taken to establish a civil-defence national space operations centre. (5013)
- 39 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent estimate she has made of when the next satellite launch will take place in the UK. (5014)
- 40 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy, published in March 2021, CP 403, what steps her Department is taking to use the own-collaborate-access framework in decision-making on the procurement of (a) technologies, (b) services and (c) systems. (5017)
- 41 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his Department plans to publish the final report of the Roads policing review. (5085)
- 42 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions his Department has had with automotive manufacturers on levels of production of electric vehicles in Europe; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of these levels on uptake of electric vehicles in the UK. (5024)
- 43N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to develop guidance for the public on the (a) potential risks of and (b) how to safely purchase conversion kits for (i) e-bikes and (ii) e-scooters. [Transferred] (4826)
- 44 **Iain Stewart** (Milton Keynes South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department makes an assessment of the (a) quality and (b) durability of (i) pothole repairs, (ii) resurfacing and (c) other maintenance of local roads. (4964)
- 45 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 18 July 2023 to Question 193065 on Aviation: Security, on what dates Ministers in his Department have held discussions with (a) the Airports Operators Association, (b) Heathrow Airport Holdings Ltd and (c) other major UK airport operators on their progress on the installation of Next Generation Security Checkpoints since 15 December 2022. (4981)

- 46 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to his Department's publication of data on spending over £500 using a government procurement card in August 2023, what the (a) location and (b) purpose was of the ministerial visit for which a car was hired from Network Executive Ltd on 3 August 2023. (4985)
- 47 **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2023 to Question 369 on Motor Vehicles: Exhaust Emissions, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the creation of a UK vehicle category on the (a) attractiveness for investment of the UK market, (b) availability of L-category vehicles to consumers and (c) role for L-Category vehicles as set out in the Transport Decarbonisation Plan. (5003)
- 48 **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2023 to Question 369 on Motor Vehicles: Exhaust Emissions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of regulatory divergence with (a) the EU and (b) other markets on the UK L-Category sector. (5005)
- 49 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is taking steps to support local authorities to develop (a) carbon-neutral and (b) autonomous public transport systems. [R] (5032)
- 50 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when his Department plans to publish the Disability Action Plan. (5079)
- 51 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2023, whether he had discussions with (a) disabled people and (b) disabled people's organisations when finalising reforms to the Work Capability Assessment. (5083)
- 52 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on the number of sanctioned benefits claimants who have subsequently found long-term employment. (5084)
- 53 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of removing free prescriptions on the health of (a) all benefit claimants and (b) benefit claimants with long-term health conditions. (5099)
- 54 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department plans to take to support people with (a) arthritis and (b) musculoskeletal conditions who have been out of work for longer than 6 months into work. (5100)
- 55 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department plans to take to assess the impact of the Universal Support programme on employment outcomes. (5101)

- 56 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Government Response to the Work Capability Assessment: Activities and Descriptors Consultation, published on 22 November 2023, what steps his Department plans to take to help increase the availability of home working jobs for people with health conditions affecting their mobility. (5102)
- 57 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the impact of Acute Respiratory Infection hubs on (a) GP appointments and (b) emergency department attendance levels since their creation. (4958)
- 58 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Acute Respiratory Infection hubs were operating in winter 2022-23; and how many are planned to be operating in winter 2023-24. (4959)
- 59 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to prioritise elective recovery for people with (a) arthritis and (b) musculoskeletal conditions. (5103)
- 60 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Elective recovery taskforce: implementation plan, published by her Department on 4 August 2023, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure elective recovery remains a key priority for those with (a) arthritis and (b) musculoskeletal conditions. (5104)
- 61 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 20 February 2023 to Question 143688 on Orthopaedics: Surgery, if she will make an assessment of the potential (a) economic impact of delays in orthopaedic surgery and (b) impact of such delays on people with arthritis. (5105)
- 62 **Mary Glendon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the consultation on Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping, updated by her Department on 20 October 2023, if she will publish an Impact Assessment of the proposals in that consultation. (4973)
- 63 **Mary Glendon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the consultation on Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping, updated by her Department on 20 October 2023, for how long her Department plans to consider responses to that consultation before publishing a Tobacco and Vapes Bill. (4974)
- 64 **Mary Glendon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, draft Tobacco and Vapes Bill whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the vaping proposals contained in that consultation on smoking cessation. (4975)

- 65 **Mary Glindon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the consultation on Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping, updated by her Department on 20 October 2023, whether her Department plans to mitigate the potential impact of the proposals in that consultation on adults using vapes as a smoking cessation tool. (5077)
- 66 **Mary Glindon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the consultation on Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping, updated by her Department on 20 October 2023, whether she plans to update that consultation to reflect the planned repeal of the generational smoking ban in New Zealand. (5078)
- 67 **Mrs Helen Grant** (Maidstone and The Weald): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to have discussions with the General Dental Council on (a) reforms to the overseas registration exam and (b) steps the Council can take to (i) make use of the new powers granted to it by the Government and (ii) increase capacity of the dentistry workforce. (5004)
- 68 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason students studying Masters of Pharmacy courses do not qualify for support from the NHS Learning Support Fund. (5132)
- 69 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to increase (a) recruitment and (b) retention rates of midwives. (5142)
- 70 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to increase retention levels of experienced hospital staff. (4986)
- 71 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to tackle obesity in people under 25 years old. (4987)
- 72 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have made stem cell donations in each year since 2020. (4988)
- 73 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to put in place specialist services to help tackle changes in the level of ADHD diagnoses of (a) men and (b) boys. (5025)
- 74 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for gastric band surgery for people who are clinically obese. (5026)
- 75 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to help improve collaboration between researchers and healthcare providers to help increase the efficiency of brain tumour clinical trials. (5136)

- 76 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to engage with Mauritania on security issues following the formal withdrawal of Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger from the G5 Sahel; and what steps he is taking with international partners to address the impact of those withdrawals on the (a) Sahel Coalition and (b) Alliance Sahel. (5010)
- 77 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to support human rights and civilian protection monitoring in Sudan following the ending of the UNITAMS mandate on 3 December 2023; and what assessment he has made of the adequacy of resources allocated for these purposes by the (a) Sudan office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and b) Sudan Fact-Finding Mission established by the United Nations Human Rights Council. (5011)
- 78 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent (a) technical and (b) financial support the Government has provided to the global south to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change. (5082)
- 79 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has taken steps to support a ceasefire south of the Wadi in Gaza. (5116)
- 80 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make representations to the Israeli Government on protecting children in Gaza. (5117)
- 81 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he (a) has and (b) plans to have discussions with the government of Qatar on steps it is taking to help secure a further humanitarian pause between Israel and Hamas. (5118)
- 82 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what estimate his Department has made of the number of executions that have occurred in Iran in the last 12 months. (4971)
- 83 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what information his Department holds on the nationalities of people executed in Iran in the last 12 months. (4972)
- 84 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many British nationals requested consular assistance in East Timor in each of the last five years. (4997)

- 85 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the Palestinian Emirates plan published in 2012. (4999)
- 86 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the Commonwealth Secretariat on the potential merits of including the (a) British Overseas Territories and (b) Crown Dependencies as independent members of the Commonwealth of Nations. (5000)
- 87 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help tackle Chinese influence in the Indo-Pacific. (5023)
- 88 **Maggie Throup** (Erewash): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department plans to (a) maintain and (b) increase funding for Product Development Partnerships. (5087)
- 89 **Maggie Throup** (Erewash): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what funding his Department provided for vaccine R&D in each of the last five years; and what he plans to provide in each of the next five years. (5088)
- 90 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will take steps to help ensure that the child dependants of UK residents who are in Gaza are able to apply for the UK visas to which they are entitled in the context of the closure of visa application centres. (5031)
- 91 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding was provided to Blue Blight Commercial as part of Operation Safeguard. (5061)
- 92 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to introduce smoking wardens to enforce the generational ban on tobacco products. (4955)
- 93 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the National Crime Agency International Corruption Unit, what data his Department holds on the (a) number and proportion of permanent staff who were in the unit for more than 12 months, (b) staff attrition rate and (c) average of years of service in (i) anti-money laundering and (ii) anti-bribery in the (A) 2021-22 and (B) 2022-23 financial year. (4897)
- 94 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of her Department's move-on period for asylum seekers to find new accommodation after being granted refugee status on the number of refugees. (5029)

- 95 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will respond to the concerns raised by the Local Government Association in its press release entitled Thousands of refugees could be on the streets for Christmas without urgent government action, published on 28 November 2023. (4990)
- 96 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help protect firefighters from carcinogens. (5137)
- 97 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) UK nationals and (b) non-UK nationals have been arrested in each year since 2008. (5052)
- 98 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many sponsored study visas his Department granted (a) in total and (b) by student nationality in each year since 2005. (5072)
- 99 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that asylum seekers given leave to remain have adequate support to access (a) housing and (b) health services. (5046)
- 100 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that local authorities have adequate (a) funding and (b) support to house asylum seekers who are granted leave to remain. (5047)
- 101 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment his Department has made of the financial impact on local authorities of supporting asylum seekers who are granted leave to remain. (5048)
- 102 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the most common reason for rejecting an application for asylum was in each year since 2016. (4989)
- 103 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions he has had with representatives of the Northern Ireland Administration on a strategy on ending violence against women and girls. (5020)
- 104 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of applying the same exemptions as apply to the EU ETIAS scheme for airside transit visitors to the UK's ETA scheme. (5007)
- 105 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 61 of the policy paper entitled Refresh to the National Shipbuilding Strategy, published on 10 March 2022, whether the market assessment of future opportunities in a range of other vessel types has been completed. (4931)

- 106 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department is taking steps to help encourage (a) newly-qualified engineering graduates and (b) technicians to join the defence sector. (4932)
- 107 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help improve levels of engineering skills in the defence industry. (4934)
- 108 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has taken recent steps to develop a framework for evaluating the impact of the policy paper entitled Refresh to the National Shipbuilding Strategy, published on 10 March 2022. (4935)
- 109 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to encourage collaboration between (a) industry, (b) academia and (c) research institutions to promote innovation in shipbuilding. (4936)
- 110 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to promote the adoption of green technologies within the shipbuilding sector of the defence industry. (4937)
- 111 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to encourage (a) apprenticeships and (b) other forms of skills training within the shipbuilding sector of the defence industry. (4938)
- 112 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the impact of the Refresh to the National Shipbuilding Strategy on (a) regional economic development and (b) job creation. (4940)
- 113 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the progress on the implementation of the Refresh to the National Shipbuilding Strategy. (4945)
- 114 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase the competitiveness of the shipbuilding sector within the defence industry in international markets. (4950)
- 115 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what contracts his Department awarded to industry for shipbuilding since 2010; and what the value was of each contract. (4914)
- 116 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 30 November 2023 to Question 3703 on National Shipbuilding Office, what the proportion of UK content required was under each of the contracts. (4915)
- 117 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the Armoured Cavalry 2025 programme were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4916)

- 118 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for Project AURORA were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4917)
- 119 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the Core Production Capability programme were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4918)
- 120 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the Dreadnought programme were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4919)
- 121 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected project end date for the Future Defence Infrastructure Services programme was in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4920)
- 122 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the Future Defence Infrastructure Services programme were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4921)
- 123 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the Lightning programme were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4922)
- 124 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the Maritime Electronic Warfare programme were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4939)
- 125 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the MENSA project were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4941)
- 126 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the Mine Hunting Capability programme were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4943)
- 127 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected project end date for the MODnet Evolve programme was in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4944)
- 128 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected project end date for the New Style of Information Technology Deployed programme was in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4946)
- 129 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the New Style of Information Technology Deployed programme were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4947)

- 130 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the UK military need to clear (a) RAF flights (b) US Air Force flights taking off from RAF Akrotiri with central government in Cyprus. (5108)
- 131 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to reduce the length of time between the (a) date that armed services personnel are informed by a medical board that they are unfit for service and (b) date of discharge. (4965)
- 132 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to increase the number of hours of training for armed forces personnel on the security risks of using private social media. (4966)
- 133 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he will take steps to update military law to ensure the secure use of social media by armed forces personnel. (4967)
- 134 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to visit the sovereign base areas in (a) Akrotiri and (b) Dhekelia in the next six months. (4995)
- 135 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether officials in his Department plan to review the value for money of triggering Operation Safeguard in 2023. (5062)
- 136 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department have carried out surveys to identify buildings constructed with RAAC on the probation estate. (5066)
- 137 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisons do not have a completed local security strategy as of 4 December 2023. (5068)
- 138 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of his policy on the presumption against prison sentences of less than 12 months on reoffending rates. (4908)
- 139 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of repurposing empty buildings into prisons. (4909)
- 140 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) UK nationals and (b) non-UK nationals have received a (i) caution and (ii) sentence for a criminal offence in each year since 2008. (5053)
- 141 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the number of open magistrates courts in Lancashire. (5038)

- 142 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what his planned timetable is for the reopening of (a) Blackpool and (b) Preston magistrates' courts. (5039)
- 143 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the contract awarded by his Department to Vodafone Ltd on 9 November 2023 under tender reference 338599/1285515, if he will publish the Services Description in Schedule 2 of that contract. (4983)
- 144 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of raising the cap on interchange fees. (4907)
- 145 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to page 31 of the Office for Budget Responsibility's publication entitled Economic and fiscal outlook- November 2023, published on 22 November 2023, whether his Department holds information on the assumptions underpinning the forecast of future net migration. (5057)
- 146 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of changes in the level of house prices since September 2023. (5027)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 7 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to protect critical national infrastructure from cyber attacks. (5059)
- 2N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many security passes for his Department have been reported as (a) missing and (b) stolen in the last 12 months. (5121)
- 3N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the contract awarded by his Department to Ground Transport Ltd on 13 November 2020 under contract reference CCYZ20A06, whether the services agreed in that contract were performed until the planned expiry date of 12 November 2023 set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the contract. (4980)
- 4N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what her Department's policy is on investment from UK investors in (a) the production of (i) semiconductors and (ii) microelectronics, (b) quantum

information technologies and (c) artificial intelligence sectors in China; and what (A) statutory provisions apply to and (B) guidance her Department has issued on such investment. (4929)

5N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the US President's Executive Order on Addressing United States Investments in Certain National Security Technologies and Products in Countries of Concern of 9 August 2023. (4930)

6N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to help raise public awareness of the safe purchasing of lithium battery products. (4957)

7N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will commission an independent assessment into the compatibility of membership of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership with membership of the (a) European Patent Office and (b) European Patent Convention. (4899)

8N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many times she met with the Disability and Access Ambassador for Arts and Culture in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (4924)

9N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the awayday held for staff in her Department's policy group on 29 November 2023, how many members of staff attended; what activities did it involve; and whether any costs were incurred in addition to the hire costs for the venue. (4977)

10N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of participants on subject knowledge enhancement courses are eligible for bursary funding. (4895)

11N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many teachers with qualified teacher status have enrolled on subject knowledge enhancement courses in each year since 2018. (4896)

12N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of trainee teachers who are enrolled on initial teacher training programmes are also enrolled on subject knowledge enhancement courses in the latest period for which data is available. (4900)

13N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications for the sustainable farming initiative have been started but not completed by farms in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (5063)

- 14N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of an (a) partial and (b) full exemption for (i) charter boats and (ii) recreational anglers of a future ban on pollock fishing following the recommendation of such a ban by the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas. [R] (4991)
- 15N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to help insulate homes with a low energy efficiency rating in Leeds North East constituency. (4928)
- 16N **Jim McMahon** (Oldham West and Royton): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the number of councils at risk of issuing Section 114 notices between 4 December 2023 and the Final Local Government Finance Settlement in February 2024. (5098)
- 17N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the number of households in (a) the UK and (b) Mid Bedfordshire constituency that are located on estate roads that have not been adopted by their local authority as of 4 December 2023. (5067)
- 18N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology when (a) CharcoalBlue in Southwark and (b) other firms will receive the Innovate UK R&D grants and associated tax relief and credits announced in 2020. (5033)
- 19N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to help support the use of human-specific medical research. (5036)
- 20N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions she has had with (a) domestic stakeholder organisations and (b) international partners regarding the use of human-specific medical research. (5037)
- 21N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4147 on Research Bureaucracy Review, which recommendations of the Independent Review of Research Bureaucracy have been implemented; which Government bodies implemented them; and which Departments provided funding for their implementation. (5012)
- 22N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much and what proportion of the budget for SKYNET 6 has been spent as of 4 December 2023. (5015)

- 23N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page 45 of her Department's publication entitled National Space Strategy, published on 27 September 2021, what assessment her Department has made of its performance in meeting the ignition phase objectives. (5016)
- 24N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to his Department's press notice entitled £8 billion boost to repair roads and back drivers, published on 17 November 2023, what proportion of the UK's road length will be resurfaced using the announced funding. (5008)
- 25N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to his Department's press release entitled £8 billion boost to repair roads and back drivers, published on 17 November 2023, what his planned timescale is for the rollout of that funding. (5009)
- 26N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many driving examiners were recruited between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022; and how many of these were still employed by the Driver and Vehicle Safety Agency as of 31 October 2023. (4960)
- 27N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if the National Highways Agency will undertake a road safety audit of changes made to the off slip road of the M1 Junction 13. (5110)
- 28N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2023 to Question 194996, which UK airports (a) had completed the full installation of Next Generation Security Checkpoints across all passenger security lanes by 4 December 2023; and which UK airports he expects to complete full installation of Next Generation Security Checkpoints across all passenger security lanes by 20 December 2023. (4979)
- 29N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what was the cost to the public purse of the communications campaign to raise awareness of Pension Credit between April 2022 and October 2023. (4926)
- 30N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which sites have piloted Palantir software. (4962)
- 31N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what anonymisation process her Department plans to use for the federated data platform. (4963)
- 32N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to tackle shortages in ADHD medications. (5091)

- 33N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to enable (a) doctors and (b) dentists from Ukraine to practice in the UK. (5092)
- 34N **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much his Department has spent on external consultancy fees in each of the last 10 years. (4905)
- 35N **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much his Department spent on temporary agency staff in each of the past ten years. (4906)
- 36N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the safety of the Ngong Hills area of Kenya for British nationals. (5074)
- 37N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help ensure that humanitarian organisations in Gaza are able to reach people in need in the Gaza Strip. (5111)
- 38N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to provide aid agencies with emergency provision to protect civilians in Gaza from malnutrition. (5112)
- 39N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with the Palestinian authorities on negotiations for an end to the crisis. (5113)
- 40N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his US counterpart on the potential merits of a ceasefire. (5114)
- 41N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he has taken to work with the World Health Organisation to address (a) the rise in disease and (b) other aspects of the health crisis in Gaza. (5115)
- 42N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many security passes for his Department have been reported as (a) missing and (b) stolen in the last 12 months. (5120)
- 43N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make it his policy to call for an immediate moratorium on the (a) arrest, (b) detention and (c) prosecution of Palestinian children by Israeli military authorities. (5123)

- 44N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to support (a) humanitarian access into and (b) adequate levels of fuel entering Gaza. (5124)
- 45N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the number of children killed in Gaza. (5128)
- 46N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications of food insecurity for his policies on the health and wellbeing of children in Gaza. (5130)
- 47N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions he has held with representatives of retail sector employees on the adequacy of measures to tackle physical assaults in the workplace. (4925)
- 48N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much his Department spent in (a) non-Commonwealth and (b) non-EU countries on (i) security checks and (ii) other support to recruit people to work in the UK in each of the last four years. (5086)
- 49N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has a planned timetable for publishing an updated serious organised crime strategy. (5058)
- 50N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign national offenders were imprisoned (a) in total and (b) by offence type in each year since 2008. (5051)
- 51N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who were arrested were not UK nationals in each year since 2007. (5056)
- 52N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average salary of a member of Bedfordshire police force was in each of the last three years. (5070)
- 53N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1846 on Fraud: Crime Prevention, if he will publish his Department's planned timetable for appointing the Government's new anti-fraud champion. (4976)
- 54N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to encourage the recruitment of skilled workers to the defence shipbuilding sector. (4933)

- 55N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many meetings the Minister for Defence Procurement has had with the devolved Administrations to discuss the Refresh to the National Shipbuilding Strategy since his appointment; and on what dates those meetings took place. (4942)
- 56N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has set targets for the export of UK-built ships over the next five years. (4948)
- 57N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to encourage the involvement of SMEs within the shipbuilding sector of the defence industry. (4949)
- 58N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he (a) is taking and (b) plans to take steps to reduce the administrative impact of bidding for Government contracts on the UK shipbuilding sector within the defence industry. (4951)
- 59N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 30 November 2023 to Question 3708 on Military Bases: Concrete, how many buildings in which an initial survey for RAAC was completed were (a) found to contain RAAC and (b) have been deemed to require additional surveying. (4910)
- 60N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) veterans and (b) next of kin have (i) applied and (ii) been approved to receive a Nuclear Test Medal. (4911)
- 61N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of (a) veterans and (b) next of kin have who applied to receive a Nuclear Test Medal were rejected. (4912)
- 62N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veterans ID Cards have been delivered to UK veterans as part of phase 2 of that scheme as of 4 December 2023. (4913)
- 63N **Dame Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish his Department's response to the LGBT Veterans Independent Review. (5002)
- 64N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4359 on Defence: Buildings, in how many and what proportion of the 11,602 buildings for which a survey has been completed has RAAC been identified. (4952)
- 65N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 1 December 2023 to Question 3359 on Israel: RAF Akrotiri, what military actions Allies inform the Government of; and what actions by Allies the Government informs Parliament of. (5075)

- 66N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 1 December 2023 to Question 3359 on Israel: RAF Akrotiri, whether his Departments is fully informed on US military operations at RAF Arkotiri. (5076)
- 67N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether Major Kevin McCool was posted to (a) the High Commission in Nairobi or (b) a military base in Kenya. (5097)
- 68N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many security passes for his Department have been reported as (a) missing and (b) stolen in the last 12 months. (5119)
- 69N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when a Minister in his Department last visited MOD Boscombe Down; and for what purpose. (4978)
- 70N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many times a police cell was used as part of Operation Safeguard in 2023 by (a) region and (b) police force. (5060)
- 71N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many stress-related sick day absences were recorded for probation staff in Greater London in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5064)
- 72N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many stress-related sick day absences were recorded for probation staff in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5065)
- 73N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether staff below senior grade in HM Prisons and Probation Service have visited Estonia on official duties in the last 12 months. (5069)
- 74N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been prosecuted under the Hunting Act 2004 in each year since 2010. (5122)
- 75N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people who were not UK nationals and were sentenced to an immediate custodial sentence had (a) zero, (b) one, (c) two, (d) three, (e) four, (f) five, (g) six, (h) seven, (i) eight, (j) nine and (k) 10 or more previous convictions in each year since 2007. (5054)
- 76N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people who were (a) cautioned and (b) sentenced were not UK nationals in each year since 2007. (5055)
- 77N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners are in custody for (a) an offence relating to (i) violence against the person, (ii) sexual abuse and harassment, (iii) burglary, (iv) theft, (v) criminal

damage and arson, (vi) drugs, (vii) possession of weapons, (viii) public order, (ix) miscellaneous crimes against society, (x) fraud, (b) summary offences and (c) offences not recorded as of 4 December 2023; and of those, how many and what proportion (A) have been sentenced to less than one year and (B) are foreign nationals. (5073)

78N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many FTE HM Revenue and Customs staff of what civil service grade worked on which category of tax compliance activity in each of the last five financial years. (5093)

79N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to page 48 of his Department's publication entitled Autumn Statement 2023 Policy Costings, published in November 2023, whether the new staff recruited to operational teams will be included in existing HMRC tax compliance staffing figures. (5094)

80N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the (a) staffing and (b) non-staffing costs of HM Revenue and Customs tax compliance activities were in each of the last five financial years. (5095)

81N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the revenue received by the public purse through (a) compliance yield as measured for performance purposes and (b) tax revenue as measured by tax receipts raised as a result of new spending on compliance activity announced in each (i) a Budget and (ii) Autumn Statement in the last five financial years. (5096)

82N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of how much the Exchequer has received from the Mineworkers Pension Scheme under the surplus sharing arrangements adjusted for inflation since the establishment of those arrangements. (4998)

83N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, for what reason he did not jointly sign the letter from the First Minister of Wales on the release of location data for Category C and D disused coal tips, dated 7 November 2023. (5040)

Questions for Answer on Monday 11 December

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he last made an assessment of the potential merits of Automatic Voter Registration as a means of improving the accuracy of the electoral register. (5043)

- 2N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential role of Automatic Voter Registration in registering UK citizens abroad. (5044)
- 3N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Education on the potential merits of supporting schools with transport costs to theatre productions. (5006)
- 4N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating a national register of student accommodation. (4954)
- 5N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has had discussions with the (a) Electoral Commission and (b) Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on the potential merits of an information campaign targeted at UK citizens living overseas to encourage them to register to vote. (5045)
- 6N **Ian Murray** (Edinburgh South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what his planned timescale is for announcing the selection methodology for culture projects in Round 3 of the Levelling Up Fund. (5001)
- 7N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data her Department holds on the number and proportion of ear wax removal treatments commissioned by integrated care boards that were carried out by private sector providers in (a) Cheshire and Merseyside and (b) England (i) between July 2022 and March 2023 and (ii) since April 2023. (5106)
- 8N **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data her Department holds on the (a) maximum and (b) minimum cost of an ear wax removal treatment by a private sector provider. (5107)
- 9N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to improve the provision of (a) mental health support and (b) other care for patients who have experienced early pregnancy loss. (5140)
- 10N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Final report of the Ockenden review, published on 30 March 2022, what steps she is taking to increase levels of safety in (a) antenatal and (b) maternity care; and whether the recommendations of that review have been accepted. (5141)
- 11N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether it remains her Department's policy to reform the Mental Health Act 1983. (5125)

- 12N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to reduce racial inequalities in the use of the Mental Health Act 1983. (5126)
- 13N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress her Department has made on its commitment to reduce the number of people with a learning disability and autistic people in specialist inpatient care by 50% by March 2024 compared with March 2015. (5127)
- 14N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 since the Independent Review of the Mental Health Act 1983 was published on 6 December 2018; and what progress her Department has made on tackling the disproportionate number of people from black and minority ethnic groups being detained under that Act. (5129)
- 15N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with the Israeli Government on reopening the Kerem Shalom border crossing. [R] (4901)
- 16N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what estimate he has made of the number of lorries that need to pass through the Rafah border crossing each day in order to deliver sufficient humanitarian aid to people in Gaza. [R] (4902)
- 17N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make representations to the Israeli authorities on lifting restrictions on (a) water and (b) fuel reaching internally displaced refugees. [R] (4903)
- 18N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the number of hours that people on student visas can work. (4953)
- 19N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Biometric Residence Permits have been affected by technical issues in the last 12 months. (5080)
- 20N **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when he expects the annual reviews of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs for (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23 to be published. (5034)
- 21N **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his timescales are for conducting the next triennial review of the Home Office Science Advisory Non-Departmental Public Bodies. (5035)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 12 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Pension Schemes Act 2015 (Transitional Provisions and Appropriate Independent Advice) 2015 Post Implementation Review, published on 4 April 2023, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the conclusions of that review. (5041)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 13 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the Office for Product Safety and Standards' timetable is for publishing the findings from the Product Safety review consultation which closed on 24 October 2023. (4956)