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Questions tabled on Tuesday 5 December 2023

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 6 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent estimate he has made of the value of the UK's trading relationship with (a) the Southern Africa Customs Union and (b) Mozambique. [Transferred] (4992)
- 2 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on its plans to trial Automatic Voter Registration. [Transferred] (5042)
- 3 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to introduce smoking wardens to enforce the generational ban on tobacco products. [Transferred] (4955)
- 4 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she 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. [Transferred] (5099)
- 5 **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 his Department has completed the market assessment of green marine capability. [Transferred] (4927)
- 6 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has made an assessment of the value for money of Operation Safeguard in 2023. [Transferred] (5071)

- 7 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with representatives of the Northern Ireland Administration on a strategy on ending violence against women and girls.

[Transferred] (5020)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 7 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Attorney General, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5199)
- 2 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had discussions with Stoll on the sale of Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions to Chelsea Football Club. (5318)
- 3 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5197)
- 4 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to help support SMEs with utility costs. (5284)
- 5 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps to align the UK with EU (a) standards and (b) regulations. (5285)
- 6 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5194)
- 7 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to introduce age verification checks for online streams of gambling content. (5222)
- 8 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans her Department has to (a) investigate and (b) regulate (i) crypto-casinos and (ii) other new and emerging forms of gambling. (5223)
- 9 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the guidance on Loot boxes in video games: update on improvements to industry-led protections, published by her Department on 18 July 2023, what steps she is taking to review the impact of these measures on protecting people from gambling harm. (5224)

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- 10 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of gambling advertising on gambling harm. (5225)
- 11 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Get Active: a strategy for the future of sport and physical activity, published on 30 August 2023, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of funding deaf athletes at the elite level. (5279)
- 12 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Lucy Frazer's speech to the Royal Television Society, published on 20 September 2023, if she will publish the terms of reference of her Department's review on the future of TV distribution. (5280)
- 13 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what information her Department holds on the number of private members clubs. (5434)
- 14 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5203)
- 15 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of potential merits of making people with British National (Overseas) visas eligible for student finance. (5336)
- 16 **Tracey Crouch** (Chatham and Aylesford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that all school-aged girls have access to a range of team sports within the PE curriculum. (5226)
- 17 **Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that local councils secure the specified special educational provision for children and young people as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014. (5398)
- 18 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of ventilation in schools on (a) illness and (b) attendance levels. (5404)
- 19 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to tackle anti-semitism in schools. (5215)
- 20 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help prevent children taking part in anti-Israel demonstrations during school times. (5253)

- 21 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children are in hybrid learning arrangements due to the presence of RAAC in their (a) school and (b) college building as of 5 December 2023. (5423)
- 22 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many hours the caseworkers assigned to schools affected by RAAC have worked; and how many of those were (a) virtual and (b) on site. (5424)
- 23 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which companies her Department has contracted to provide temporary classrooms following the publication of the guidance entitled Installing temporary buildings on school sites with RAAC, published on 31 October 2023; and what the value was of each contract. (5230)
- 24 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the quality of the (a) resources and (b) temporary classrooms provided by Mitie to schools affected by RAAC. (5324)
- 25 **Priti Patel** (Witham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what process her Department has put in place to allow schools to report concerns on temporary classroom provision due to RAAC to her Department. (5326)
- 26 **Sir Gary Streeter** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that staff working within children's social care receive training to understand the potential altruistic motivation of potential (a) foster and (b) adoptive parents of faith. (5147)
- 27 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5190)
- 28N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to help insulate homes with a low energy efficiency rating in Leeds North East constituency. [Transferred] (4928)
- 29 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many members of His Majesty's Government (a) have attended and (b) plan to attend COP28 as of 5 December 2023. (5356)
- 30 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Climate Change Committee's publication entitled CCC assessment of recent announcements and developments on Net Zero, published on 12 October 2023, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of its findings that recent policy developments (a) have made meeting future targets harder and (b) increase longer-term risks to meeting the 2050 Net Zero target. (5209)
- 31 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Climate Change Committee's publication entitled CCC assessment of recent announcements and developments on Net Zero, published on 12 October 2023, what assessment she has made of the

- potential implications for her policies of its findings that the (a) cancellation of regulations on the private-rented sector and (b) delayed phase out of fossil fuel cars would increase costs for households. (5210)
- 32 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has targets for large-scale long-duration electricity storage deployment by (a) 2030 and (b) 2050. (5234)
- 33N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to recommendation 27 of the report entitled The Second National Infrastructure Assessment published by the National Infrastructure Commission in October 2023, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of utilising radio spectrum for energy networks. (5206)
- 34N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she 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. [Transferred] (4998)
- 35 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of differences in the speed with which (a) British Gas and (b) other energy providers increase direct debits when accounts are in debt and reduce them when accounts are in credit. (5339)
- 36 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5196)
- 37 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the report by CARE International UK entitled Turning promises into progress - how the UK can realise the potential of gender-just climate action, published in November 2023. (5374)
- 38 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport on the potential impact of railway electrification in Wales on air pollution. (5149)
- 39 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress he has made on long-term strategic maintenance plans for flood defences in Lincolnshire. (5151)
- 40 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the Simpler Recycling policy takes into account the expectations of consumers about what happens to items they send for recycling. (5368)

- 41 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to publish additional statutory guidance for local authorities on the sorting of materials collected from households. (5369)
- 42 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact on recycling rates of mandating the sorting of co-mingled materials collected from households under the Simpler Recycling policy. (5370)
- 43 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2023 to Question 3178, for what reason he has not been able to provide a date for when his Department plans to publish the summary of the business case for the Office for Environmental Protection. (5249)
- 44 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the proportion of eligible older people receiving a social tariff from their water companies. (5254)
- 45 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential risk of diseases spreading to wild (a) insects and (b) other animals from insects farmed for use as (i) food and (ii) animal feed. (5255)
- 46 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether His Department has made an assessment of the potential environmental impact of (a) greenhouse gas, (b) nitrous oxide and (c) other emissions from farmed insect frass used as fertiliser. (5256)
- 47 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the environmental impact of (a) meat and (b) dairy cows. (5433)
- 48 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5204)
- 49 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what lessons for the protection of high streets his Department has learned from the collapse of Wilko. (5288)
- 50 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4394 answered 4 December 2023 on Evictions, what data his Department holds centrally on housing evictions. (5257)
- 51 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will take steps to monitor the number of private tenants evicted under Section 21 notices. (5258)

- 52 **Sir Gary Streeter** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department will take steps to ensure staff working within local government children's social care receive training to understand the potential altruistic motivation of potential (a) foster and (b) adoptive parents of faith. (5148)
- 53 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5195)
- 54 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to tackle SMS text scams. (5401)
- 55 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5198)
- 56 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his planned timetable is for providing feedback on the Full Business Case for the Birmingham Highways Maintenance and Management PFI contract, submitted to his Department by Birmingham City Council and Birmingham Highways Ltd in August 2023. (5289)
- 57 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the use of sustainable fuel in the aviation sector. (5220)
- 58 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he is taking steps to help ensure that elderly motorists have access to affordable car insurance policies. (5413)
- 59 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has had discussions with the Mayor of Greater Manchester on the proposed Metrolink tram extension to Stockport. (5407)
- 60 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to publish the business case for the Transpennine Route Upgrade. (5263)
- 61 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to publish the revised business case for Northern Powerhouse Rail. (5264)
- 62 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 2557 on published on Rolling Stock: Contracts, how long the leasing arrangements are that his Department has provided consent for Avanti West Coast to enter into with (a) Angel Trains Limited for the Class 390 units and (b) Cross Country for the leasing of Class 170 from Porterbrook; and what assessment he has made of the value for money of these arrangements. (5265)

- 63 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 1534 on Motor Vehicles: Carbon Emissions, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the report entitled Powered Light Vehicles Life Cycle published by Zemo Partnership in December 2021. (5414)
- 64 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the impact of the reduction of the plug-in motorcycle grant on the (a) commercial viability of the production and (b) consumer uptake of electric mopeds and motorcycles. (5415)
- 65 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5192)
- 66 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the proposals set out in the Government Response to the Work Capability Assessment: Activities and Descriptors Consultation, published on 22 November 2023, on trends in the level of disabled people in poverty. (5350)
- 67 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Government's response to the Work Capability Assessment: activities and descriptors consultation, what estimate he has made of the proportion of consultation responses that were in favour of any of the proposals. (5351)
- 68 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether income-related ESA claimants who are re-assessed upon moving to Universal Credit through Managed Migration after 2025 will be subject to the existing or new Work Capability Assessment. (5352)
- 69 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the scorecard set out in the Autumn Statement document for the reform of the Work Capability Assessment descriptors takes into account the planned implementation of the Health and Disability White Paper for new claimants from 2026-27. (5354)
- 70 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate his Department has made of the number of people who are (a) waiting for (i) trauma and (ii) orthopaedic treatment and (b) are unable to work until they are treated who will be supported to (A) receive their treatment and (B) re-enter the workforce. (5438)
- 71 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Access to Work scheme applications were submitted for reconsideration in 2023. (5386)

- 72 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed changes to the Work Capability Assessment on disabled people's finances. (5391)
- 73 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5193)
- 74 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is for an adult autism diagnosis. (5286)
- 75 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3835 on Tobacco: Sales, what discussions she has had with Trading Standards on the resources required to enforce a generational smoking ban. (5394)
- 76 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate her Department has made of the take-up by NHS Trusts of NHS England's Federated Data Platform in each of the next five years. (5363)
- 77 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if her Department will ensure that NHS England publishes a public quarterly report on progress on the (a) development and (b) adoption of software products built within NHS England's Federated Data Platform framework. (5365)
- 78 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has a risk register for NHS England's Federated Data Platform. (5367)
- 79 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure NHS England's Federated Data Platform represents value for money. (5375)
- 80 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a UK-wide blueprint for inflammatory bowel disease. (5381)
- 81 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data her Department holds on trends in the incidence rates of (a) Crohn's and (b) Ulcerative Colitis. (5382)
- 82 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress she has made on increasing the range of services available in pharmacies across England. (5228)
- 83 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how soon after the closure of her Department's consultation entitled Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping on 6 December 2023 she plans to publish the draft Tobacco and Vapes Bill. (5390)

- 84 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the consultation entitled Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping, published on 12 October 2023, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of including heated tobacco products within these proposals on levels of smoking cessation. (5395)
- 85 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the (a) adequacy of the level of mental health support available to bereaved parents following miscarriage and baby loss and (b) potential merits of allocating additional resources for such care. (5403)
- 86 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to support NHS services to make adequate provision to (a) diagnose and (b) manage Inflammatory Bowel Disease. (5405)
- 87 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the number of patients with suspected (a) Crohn's disease and (b) ulcerative colitis waiting over 18 weeks to receive a diagnosis. (5406)
- 88 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has he made of the adequacy of MRI capacity in the North East. (5252)
- 89 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of used medical equipment was recycled in each of the last three years. (5281)
- 90 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to increase the amount of used medical equipment that is recycled. (5282)
- 91 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to her Department's contract Securing a Diverse Future for the NHS, procurement reference CF-2038900D00000000rwimUAA, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the diversity in the NHS workforce. (5426)
- 92 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of NHS GP appointments in each region were (a) same-day and (b) virtual in 2023. (5427)
- 93 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of how many patients are being treated on virtual wards for (a) respiratory conditions, (b) cardiology, (c) gastroenterology and (d) infectious diseases. (5428)
- 94 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many FTE working days were lost in each nursing band, broken down by reason for absence, in the year to June 2023. (5430)

- 95 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the number of FTE working days lost due to stress-related absences across the NHS in the year to June 2023. (5431)
- 96 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of instances of in-patient sickness owing to food poisoning. (5432)
- 97 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of allowing people that are not currently eligible for covid-19 booster vaccines to (a) purchase them at an affordable price and (b) receive them free of charge if they are eligible for free prescriptions on levels of people retuning to work. (5266)
- 98 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure equal experiences of patients with (a) Chron's disease and (b) Ulcerative Colitis in the South West. (5419)
- 99 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make it her policy to increase funding for diagnosis in the dementia strategy. (5270)
- 100 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Adult social care system reform: next steps to put People at the Heart of Care, published on 4 April 2023, if she will take steps to make funding available to expedite the discharge of elderly patients from hospital. (5271)
- 101 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to support hospital trusts to adopt AI technologies to assist with (a) interventions for and (b) treatment of (i) cancers, (ii) strokes and (iii) heart conditions. (5272)
- 102 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help prevent the occurrence of cancers in women linked to obesity. (5276)
- 103 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5191)
- 104 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help increase rates of early arthritis diagnosis. (5232)
- 105 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence's webpage entitled Diagnosis and referral of inflammatory arthritis, what steps

her Department is taking to increase the number of people with suspected inflammatory arthritis who receive referral to rheumatology services within three working days. (5233)

106 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 19 July 2023 to Question 193651 on Arthritis: Mental Health, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of waiting times for elective care on the mental health of people with arthritis. (5235)

107 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the elective recovery taskforce's implementation plan, what steps her Department is taking to ensure equity in access for people who are unable to use (a) NHS Digital, (b) MyPlanned and (c) other online platforms relevant to healthcare. (5236)

108 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies in support of security in Nigeria of the killings of civilians in Tudun Biri in Kaduna state of Nigeria on 3 December 2023. (5259)

109 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the statement by the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory published on 4 December 2023. (5353)

110 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of Zambia's debt situation. (5357)

111 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the humanitarian situation in Myanmar. (5358)

112 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Peruvian counterpart on protections for (a) indigenous, (b) land, (c) human rights and (d) environmental activists. (5373)

113 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): 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 statement by Medical Aid for Palestinians on the impact of Israel's military offensive actions and siege on people in Gaza, published on 4 December 2023. (5377)

114 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what his Department's policy is on whether Hong Kong should be represented at international economic organisations in the context of its changed status within China. (5337)

- 115 **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 (a) British, (b) British born and (c) dual nationals who were killed in the terrorist attacks in Israel on 7 October 2023. (5213)
- 116 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what information his Department holds on the number of (a) British, (b) British born and (c) British dual nationals who were kidnapped in Israel on 7 October 2023. (5214)
- 117 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what (a) diplomatic, (b) operational and (c) other steps his Department is taking to help secure the release of British citizens being held hostage in Gaza. (5261)
- 118 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 2552 on Guyana: Venezuela, what recent discussions he has held with his counterparts in Guyana on the border dispute with Venezuela. (5211)
- 119 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will take steps to help support (a) the claim of the Kichwa people for the return of indigenous lands and (b) authorities with the investigation of the murder of Quinto Inuma in Peru. (5320)
- 120 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5189)
- 121 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he plans to take to improve the performance of the Disclosure and Barring Service. (5287)
- 122 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people are being investigated for social media posts supporting (a) Palestine and (b) Israel. (5399)
- 123 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many flights his Department (a) has chartered and (b) plans to charter to transport Afghan refugees from Pakistan since October for (i) each month in 2023 and (ii) the first three months of 2024; what estimate he has made of the total number of flights that will be chartered in total; and whether the total number of flights will be calculated on the number of Afghan refugees currently receiving UK Government support in Pakistan. (5231)
- 124 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 1 December 2023 to Question 3174 on Hate crime: research, what the cost was of the external research commissioned from (a) IPSOS UK and (b) RAND Europe. (5245)

- 125 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time is for an appointment at a UK Visa Application Centre in China. (5400)
- 126 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if his Department will provide a formalised commitment to apply for British citizenship on behalf of Hong Kongers on the British National (Overseas) visa scheme to present to (a) HSBC and (b) other UK-based pension providers in the event that they are denied access to their pensions. (5408)
- 127 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that it stays connected with people seeking asylum subsequent to those people being provided accommodation. (5275)
- 128 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5188)
- 129 **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how much the House of Commons spends on (a) total IT infrastructure, (b) IT infrastructure that was first purchased in 2013 or earlier and (c) legacy IT infrastructure each year. (5277)
- 130 **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, with reference to the guidance by the Central Digital and Data Office entitled Guidance on the Legacy IT Risk Assessment Framework, published on 29 September 2023, how many red-rated IT systems are used by the House of Commons. (5278)
- 131 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of items of stock in the inventory are categorised as spares as of 5 December 2023. (5174)
- 132 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 13 of the Defence Supply Chain Strategy, published in November 2022, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the clothing inventory sourced from China is (a) ethically sourced and (b) does not include the use of forced labour in its production. (5175)
- 133 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 14 of the Defence Supply Chain Strategy, published in November 2022, what steps his Department is taking to reduce silos within the defence supply chain. (5176)
- 134 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 16 of the Defence Supply Chain Strategy (DSCS), published in November 2022, if he will publish the DSCS implementation roadmap. (5177)

- 135 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to strengthen the resilience of the defence supply chain. (5178)
- 136 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve the (a) transparency and (b) accountability of procurement processes within his Department. (5184)
- 137 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to promote the use of artificial intelligence in the UK's defence industry. (5185)
- 138 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to promote the UK's defence industry in other countries. (5186)
- 139 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support the development of new defence technologies. (5237)
- 140 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many military housing units are scheduled for (a) renovation and (b) replacement. (5238)
- 141 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many military housing units reported cases of (a) mould, (b) heating and (c) external wall insulation problems in each year since 2019. (5239)
- 142 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many military housing units were treated for (a) mould, (b) heating and (c) external wall insulation problems in each year since 2019. (5240)
- 143 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of time was for military housing units to be treated for (a) mould, (b) heating and (c) external wall insulation problems after a case was raised in each year since 2019. (5241)
- 144 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many advertised vacancies in his Department have not been filled in each year since 2019. (5242)
- 145 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has met General Dynamics to discuss the Ajax project since his appointment. (5243)
- 146 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on delivering the Armed Forces Recruitment Programme. (5218)

- 147 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of health assessments on recruitment to the armed forces. (5219)
- 148 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's Departmental Resource 2023 statistics published on 30 November 2023, for what reason his Department spent £11 million on external consultants related to finance in 2022-23. (5159)
- 149 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's Departmental Resource 2023 statistics published on 30 November 2023, for what reason his Department spent £13 million on external consultants related to organisation and change management in 2022-23. (5160)
- 150 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs for the PEGASUS Deployed programme were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (5161)
- 151 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected whole life costs were for the Submarine Waterfront Infrastructure Future programme in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (5162)
- 152 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the projected project end date was for the TEUTATES programme in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (5163)
- 153 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) Infrastructure and Projects Authority and (b) Senior Responsible Owner rating was of the Armed Forces Recruiting Programme in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5164)
- 154 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) Infrastructure and Projects Authority and (b) Senior Responsible Owner rating was of the AURORA programme in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5165)
- 155 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) Infrastructure and Projects Authority and (b) Senior Responsible Owner rating was of the Clyde Infrastructure Programme in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5166)
- 156 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) Infrastructure and Projects Authority and (b) Senior Responsible Owner rating was of the Joint Crypt Key Programme in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5167)
- 157 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) Infrastructure and Projects Authority and (b) Senior Responsible Owner rating was of the MENSA Programme in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5168)

- 158 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) Infrastructure and Projects Authority and (b) Senior Responsible Owner rating was of the New Style of Information Technology Deployed in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5169)
- 159 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) Infrastructure and Projects Authority and (b) Senior Responsible Owner rating was of the PEGASUS Programme in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5170)
- 160 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) Infrastructure and Projects Authority and (b) Senior Responsible Owner rating was of Project Bramley in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5171)
- 161 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) Infrastructure and Projects Authority and (b) Senior Responsible Owner rating was of the Teutates Programme in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5172)
- 162 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1789 on Afghanistan: Refugees, what the longest outstanding Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy application that has not been assessed as likely ineligible is that is awaiting assessment by his Department. (5173)
- 163 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December to Question 3979 on Israel: Disclosure of Information, whether information not related to hostage rescue will be passed to authorities not involved with hostage rescue. (5437)
- 164 **NChi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much and what proportion of the budget for SKYNET 6 has been spent as of 4 December 2023. [Transferred] (5015)
- 165 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the sale of Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions property and land on the health of veterans. (5315)
- 166 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have met representatives of the veterans charity Stoll to discuss its financial situation since 2018. (5316)
- 167 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has provided advice to military housing charity Stoll on the proposed majority sale of Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions. (5317)
- 168 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of whether the veterans' charity Stoll is meeting its obligations under the Armed Forces Covenant. (5319)

- 169 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5205)
- 170 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many visits to the youth secure estate have (a) he, (b) the Minister for Prisons, Parole and Probation, (c) the Chief Executive of HMPPS and (d) the Director of the Youth Custody Service undertaken in the last 12 months. (5295)
- 171 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make it his policy to set a target date by which all institutions of the youth secure estate should be considered good by the prison inspectorate. (5296)
- 172 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many allegations of abuse have been made at Werrington Young Offender Institution in the last 12 months. (5302)
- 173 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many girls have been placed at the Wetherby and Keppel Young Offender Institution in the last 12 months. (5303)
- 174 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when was the last time Werrington Young Offender Institution was visited by a (a) Minister and (b) a member of the Ministry of Justice Board. (5304)
- 175 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many girls are in custody; and how many and what proportion of these girls are in youth offender institutions. (5305)
- 176 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the number of family visits received by children in the secure estate. (5306)
- 177 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many children in custody received no family visits in the last month for which figures are available. (5307)
- 178 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average number of video calls per child using the Purple Visits app was in each institution in the youth secure estate in the last month. (5308)
- 179 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average number of family visits received per child was in each institution in the youth secure estate in the last month. (5309)
- 180 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many young people were held in segregation for more than seven days in each of the young offender institutions in England and Wales during the last year. (5310)

- 181 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of young people held in the secure estate are on remand as of 5 December 2023. (5311)
- 182 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average number of hours spent out of their cell by inmates on (a) weekdays and (b) weekend days was in each young offender institution in November 2023. (5312)
- 183 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his Department's Review of the Youth Justice System in England and Wales, published in December 2016, what progress his Department has made on the implementation of the recommendations on secure schools. (5313)
- 184 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate his Department has made of the average number of family visits per child in each institution in the youth secure estate in the last month. (5314)
- 185 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign national offenders were imprisoned (a) in total and (b) by offence type in each year since 2008. [Transferred] (5051)
- 186 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Sentencing Council's overarching guideline on domestic abuse. (5425)
- 187 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5202)
- 188 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Prime Minister, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5158)
- 189 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5201)
- 190 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the longest waiting time was for people trying to contact HMRC by telephone on 5 December 2023. (5283)
- 191 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of removing VAT on all school uniform items. (5385)
- 192 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority on the potential merits of taking into account the specific needs of local communities when setting minimum cash access standards rather than using geographic criteria. (5150)

- 193 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking reduce the national debt in the (a) short- and (b) medium-term. (5273)
- 194 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether officials in his Department have had discussions with representatives of (a) supermarkets and (b) other retail outlets on steps being taken to mitigate the impact of increased costs on the prices of goods for consumers. (5274)
- 195 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5187)
- 196 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how much their Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5200)
- 197 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps the Government is taking to encourage industry to foster a more inclusive working environment for neurodivergent people. (5379)
- 198 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps the Government is taking to help integrate neurodiversity into working (a) practices and (b) culture in the (i) public and (ii) private sector. (5380)
- 199 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the effectiveness of the Disability Action Plan. (5221)
- 200 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Autumn Statement 2023 on the finances of people with complex disabilities. (5392)
- 201 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of increases in cost of living on people with complex disabilities. (5393)

Questions for Answer on Monday 11 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Attorney General, how much the Attorney General's Office spent on external recruitment consultants in each of the financial years (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22, and (c) 2022-23. (5331)

- 2N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4170 on Fraud: Coronavirus, what proportion of the recovered £88 million is designated as (a) fraud and (b) error. (5328)
- 3N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in each of the financial years (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22, and (c) 2022-23. (5332)
- 4N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4433 on Three: Vodafone Group, if he will publish the decision of the Investment Security Unit on the proposed merger between Three and Vodafone. (5327)
- 5N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much her Department spent on external recruitment consultants in each of the financial years (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22, and (c) 2022-23. (5334)
- 6N **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Guidance on the Legacy IT Risk Assessment Framework, published by the Central Digital and Data Office on 29 September 2023, how many red-rated IT systems are used by arms length bodies for which her Department has responsibility. (5290)
- 7N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating a national register of student accommodation. [Transferred] (4954)
- 8N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding available to education authorities covering largely rural areas. (5269)
- 9N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the (a) capacity of and (b) resources available to schools to support SEND students. (5244)
- 10N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average waiting time is for an Education, Health and Care plan to be completed following a Special Educational Needs and Disability referral in County Durham. (5246)
- 11N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what her Department's policy is on (a) British Gas and (b) other energy providers reducing direct debit payments when customers' accounts are in credit; and what information her Department holds on the amount of customers' money held in credit by energy providers. (5338)
- 12N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent flooding in Wales in winter 2023-2024. (5145)

- 13N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment Ofwat has made of the affordability of water bills for pensioners living in poverty. (5418)
- 14N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to respond to Thames Water's s35 application for its Teddington Direct River Abstraction proposal. (5436)
- 15N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many registered houses in multiple occupation there are in County Durham. (5361)
- 16N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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. [Transferred] (5043)
- 17N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the potential role of Automatic Voter Registration in registering UK citizens abroad. [Transferred] (5044)
- 18N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4366 on Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: Incentives, by what means the figure for non-cash vouchers requested in that question can be determined from his Department's usual publication of non-consolidated performance related pay. (5260)
- 19N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department is (a) conducting research on and (b) funding metascience. (5291)
- 20N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) delivery milestones, (b) timeframe and (c) benefit cost ratio are for the planned NPR Bradford-Manchester line as part of Network North. (5340)
- 21N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) delivery milestones, (b) timeframe and (c) benefit cost ratio are for the electrification of the Sheffield - Leeds Line as part of Network North. (5341)
- 22N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) delivery milestones, (b) timeframe and (c) benefit cost ratio are for the electrification of the (i) Hull - Leeds and (ii) Sheffield - Hull rail line as part of Network North. (5342)
- 23N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) delivery milestones, (b) timeframe and (c) benefit cost ratio are for the electrification of the Hope Valley line between Sheffield and Manchester as part of Network North. (5343)

- 24N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) delivery milestones, (b) timeframe and (c) benefit cost ratio are for upgrading the Energy Coast Line between Carlisle, Workington and Barrow as part of Network North. (5344)
- 25N **Mrs Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of ending Birmingham's Highways PFI contract earlier than planned on future infrastructure planning in that city. (5421)
- 26N **Mrs Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 30 November 2023 to Question 4015 on Roads: Midlands, if he will make a comparative estimate of the (a) additional funding for the West Midlands and East Midlands referenced in that Answer and (b) impact of shortening Birmingham's Highways PFI contract to one year on the funding available for highways maintenance. (5422)
- 27N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral statement of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on legal migration of 4 December 2023, Official Report, column 41, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of reducing net migration on (a) recruitment and (b) retention in the social care sector. (5335)
- 28N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to tackle shortages of (a) methylphenidate, (b) lisdexamfetamine and (c) guanfacine. (5376)
- 29N **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of expanding the FibroScan rollout to community diagnostic centres in areas with high prevalence of liver disease. (5262)
- 30N **Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November to Question 881 on Bowel Cancer: Screening, when the last review of the national bowel cancer screening programme was completed; and what her planned timetable is for completing the next review. (5384)
- 31N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any homecare medicines services providers have been placed in an escalation process since May 2023. (5387)
- 32N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 31 July to Question HL9573 in the House of Lords on NHS: Drugs, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the (a) complaints system, (b) performance and (c) safety of homecare medicines services. (5388)

- 33N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 26 June 2023 to Question 189330 on NHS: Drugs, how many and what proportion of complaints about homecare medicines services were (a) opened and (b) upheld in each of the last three years. (5389)
- 34N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for children to access diagnostic MRI services. (5250)
- 35N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is for a diagnostic MRI scan for a child at Sunderland Royal Hospital. (5251)
- 36N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, who is responsible for continuous process improvement in (a) NHS England, (b) Integrated Health and Care Boards and (c) NHS Hospital Trusts. (5383)
- 37N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make a cost-benefit assessment of the Pharmacy Earlier Payment Scheme. (5429)
- 38N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress the Clinical Reference Group for allergies has made. (5248)
- 39N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse was of the (a) development and (b) maintenance of the NHS app in each of the last five years. (5345)
- 40N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of pharmacists have trained to become independent prescribers in each of the last three years. (5346)
- 41N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many pharmacist training places have been available in each of the last five years; and how many pharmacists have taken up these training places. (5347)
- 42N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of community pharmacists have worked in England for each of the last 10 years. (5348)
- 43N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of prescriptions were written by pharmacists in the financial year 2022-23. (5349)

- 44N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Egypt on Alaa Abd El-Fattah; and whether he is taking steps to secure consular access to him. (5144)
- 45N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with the International Criminal Court on the adequacy of its funding to investigate conduct in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. (5267)
- 46N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will hold discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the potential merits of re-opening additional crossings into Gaza for humanitarian access. (5322)
- 47N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the humanitarian pause in the conflict between Israel and Hamas on the provision of humanitarian aid to people in Gaza. (5323)
- 48N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of trends in the level of violence in the West Bank. (5325)
- 49N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to the urgent question on Israel and Hamas: Humanitarian Pause in the House of Lords on 29 November 2023, Official Report column 1091 HL, what his Department's policy is on whether there should be a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel. (5329)
- 50N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Treaty between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters with Exchange of Notes, signed in January 1994, how many times information was requested on individuals then resident in the UK between 1998 and 2022. (5207)
- 51N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Statement of 4 November 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report column 42, what the evidential basis was for setting the income threshold for spouse and family visas at £38,700; and whether he sought (a) advice from the Migration Advisory Committee and (b) other independent advice before setting that threshold. (5292)

- 52N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate he has made of the number of British citizens leaving the UK each year to join spouses and partners. (5293)
- 53N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an impact assessment of the rise in income thresholds for spouse and other family visas to £38,700. (5294)
- 54N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Oral Statement to the House on 4 December 2023, Official Report, column 41, on what evidential basis his Department decided to set a minimum income threshold for family visas at £38,700; whether his Department held discussions with (a) Migration Advisory Committee and (b) stakeholders before changing the minimum income threshold for family visas; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of setting a lower threshold. (5321)
- 55N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what date he plans to bring into force the increase in financial threshold for family visas to £38,700; and whether people who apply before the new threshold comes into force will have the existing threshold applied to them if their application has not been decided before the date of the threshold increase. (5360)
- 56N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3994 on Visas: India, what the standard service level is; and what time period his Answer refers to. (5402)
- 57N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4319 on Diamorphine: Clinics, how many licenses have been obtained from his Department for the provision of Diamorphine Assisted Treatment in each of the last five years. (5247)
- 58N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his Department's policy is on the applicability of the £38,700 skilled worker earnings threshold for people who are (a) in possession of and (b) already applying for a UK visa from Spring 2024. (5333)
- 59N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his Department's policy is on the applicability of the minimum income of £38,700 for family visas for people (a) with and (b) already applying for such a visa from Spring 2024. (5396)

- 60N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the correspondence of 5 April 2023 from the Children's Commissioner to the Secretary of State entitled Statutory information request on Home Office accommodation of children seeking asylum, on how many of the variables listed in the data summary his Department holds data for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. (5146)
- 61N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many power cuts have been recorded on the Parliamentary estate in each of the last five years; and where on the estate they occurred. (5355)
- 62N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with his Ukrainian counterpart on the reported attack and disablement of one of the main railway lines linking Russia and China. (5208)
- 63N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many armed forces personnel who undertook regular fitness tests in 2022 were (a) found to be unfit and (b) had their service discontinued in the same year. (5212)
- 64N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the recruitment websites for the armed forces were last updated. (5216)
- 65N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the Partnering Feasibility Study with Saudi Arabia. (5217)
- 66N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of reports linking Army solar panels to claims of forced labour in China. (5179)
- 67N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure the defence supply chain is free from forced labour. (5180)
- 68N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to work with international defence partners in tackling potential security risks associated with forced labour in defence supply chains. (5181)
- 69N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department takes to verify the anti-slavery declarations made by companies within the defence supply chain that have procurement contracts with his Department. (5182)
- 70N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to (a) diversify the defence supply chain and (b) ensure there are no links to Xinjiang. (5183)

- 71N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4342 on Ministry of Defence: Consultants and Temporary Employment, how much and what proportion of expenditure on consultancy by his Department's Head Office in 2022-23 was on (a) strategy, (b) finance, (c) legal, (d) HR and training, (e) organisation and change management, (f) marketing and communications, (g) programme and project management, (h) technical, (i) IT/IS, (j) property and (k) procurement services, (l) other bodies and (m) unknown. (5153)
- 72N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4342 on Ministry of Defence: Consultants and Temporary Employment, how much and what proportion of expenditure by his Department's Head Office in 2021-22 was on (a) strategy, (b) finance, (c) legal, (d) HR and training, (e) organisation and change management, (f) marketing and communications, (g) programme and project management, (h) technical, (i) IT/IS, (j) property and (k) procurement services, (l) other bodies and (m) unknown. (5154)
- 73N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's Departmental Resource 2023 statistics published on 30 November 2023, what the difference in categorisation of consultancy work between (a) programme and project management and (b) procurement is. (5155)
- 74N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's Departmental Resource 2023 statistics published on 30 November 2023, what (a) programmes and (b) projects have benefited from the external consultancy spend of £43 million in 2022-23. (5156)
- 75N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's Departmental Resource 2023 statistics published on 30 November 2023, for what reason his Department spent £16 million on external consultants related to strategy in 2022-23. (5157)
- 76N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's policy is on the use of military vehicles by UK allies (a) in general and (b) at RAF Akrotiri. (5397)
- 77N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4277 on Israel: Military Aid, if he will list the (a) type and (b) quantity of medical supplies that have been provided to Israel since 7 October 2023. (5416)
- 78N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any components for military equipment have been provided to Israel since 7 October 2023. (5417)

- 79N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether personnel from his Department have been on the ground in Gaza in any capacity since 7 October 2023. (5420)
- 80N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the US military notifies UK authorities of the cargo contained in US Air Force flights (a) landing and (b) departing from RAF Akrotiri. (5435)
- 81N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will list the (a) most recent inspection outcome for each institution in the secure estate and (b) the last date on which each institution in the secure estate was last classified as good. (5297)
- 82N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many education settings in the youth secure estate were rated as good on 5 December 2023. (5298)
- 83N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of levels of safety of children in the youth secure estate. (5299)
- 84N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many safeguarding referrals have been made from each (a) young offender institution and (b) secure training centre in the last 12 months. (5300)
- 85N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions he has had with experts in (a) education, (b) youth work and (c) social work on helping to reduce levels of violence in the youth secure estate. (5301)
- 86N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when the Government plans to publish its response to its consultation entitled Coronal investigations of stillbirths, which closed on 18 June 2019. (5268)
- 87N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister of State for Justice during the debate on the Victims and Prisoners Bill of 4 December 2023, Official Report, column 138, when his Department plans to start a public consultation. (5359)
- 88N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Prime Minister, how much the Prime Minister's Office spent on external recruitment consultants in each of the financial years (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22, and (c) 2022-23. (5330)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

- 1 **Antony Higginbotham** (Burnley): What steps her Department is taking to support children with additional educational needs. (900554)
- 2 **Mark Pawsey** (Rugby): What steps she is taking to help reduce the impact of industrial action by teachers on children and parents. (900555)
- 3 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): What steps her Department is taking to ensure the adequacy of school funding in County Durham. (900556)
- 4 **James Sunderland** (Bracknell): What steps she is taking to increase childcare support for working parents. (900557)
- 5 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): What recent assessment she has made of trends in the number of students completing T-Level courses. (900558)
- 6 **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): What steps her Department is taking to help ensure that tertiary and technical education providers work with businesses to meet local skills needs. (900559)
- 7 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): If her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of after-school childcare on long-term educational outcomes. (900560)
- 8 **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): What steps her Department is taking to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. (900561)
- 9 **Mrs Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham, Erdington): What steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for children with special educational needs and disabilities to receive support. (900562)
- 10 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): What steps her Department is taking to improve access to special needs education. (900563)
- 11 **Jack Brereton** (Stoke-on-Trent South): What steps her Department is taking to help ensure that tertiary and technical education providers work with businesses to meet local skills needs. (900564)
- 12 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): What steps her Department is taking to screen pupils for special educational needs and disabilities in primary schools. (900565)
- 13 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): What recent assessment she has made of trends in the number of students completing T-Level courses. (900566)
- 14 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): What recent assessment she has made of trends in the number of support staff vacancies in schools. (900567)
- 15 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): What steps she is taking to help reduce the workload of teachers. (900568)
- 16 **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): What steps she is taking to increase childcare support for working parents. (900569)

- 17 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): What steps her Department is taking to help ensure that tertiary and technical education providers work with businesses to meet local skills needs. (900570)
- 18 **Mrs Sheryll Murray** (South East Cornwall): What recent assessment her Department has made of the impact of free school meals on children and their parents. (900571)
- 19 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): What steps her Department is taking to help ensure that tertiary and technical education providers work with businesses to meet local skills needs. (900572)
- 20 **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): What recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of university applications from international students on the long-term sustainability of higher education institutions. (900573)
- 21 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): How much funding her Department plans to provide for apprenticeships and skills training in the 2024-25 financial year. (900574)
- 22 **Michael Shanks** (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): What recent assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of violence in classrooms. [R] (900575)
- 23 **Paul Holmes** (Eastleigh): What steps she is taking to increase childcare support for working parents. (900576)
- 24 **Ian Levy** (Blyth Valley): What steps her Department is taking to help ensure that tertiary and technical education providers work with businesses to meet local skills needs. (900577)
- 25 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): What recent assessment she has made of trends in the number of students completing T-Level courses. (900578)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

- T1 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (900579)
- T2 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): (900580)
- T3 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): (900581)
- T4 **Priti Patel** (Witham): (900582)
- T5 **Sally-Ann Hart** (Hastings and Rye): (900583)
- T6 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): (900584)
- T7 **Mr William Wragg** (Hazel Grove): (900585)
- T8 **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): (900586)

T9 **Sarah Dyke** (Somerton and Frome): (900587)

T10 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): (900588)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 12 December

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 452 on Joint Air Quality Unit, what steps he is taking to ensure that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs/Department for Transport Joint Air Quality Unit (a) fulfills its remit and (b) delivers value for money. (5372)

2N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 451 on Cars: Exhaust Emissions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the decision to move the ban on the sale of new diesel and petrol cars from 2030 to 2035 on (a) public health and (b) other matters; and whether his Department has plans to conduct further impact assessments. (5371)

3N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 3350 on Access to Work Programme, how many applications to the Access to Work scheme were rejected in each month from April 2021 to April 2022. (5378)

4N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps her Department has taken to prepare for winter 2023-24 in (a) Bournemouth East constituency and (b) the South West. (5227)

5N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the progress of regional diplomatic efforts to secure peace in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. (5409)

6N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department is taking steps to help (a) the people displaced in eastern parts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and (b) reduce the outbreak of disease and hunger in that region. (5410)

- 7N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce rates of conflict-related sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (5411)
- 8N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to tackle food insecurity in Sudan. (5412)
- 9N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the potential impact of reducing police callouts for people with mental ill health on the NHS. (5152)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 14 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Naz Shah** (Bradford West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to help ensure direct, tariff-free trade with Northern Cyprus. (5364)
- 2N **Naz Shah** (Bradford West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will take steps to help ensure that (a) athletes, (b) footballers and (c) teams from Northern Cyprus can participate in international sporting events. (5366)
- 3N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve flood defences in (a) Bournemouth East constituency and (b) the South West. (5229)
- 4N **Naz Shah** (Bradford West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential contribution of Turkish Cypriot Muslims in Northern Cyprus to the UK's strategic position in the eastern Mediterranean. (5362)