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Questions tabled on Wednesday 6 December 2023

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 7 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (5315)
- 2 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department have met representatives of the veterans charity Stoll to discuss its financial situation since 2018. [Transferred] (5316)
- 3 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has provided advice to military housing charity Stoll on the proposed majority sale of Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions. [Transferred] (5317)
- 4 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of whether the veterans' charity Stoll is meeting its obligations under the Armed Forces Covenant. [Transferred] (5319)
- 5 **Sir Gary Streeter** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she 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. [Transferred] (5148)

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- 6 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to help support SMEs with utility costs. [Transferred] (5284)
- 7 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Government is taking to encourage industry to foster a more inclusive working environment for neurodivergent people. [Transferred] (5379)
- 8 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (5380)
- 9 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the effectiveness of the Disability Action Plan. [Transferred] (5221)
- 10 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of increases in cost of living on people with complex disabilities. [Transferred] (5393)
- 11 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle SMS text scams. [Transferred] (5401)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 11 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what risks to (a) employees and (b) the wider population were identified following cyber crimes against Government departments in the last 12 months. (5470)
- 2N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent estimate he has made of the number of British citizens leaving the UK each year to join spouses and partners. [Transferred] (5293)
- 3 **Ian Paisley** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for national security of the proportion of funding for universities from China. (5522)
- 4 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to provide (a) financial and (b) other support to veterans impacted by the proposed sale of Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions. (5572)

- 5 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential financial impact of the proposed sale of Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions on the veterans that live there. (5573)
- 6N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 2516 on Foreign Investment in UK and Overseas Trade: China, how many export control licences for (a) products and (b) services destined for China were refused in each of the last five years. (5474)
- 7N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of investments made by Beijing Jianguang Asset Management Co. Ltd in the UK semiconductor supply chain. (5476)
- 8N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the value of bilateral trade with St Kitts and Nevis was in (a) 2021 and (b) 2022. (5562)
- 9 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the average length of time for decisions on export licencing has been in each of the last five years. (5627)
- 10 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many and what proportion of export licencing decisions were processed within (a) 20 days and (b) 60 days in the latest period for which figures are available. (5628)
- 11 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the average length of time for decisions to be made on export licencing on the competitiveness of British exporters. (5629)
- 12 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she plans to take steps to reduce the average length of time for decisions to be made on export licences. (5630)
- 13 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many officials in her Department work on processing export licence applications as of 6 December 2023. (5631)
- 14 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many staff from her Department are based in India. (5710)
- 15N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much her Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5533)

- 16N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department holds data on the number of community brass bands in England in (a) 2003, (b) 2010, (c) 2013, (d) 2019 and (e) 2023. (5501)
- 17N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department holds data on the number of music recording studios that have closed in the last 10 years. (5502)
- 18N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will take steps to publish an update to the report entitled Music Studio Market Assessment, published on 3 August 2021. (5503)
- 19N **Barbara Keeley** (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with Arts Council England on the finances of music organisations. (5504)
- 20 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the BBC Board on the BBC's Digital First savings strategy, published on 29 November 2023. (5616)
- 21 **Iain Stewart** (Milton Keynes South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department provided funding to the Turner Prize (a) directly and (b) indirectly via an organisation in receipt of funding from her Department in 2023. (5515)
- 22N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much her Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5534)
- 23 **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to encourage the adoption of the Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme in all state schools. (5524)
- 24 **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help (a) promote awareness among headteachers and (b) increase the uptake of the Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme. (5525)
- 25 **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to provide (a) support and (b) incentives to state schools to use the Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme. (5526)
- 26 **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the take-up of the Nuffield Early Language Intervention programme by schools in the most disadvantaged areas. (5527)

- 27 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the outcome of the rebuilding survey at Rawlins Academy in Loughborough. (5693)
- 28 **Tom Hunt** (Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has issued guidance for local authorities on the inclusion of personal budgets in education, health and care plans. (5683)
- 29 **Tom Hunt** (Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data her Department holds on the number and proportion of education, health and care plans that included personal budgets in each of the last five years. (5684)
- 30 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the number and proportion of three and four year old (a) children and (b) children with British citizenship who are not eligible for the extended 30 hours of childcare offer because their parents work the required number of hours but have no recourse to public funds. (5700)
- 31 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the eligibility criteria for the extended 30 hours childcare offer for three and four year-olds to migrant parents with any immigration status who are resident in the UK, have the right to work and who work the requisite number of hours. (5701)
- 32 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department has taken to communicate with (a) schools and (b) local authorities about the expansion of eligibility for the disadvantaged two-year-old offer to include families affected with no recourse to public funds. (5702)
- 33N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that all (a) teaching staff and (b) school leaders undertake annual mandatory training on supporting children with (a) autism, (b) ADHD and (c) mental health challenges. (5674)
- 34N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the reasons that children are not in school; and to what extent those reasons vary for children with (a) autism, (b) ADHD and (c) other mental health challenges. (5675)
- 35N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department records information on the number of children placed in isolation at school who (a) are (i) neurodivergent and (ii) experiencing other mental health challenges and (b) do not have those diagnoses. (5676)
- 36 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department holds information on the steps (a) schools and (b) colleges are taking to assess the potential risks of (i) loneliness and (ii) social isolation among their students. (5679)

- 37 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to support children experiencing (a) loneliness and (b) social isolation (i) within and (ii) outside school. (5680)
- 38 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will provide guidance to schools on (a) ensuring that their pupils have opportunities to raise challenges relating to (i) social isolation and (ii) loneliness and (b) strategies for supporting young people that may experience those challenges. (5681)
- 39 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many employment tribunals were brought by employees of their Department in the last 12 months. (5513)
- 40 **Ian Paisley** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the report The Strategic Dependence of UK Universities on China, published by Civitas on 2 November 2023, whether her Department is taking steps to help reduce the proportion of funding universities receive from China. (5519)
- 41 **Ian Paisley** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the implication for her policies of the proportion of funding from China for universities; and what guidance she issues to universities on sources of funding other than China. (5520)
- 42 **Ian Paisley** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proportion of funding for universities from China on (a) academic freedoms and (b) student welfare. (5521)
- 43N **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how she plans to measure the effectiveness of the SEND change programme. (5581)
- 44N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much her Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5535)
- 45 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to page 7 of the Government's response to the call for evidence entitled Facilitating the deployment of large-scale and long-duration electricity storage, published in August 2022, what her planned timetable is for consulting on revenue support mechanisms for large-scale and long-duration electricity storage. (5506)
- 46 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of BioYorkshire's work on cutting emissions; and whether she has had discussions with BioYorkshire on funding opportunities. (5673)

- 47 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many employment tribunals were brought by employees of their Department in the last 12 months. (5514)
- 48 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has taken on the role of the Energy Efficiency Taskforce. (5716)
- 49N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5536)
- 50N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to e-petition 639320 entitled Find time to take the Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill through the House of Commons. (5441)
- 51 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of domestic wood burning on the environment. (5442)
- 52 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 7 November 2022 to Question 60902 on Environment Protection: EU Law, whether she plans to replicate regulations (a) nine and (b) 10 in the National Emission Ceilings Regulations 2018 that were removed by the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023. (5444)
- 53 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the work undertaken by the (a) Forum for International Cooperation on Air Pollution and (b) Task Force for International Cooperation on Air Pollution on tackling air quality. (5445)
- 54 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department missed any statutory deadlines to respond to information requests submitted under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (5446)
- 55N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 15 May 2023 to Question 183293 on Air Pollution, what guidance his Department has published on the use of low-cost sensors in measuring outdoor air pollutants. (5447)
- 56N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 2 November 2022 to Question 70939 on Solid Fuels: Air Pollution, what his planned timetable is for

publishing the project report of his Department's study to measure pollutant emissions from burning solid fuels in a range of domestic appliances under real-world conditions. (5448)

- 57 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 2 November 2022 to Question 63894 on Air Pollution, what progress his Department has made on delivering the Government's commitments made in the Clean Air Strategy 2019. (5449)
- 58 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the way air quality information is communicated by his Department to the public. (5450)
- 59 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what regulations are in place to control the (a) sale and (b) use of fuels used in domestic heating and burning. (5451)
- 60 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many smoke control areas have been (a) declared and (b) revoked in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5452)
- 61 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what (a) regulations and (b) requirements his Department has introduced to control domestic burning since 1 January 2020. (5453)
- 62 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the Stove Industry Alliance report entitled, The Contribution of Domestic Burning to UK Particulate Emissions, published on 31 January 2022. (5454)
- 63 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will announce a public consultation on the way in which his Department communicates (a) information and (b) advice on air quality to the public. (5455)
- 64 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 20 January 2022 to Question 102530 on Wood-burning Stoves: Smoke Control Areas, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of his Department's work to build consumer understanding of the (a) Ecodesign and (b) other requirements for the use of wood burning appliances in Smoke Control Areas. (5456)
- 65 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 22 January 2022 to Question 102534 on Firewood: Air Pollution, if he will publish all the research studies to estimate the contribution of domestic wood burning to primary emissions of particulate matter that the Government has commissioned since 1 January 2022. (5457)

- 66 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 17 January 2023 to Question 102525 on Wood-burning Stoves: Regulation, if he will publish all regulations on the purchase and use of wood burning appliances in one place on (a) his Department's and (b) the UK-Air website. (5458)
- 67 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 14 January 2022 to Question 98203 on Wood-burning Stoves, if he will publish the evaluation of the impact of the Domestic Solid Fuel Regulations 2020. (5459)
- 68N **Chris Grayling** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will list the organisations that received (a) Darwin and (b) Darwin Extra funding and are also represented on the Darwin expert panel in each of the last three years. [R] (5477)
- 69N **Chris Grayling** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will list the applicants for the current round of Darwin Extra funding which are also represented on the Darwin expert panel. [R] (5478)
- 70 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the (a) number of complaints to English local authorities regarding domestic smoke between January 2022 and September 2023 and (b) proportion of such complaints which resulted in enforcement action. (5668)
- 71 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance his Department has issued to (a) local authorities and (b) manufacturers on the 3mg limit on new stoves in Smoke Control Areas. (5669)
- 72 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of phasing out wood burning stoves. (5670)
- 73 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussion she has had with the Office of Environmental Protection on (a) air quality and (b) its health impacts. (5671)
- 74 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much his Department has spent on the Burn Better, Breathe Better campaign. (5672)
- 75 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Environment Agency has plans to provide funding for flood mitigation in Loughborough over the next 5 years. (5697)

- 76N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5537)
- 77N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of local authority enforcement of electrical safety standards in houses in multiple occupation in (a) County Durham and (b) England since 2021. (5574)
- 78 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 4484 on Housing: Birmingham, what estimate he has made of the level of demand for new homes in the Greater Manchester Combined Authority area. (5614)
- 79N **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has received representations on the practice of house builders prohibiting in perpetuity new homeowners from installing solar panels on their homes. (5439)
- 80 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of closing places of worship during the covid-19 pandemic on people's (a) physical and (b) mental health; and if he will make a statement. (5468)
- 81N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, for what reason County Durham was not selected as a Priority Place for Levelling Up Fund Round 3. (5542)
- 82N **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will provide a breakdown of the planned cross-government expenditure from (a) Departments and (b) arms-length bodies on (i) artificial intelligence, (ii) quantum technologies, (iii) engineering biology, (iv) semiconductors and (v) future telecommunications until financial year 2024-25. (5531)
- 83 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce animal testing. (5602)
- 84 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing an expert advisory task force on non-animal scientific research. (5603)
- 85 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to prohibit the re-testing on animals of (a) materials, (b) chemicals, (c) foods and (d) drugs already in public use. (5604)

- 86 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department plans to take steps to introduce legislative proposals to (a) phase out animal testing and (b) support a full transition to non-animal approaches. (5605)
- 87N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3808 on STEM Subjects: Employment, what steps he is taking to promote diversity in the private sector STEM workforce. (5512)
- 88 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken to make a decision on the Birmingham Highways Maintenance and Management PFI contract on (a) the total funding and (b) maintenance of Birmingham Highways. (5569)
- 89N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to repeal section 5(2) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999. (5529)
- 90N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many journeys were made using the £2 bus fare cap in (a) Suffolk and (b) Suffolk coastal district in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (5530)
- 91 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 4 September 2023 to Question 195612 on Railways: Fares, when he plans that contactless pay as you go ticketing will be operational at all rail stations in Spelthorne. (5557)
- 92N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what research his Department has commissioned into pavement parking (a) for the consultation entitled Managing pavement parking, which closed on 22 November 2020, and (b) beyond the scope of this consultation. (5696)
- 93N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many buses funded through the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas scheme (a) have been ordered and (b) are on the road. (5705)
- 94N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing Bus Service Improvement Plan funding to be used for light rail systems in areas where funding has been awarded. (5706)
- 95N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress his Department is making on introducing national minimum standards for taxi and private hire vehicles. (5707)
- 96 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of devolving powers to the Scottish Parliament to vary penalties for drink driving in line with lower drink driving limits in Scotland. (5577)

- 97 **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the (a) economic and (b) social impact of increases in the cost of transport on young people. (5547)
- 98 **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to invite representations from young people to help input their experiences into future transport policy. (5548)
- 99 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to support young people purchase bicycles in Portsmouth South constituency. (5618)
- 100 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to improve transport for young people in Portsmouth South constituency. (5619)
- 101 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that the cross Whitehall task force to bring in mitigations against redundancies will also consider bringing forward existing refurbishment contracts for (a) Southeastern Rail and (b) Crossrail trains. (5623)
- 102 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will commit to meeting with Unite the Union to discuss working collaboratively to prevent the loss of rail manufacturing jobs at Alstom and its supply chain. (5624)
- 103 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he is taking steps to (a) prevent the closure of the Alstom factory, (b) protect jobs (i) at and (ii) in the supply chain for the Alstom factory. (5625)
- 104 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the decision to cancel Phase 2 of HS2 on jobs at (a) the Alstom site in Derby and (b) around the country. (5626)
- 105 **James Morris** (Halesowen and Rowley Regis): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to help improve the safety of residential roads. (5559)
- 106N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average waiting time to take a driving test is from the date of booking the test in Mid Bedfordshire constituency; and how many people are waiting to take a test in that constituency as of 6 December 2023. (5725)
- 107N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure the adequacy of (a) pothole repairs and (b) other maintenance of roads in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (5726)

- 108N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate his Department has made of the level of (a) car ownership, (b) bus usage (c) light rail usage, (d) train usage and (e) active travel in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (5727)
- 109 **Hannah Bardell** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether child maintenance caseworkers receive training on identifying when standard procedures may cause undue harm or upset for the paying and receiving parent and their children. (5596)
- 110 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he is taking steps to monitor the adequacy of claimant reviews conducted by work coaches in relation to the Back to Work plan. (5566)
- 111 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much his Department has spent on the Health Transformation Programme. (5582)
- 112 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many blind and partially-sighted people accessed Jobcentres in the most recent period for which data is available. (5592)
- 113 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) deaf people and (b) people with hearing loss accessed Jobcentres in the most recent period for which data is available. (5593)
- 114 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many British sign language users accessed Jobcentres in the most recent period for which data is available. (5594)
- 115 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to require his frontline officials to (a) assess the potential (i) loneliness and (ii) social isolation when interacting with people who may be vulnerable to those challenges and (b) signpost those people to (A) social prescribing services and (B) other civil society engagement opportunities. (5678)
- 116 **Ian Mearns** (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of increases in the cost of transport on the levels of (a) unemployment and (b) productivity among 16-24 year olds. (5549)
- 117 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of ending the Household Support Fund on (a) local authorities and (b) people accessing local authority services. (5580)
- 118N **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, what her planned timetable is for publishing a decision on lowering the screening age for bowel cancer from 60 to 50 years old. (5575)

- 119N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the Government plans to publish its response to its consultation entitled Coronal investigations of stillbirths, which closed on 18 June 2019. [Transferred] (5268)
- 120 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is making funding available to (a) pharmaceutical companies and (b) researchers to conduct medical studies into B12 injectables. (5694)
- 121 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that healthcare information is accessible to blind and partially-sighted people; and whether she has had recent discussions with NHS England on the effectiveness of the accessible information standard. (5695)
- 122N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number and proportion of care workers who were born overseas that are (a) women and (b) men. (5552)
- 123 **Andrew Lewer** (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of limiting vape flavours to tobacco-flavoured devices on levels of smoking; and if she will bring forward legislative proposals to implement such a limitation. (5576)
- 124 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to require healthcare professionals to (a) assess the potential (i) loneliness and (ii) social isolation when interacting with patients who may be vulnerable to those challenges and (b) signpost those patients to (A) social prescribing services and (B) other civil society engagement opportunities. (5677)
- 125 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make tackling loneliness and social isolation a public health priority. (5682)
- 126 **Karl M'Cartney** (Lincoln): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the policy paper entitled 2024 voluntary scheme for branded medicines pricing, access and growth: summary of the heads of agreement, published on 20 November 2023, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that people with less common conditions are not disproportionately impacted by additional rebates for older medicines. (5516)
- 127 **Karl M'Cartney** (Lincoln): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the policy paper entitled 2024 voluntary scheme for branded medicines pricing, access and growth: summary of the heads of agreement, published on 20 November 2023, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of these policies on life science SMEs. (5517)

- 128 **Karl McCartney** (Lincoln): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the policy paper entitled 2024 voluntary scheme for branded medicines pricing, access and growth: summary of the heads of agreement, published on 20 November 2023, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of these policies on people with less common conditions. (5518)
- 129 **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the number of school-age children who have been waiting for an autism diagnosis for longer than six months; and if she will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Education of the potential impact of delays in autism diagnoses on secondary school examinations. (5467)
- 130 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number of patients who required support from (a) physiotherapists and (b) occupational therapists in each of the last five years. (5657)
- 131 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate she has made of the number of full time equivalent (a) physiotherapists, (b) occupational therapists, (c) speech and language therapists and (d) neurologists working in the NHS on average across each of the last five years. (5658)
- 132 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department holds data on the number of coroner-reported deaths linked to ambulance response delays. (5659)
- 133 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many hospital admissions for patients aged 65 and over were the result of a fall in each of the last five years. (5660)
- 134 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been supported by hospital at home beds in each of the last 12 months. (5661)
- 135 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the impact of requiring nurses to be DBS-checked on patient safety. (5712)
- 136 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure patient safety in beauty establishments. (5713)
- 137 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, If she will use the powers of the Social Care Act 2022 to help improve patient safety in cosmetic interventions. (5714)

- 138N Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of social care capacity in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (5724)
- 139N Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to provide covid-19 (a) tests and (b) treatment to immunocompromised patients in winter 2023-24. (5532)
- 140 Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to help (a) increase the number of (i) children and (ii) young adults who are recruited to and (b) the development of medical trials for young people with cancer. (5728)
- 141 Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the NHS Long Term Plan, published on 7 January 2019, how much and what proportion of the additional £2.3 billion of funding for mental health services has been spent on services for (a) children and (b) other young people. (5578)
- 142 Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding her Department has provided for (a) mental health services (i) for children and young people and (ii) in total and (b) all NHS services in each financial year since 2019-20. (5579)
- 143 Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce the risk of antimicrobial resistance in humans arising from the overuse of antibiotics on farms. (5541)
- 144N Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an estimate of the amount and proportion of funding provided to arms length bodies through the Blue Planet Fund that was spent on management fees. (5632)
- 145N Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many and what proportion of programmes supported through the Blue Planet Fund were already in operation before the Fund was established. (5633)
- 146N Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what information his Department holds on the relationship between Beijing Jianguang Asset Management Co. Ltd and the State Council of China. (5475)
- 147N Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Nicaraguan counterpart on reinstating the legal status of the Nicaraguan Red Cross Association. (5471)

- 148N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what information his Department holds on trends in the level of financial support provided by Iran to the Hizballah organisation in the last six months. (5473)
- 149 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3925, whether the Government plans to contribute to the International Criminal Court's investigation into events in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (5617)
- 150N**Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of reducing Official Development Assistance spending from 0.7% to 0.5% of Gross National Income on levels of global poverty. (5443)
- 151N**Gill Furniss** (Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with the UN World Food Programme on the decision to pause food distribution in northern Yemen; and whether his Department is taking steps to help ensure the adequate supply of food to that region. (5601)
- 152N**Chris Grayling** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will list conservation projects in the Cogo Basin that have received government grants in each of the last three years. (5523)
- 153N**Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he is taking steps to impose sanctions on Major General Alexis Rodríguez Cabello. (5528)
- 154 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will visit Guyana to show support for its territorial integrity. (5561)
- 155N**Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking at the UN to press for international sanctions on Venezuela over its dispute with Guyana. (5563)
- 156 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help deliver the Government's commitment in the Glasgow Climate Pact to double adaptation finance by 2025. (5560)
- 157N**Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the publication by Human Rights Watch on the sentencing of 13 people to prison in Bahrain, published on 6 December 2023. (5689)

- 158N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the publication by the Human Rights Watch on the sentencing of 13 people to prison in Bahrain, published on 6 December 2023, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Bahrain on due process. (5690)
- 159N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many projects funded by the Gulf Strategy Fund (a) have been approved, (b) have been delivered and (c) he plans to deliver in Bahrain in the 2023-2024 financial year. (5691)
- 160N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will publish a list of each project funded by the Gulf Strategy Fund which he (a) has approved, (b) has delivered and (c) plans to deliver in Bahrain in the 2023-2024 financial year. (5692)
- 161 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many employment tribunals were brought by employees of their Department in the last 12 months. (5509)
- 162 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what diplomatic steps the Government is taking (a) bilaterally and (b) with its UN partners to help tackle conflict in Myanmar. (5555)
- 163 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to increase the mobility of skilled labour into the UK. (5568)
- 164N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his proposal to increase the income thresholds for spousal visas would apply to renewals of existing visas. (5540)
- 165 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to grant a further extension to the Ministerial Authorisation under the Equality Act 2010: Equality (arrangements for grants of leave to Ukrainian nationals). (5721)
- 166 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the validity requirements for the Ukraine Extension Scheme set out in the Immigration Rules Appendix Ukraine Scheme, if he will amend the date by which applicants must have received permission to enter or stay in the UK from 16 November 2023 to May 2024. (5722)
- 167 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Ukrainians received a leave outside the immigration rules stamp (a) in total across UK ports, (b) at Drumkeen House and (c) at Belfast International Airport since March 2022. (5723)

- 168N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made a comparative assessment of the potential impact of the ban on overseas care workers bringing their dependents to the UK on (a) women and (b) men. (5550)
- 169N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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 his Department conducted an equality impact assessment of his policies on reducing net migration. (5551)
- 170N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many visas were granted to associated dependants of care workers who were under the age of 18 in the year ending September 2023. (5553)
- 171N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of (a) care workers and (b) senior care workers issued a health and care worker visa were (i) female and (ii) male in each of the last five years. (5554)
- 172 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of families with no recourse to public funds who are unable to access the 30 hours extended childcare offer for three- and four-year-olds. (5704)
- 173N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his oral contribution of 4 December 2023, Official Report, column 41, on what evidential basis his Department decided to set a minimum salary threshold for skilled worker visas at £38,700; whether his Department held discussions with (a) the Migration Advisory Committee and (b) relevant stakeholders before changing the minimum salary threshold for skilled worker visas; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of setting a lower threshold. (5543)
- 174 **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his oral contribution of 4 December 2023, Official Report, column 41, if he will make it his policy to apply the existing minimum income requirement of £18,600 for family visas to people already in the UK on a family visa and who seek further or indefinite leave to remain. (5544)
- 175 **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the prevalence of arranged marriages in the UK. (5595)
- 176N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people came to the UK as skilled workers by salary in the last 12 months. (5585)

- 177N**Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people came to the UK on all work routes by salary in the last 12 months. (5586)
- 178N**Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) people and (b) dependents came to the UK on a skilled worker visa with a salary of less than less than £26,200 in each of the last five years. (5591)
- 179 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many employment tribunals were brought by employees of their Department in the last 12 months. (5508)
- 180N**Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2023 to Question 3660 on Home Office: ICT, if he will publish details of the four red-rated legacy systems. (5612)
- 181 **Sam Tarry** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of applications for spousal visas were sponsored by a person earning less than £38,700 in the last 12 months. (5719)
- 182 **Sam Tarry** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of health and care worker visa holders have dependents in the UK. (5720)
- 183N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost has been of the Collective Training Transformation Programme in the last 12 months. (5469)
- 184N**Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 23 November 2023 to Question 2501 on Ministry of Defence: Bullying and Discrimination, when he plans to send the letter to the Rt hon. Member for Garston and Halewood. (5481)
- 185N**Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many press and public relations staff were employed by his Department in each year since 2019. (5482)
- 186N**Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on press and public relations in each financial year since 2019-20. (5483)
- 187 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) average and (b) highest salary for press and public relations staff employed by his Department was in each year since 2019. (5484)
- 188 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on public affairs agencies in each financial year since 2019-20. (5485)

- 189 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on temporary agency staff in each financial year since 2019-20. (5486)
- 190 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of staff in his Department participated in a learning and development programme by staff grade in each year since 2019. (5487)
- 191 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many mental health specialists were employed by his Department in each year since 2019. (5488)
- 192N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the largest off-payroll engagement per day payment was in his Department in each financial year since 2019-20. (5489)
- 193 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many reports were made by his Department to the Health and Safety Executive in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022 and (e) 2023. (5490)
- 194 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on veterans' accommodation in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (5491)
- 195 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on recruitment campaigns for the (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) Royal Air Force; and of this spending how much was on (i) television adverts, (ii) social media adverts, (iii) newspaper adverts and (iv) other in the last 12 months. (5492)
- 196 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on mental health services in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (5493)
- 197 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on mental health services for (a) military personnel and (b) veterans in (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21, (iii) 2021-22 and (iv) 2022-23. (5494)
- 198 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2023 to Question 70 on Defence: Recruitment, what proportion of new employees in his Department were women in (a) 2021 and (b) 2022. (5495)
- 199N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2023 to Question 70 on Defence: Recruitment, how many people have been disciplined for (a) a relationship between instructors and trainees, (b) sexual offences and (c) unacceptable sexual behaviour since the introduction of the new Armed Forces policies in 2022. (5496)

- 200 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2023 to Question 70 on Defence: Recruitment, how much was spent on advertising defence civil service roles in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. (5497)
- 201 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2023 to Question 70 on Defence: Recruitment, how many and what proportion of positions that were a job share role were advertised in each year since 2019. (5498)
- 202 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2023 to Question 71 on Defence: Training, how many apprentices were employed in (a) each English region, (b) Scotland, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland in each financial year since 2019-20. (5499)
- 203 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many items of inventory were classified as unserviceable at the end of each year since 2019. (5500)
- 204N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Military Aid to Civilian Authority requests his Department (a) received and (b) approved in each month in 2023. (5461)
- 205N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3711 on National Shipbuilding Office, on what dates the (a) formal and (b) informal meetings took place since September 2021. (5462)
- 206N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 4613 on Army: Recruitment, what internal transfer bounties are offered for serving Armed Forces personnel to join another Regiment. (5463)
- 207N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many reviews are taking place in his Department in relation to the Ministry of Defence Police. (5464)
- 208N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Ministry of Defence Police officers (a) were recruited and (b) left the Force in each year since 2010. (5465)
- 209 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) workforce requirement and (b) actual number of staff was for the Ministry of Defence Police in each year since 2010. (5466)
- 210 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department provides housing for Ministry of Defence Police officers. (5480)
- 211N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will visit Guyana to show support for its territorial integrity. (5564)

- 212 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff from his Department are based in India. (5711)
- 213 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to offer a right of appeal to an independent judge for Afghan citizens refused protection under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy Scheme. (5611)
- 214 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) RAF and (b) Government-funded commercial flights have taken off from Pakistan to bring individuals to the UK under the (i) Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy and (ii) Afghanistan Citizens Resettlement Scheme in each month since August 2021. (5565)
- 215 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of refusing any housing support funding requests made by the veterans' charity Stoll. (5571)
- 216 **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 3662 on Ministry of Defence: ICT, if he will publish details of the 11 red-rated legacy IT systems. (5613)
- 217 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prison estate surveys were completed in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (5545)
- 218 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of extending qualified one-way costs shifting to discrimination cases. (5584)
- 219 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 1241 on Five Wells Prison: Education, how (a) many hours of teaching time were lost and (b) much money was recovered from education providers as a result of prison education classes not going ahead in HMP Five Wells in each of the last two quarters. (5662)
- 220 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 1242 on Garth Prison: Education, how (a) many hours of teaching time were lost and (b) much money was recovered from education providers as a result of prison education classes not going ahead in HMP Garth in each of the last two quarters. (5663)
- 221 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 1243 on Bristol Prison: Education, how (a) many hours of teaching time were lost and (b) much money was recovered from education providers as a result of prison education classes not going ahead in HMP Bristol in each of the last two quarters. (5664)

- 222 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 1244 on Pentonville Prison: Education, how (a) many hours of teaching time were lost and (b) much money was recovered from education providers as a result of prison education classes not going ahead in HMP Pentonville in each of the last two quarters. (5665)
- 223 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 1245 on Ranby Prison: Education, how (a) many hours of teaching time were lost and (b) much money was recovered from education providers as a result of prison education classes not going ahead in HMP Ranby in each of the last two quarters. (5666)
- 224 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 1241 on Five Wells Prison: Education, how many staff of (a) HMPPS and (b) his Department's staff work on recovering money from education providers; and to what budget the money recovered is credited. (5667)
- 225 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people under electronic monitoring broke the conditions of their release in each year since 2013. (5460)
- 226 **Sarah Jones** (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders were subsequently convicted of murder by index sentence in each financial year between 2010-11 and 2015-16. (5567)
- 227 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many employment tribunals were brought by employees of their Department in the last 12 months. (5511)
- 228 **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Central Digital & Data Office's guidance entitled, Guidance on the Legacy IT Risk Assessment Framework, published 29 September 2023, how many red-rated IT systems are used by HM Courts and Tribunals Service as of 6 December 2023. (5609)
- 229 **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 3664 on Ministry of Justice: ICT, if he will publish details of the red-rated IT systems referenced in the answer. (5615)
- 230 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure that medical professionals who harm their patients face appropriate punishment. (5715)
- 231 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much his Department spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5479)

- 232 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of community sentences were completed (a) successfully and (b) unsuccessfully due to (i) the committal of an additional offence and (ii) a breach of sentence stipulations in each of the last five years. (5599)
- 233 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 4640 on Elections: Northern Ireland and with reference to page six of the report by the Electoral Commission entitled Report on the May 2023 local elections in Northern Ireland, published on 13 July 2023, whether the three matters noted as the most chosen reasons for not being confident were discussed. (5472)
- 234 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the deadlines for (a) eligibility for back payments and (b) all applications to the Victim Payments Board. (5698)
- 235 **Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to permit protected cell companies to insure defined benefit pension plans in the United Kingdom to match the regulations in Gibraltar. (5507)
- 236 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of including working parents subject to the No recourse to public funds condition in the extended 30 hours childcare offer for three- and four-year-olds on (a) maternal and (b) parental participation in the labour force. (5703)
- 237 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his (a) letter to the Governor of the Bank of England on the remit and responsibilities of the Financial Policy Committee, dated 22 November 2023 and (b) correspondence entitled Financial Policy Committee Remit and Recommendations: Autumn Statement 2022, published on 17 November 2022, for what reason his letter dated 22 November 2023 did not include climate change and energy security in his four priorities for the Committee. (5505)
- 238 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department is taking steps to maintain the provision of free-to-use ATMs in Portsmouth South constituency. (5620)
- 239 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to prevent financial exclusion for people reliant on access to cash. (5621)
- 240 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the level of the interchange fee set by LINK to help ensure that there is no cost to customers for using ATMs. (5622)

- 241 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many employment tribunals were brought by employees of their Department in the last 12 months. (5510)
- 242 **NMatt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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 HMRC as of 6 December 2023. (5608)
- 243 **Alastair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of interest rates on the number of mortgage defaults in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (5729)
- 244 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2023, whether his Department has appointed advisers to review the potential merits of a NatWest retail share offer. (5600)
- 245 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Australian Northern Territory before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5635)
- 246 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of South Australia before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5636)
- 247 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Australian state of Victoria before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5637)
- 248 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Australian state of Tasmania before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5638)
- 249 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Austria before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision)

Order 2023 on the removal of that country from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5639)

250 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of Alberta before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5640)

251 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of British Columbia before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5641)

252 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of Manitoba before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5642)

253 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of New Brunswick before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5644)

254 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5645)

255 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of Nova Scotia before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5647)

256 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of Ontario before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories

and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5648)

257 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5649)

258 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of Quebec before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5650)

259 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5651)

260 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Liechtenstein before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that country from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5652)

261 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Luxembourg before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that country from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5654)

262 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Malta before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that country from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5655)

- 263 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Mexico before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that country from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (5656)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 12 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2023, published on 22 November 2023, which organisations will receive the £7 million funding to help tackle antisemitism in schools and universities in the next three years. (5440)
- 2N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make it her policy to negotiate the removal of the sunset clause from the Energy Charter Treaty. (5570)
- 3N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 20 September 2023 to Question 198801 on Exhaust Emissions: Environment Protection, how much funding has been provided for Selective Catalytic Reduction bus retrofit technology (a) since 2013, (b) in total and (c) per scheme. (5688)
- 4N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 14 September 2023 to Question 198771, how much funding his Department has provided for specific retrofit initiatives under the NO2 Programme since 1 January 2017. (5687)
- 5N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of (a) households and (b) children in those households that will be affected by the two-child limit in each of the next five years. (5587)
- 6N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential correlation between the (a) proportion of children living in households affected by the two-child limit and (b) levels of child poverty. (5588)
- 7N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department holds information on the number of households that (a) are affected by the two-child limit and (b) have accessed support from the Household Support Fund since that fund was established. (5589)

- 8N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Universal Credit and Child Tax Credit claimants: statistics related to the policy to provide support for a maximum of 2 children, April 2023, published on 13 July 2023, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the finding that 59% of the households impacted by the two-child limit are in work. (5590)
- 9N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking with NHS England to reduce disposals of medical equipment to landfill. (5699)
- 10N **Sir Brandon Lewis** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help secure the supply of Creon 25000 for patients ordinarily prescribed that pharmaceutical. (5556)
- 11N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the backlog in neurology appointments in Greater Manchester. (5708)
- 12N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help maintain the availability of (a) pharmacies and (b) medication. (5606)
- 13N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff from his Department are based in India. (5709)
- 14N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make it his policy to (a) extend the leave to remain and (b) offer a route to indefinite leave to remain status for individuals on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. (5607)
- 15N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what is the average processing time to print a Biometric Residence Permit after a decision to grant leave to remain has been issued. (5610)
- 16N **Sam Tarry** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his oral statement of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, columns 41-43, whether he plans for the T2 Minister of Religion visa to be subject to the proposed increase in the skilled worker earnings salary threshold. (5718)
- 17N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many calls related to damp and mould issues in Forces accommodation were received by the National Service Centre in each month in 2022. (5583)
- 18N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Armed Forces personnel are deployed to (a) Guyana, (b) South America and (c) the Caribbean. (5685)

- 19N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to deploy (a) Armed Forces personnel to Guyana and (b) Royal Navy warships to the Caribbean in the context of the border dispute between Venezuela and Guyana. (5686)
- 20N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2023, published on 22 November 2023, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of proposals to remove access to legal aid for Universal Credit claimants who have had an open-ended sanction for over six months on access to justice. (5538)
- 21N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2023, published on 22 November 2023, whether the proposal to end access to legal aid for sanctioned Universal Credit claimants (a) relates to (i) criminal and (ii) civil legal aid and (b) would prevent those people from (A) passporting and (B) accessing all legal aid. (5539)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- 1 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of recent increases in violence in the West Bank. (900589)
- 2 **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): What steps his Department is taking to implement the UK's commitments in the white paper on international development, published in November 2023. (900590)
- 3 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): What recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Mauritius on the negotiations on the sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. (900591)
- 4 **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): What recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Israel on the number of civilian deaths in Gaza. (900592)
- 5 **Andrew Jones** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What steps his Department is taking to provide humanitarian support to Gaza. (900593)
- 6 **James Sunderland** (Bracknell): What steps his Department is taking to support the Overseas Territories with climate change adaptation. (900594)
- 7 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): Whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in Pakistan on the Maira Shahbaz case. (900595)
- 8 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): What recent discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on Israel's obligations under international law. (900596)

- 9 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): What steps he is taking to help tackle destabilising activities by Iran in the Middle East. (900597)
- 10 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the humanitarian situation in Palestine. (900598)
- 11 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): What assessment he has made of recent increases in violence in the West Bank (900599)
- 12 **Anne McLaughlin** (Glasgow North East): Whether his Department is taking diplomatic steps to help ensure that perpetrators of alleged human rights violations against the Tamil community in Sri Lanka are held to account. (900600)
- 13 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): What recent diplomatic steps he has taken to help secure peace in Israel and Palestine. (900601)
- 14 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): Whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in the Philippines on the case of Leila De Lima. (900602)
- 15 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): What discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (900603)
- 16 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): Whether he has had recent discussions with his Commonwealth counterparts on the proposed readmittance of Zimbabwe to the Commonwealth. (900604)
- 17 **David Linden** (Glasgow East): What recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of formally recognising the state of Palestine. (900605)
- 18 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What steps he is taking to help secure the release of hostages held by Hamas. (900606)
- 19 **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): Whether officials in his Department have had discussions with their counterparts in Israel on the recent escalation of violence in the West Bank. (900607)
- 20 **Chris Clarkson** (Heywood and Middleton): What steps his Department is taking with international partners to support a two-state solution in Israel and Palestine. (900608)
- 21 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): What recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Israel on the situation in Gaza. (900609)
- 22 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): What steps he is taking to support civilians in Gaza. (900610)
- 23 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the humanitarian situation in Gaza. [R] (900611)
- 24 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): Whether he has made an assessment of the effectiveness of Israel's campaign against Hamas. (900612)

- 25 **Theo Clarke** (Stafford): What discussions his Department has had with NATO allies on support for Ukraine during winter 2023-24. (900613)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- T1 **Jason McCartney** (Colne Valley): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (900614)
- T2 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): (900615)
- T3 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): (900616)
- T4 **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): (900617)
- T5 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): (900618)
- T6 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): (900619)
- T7 **James Sunderland** (Bracknell): (900620)
- T8 **Kevin Foster** (Torbay): (900621)
- T9 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): (900622)
- T10 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): (900623)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 13 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Hannah Bardell** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he (a) is taking and (b) plans to take steps to reduce the waiting times for responses from the Child Maintenance Service. (5597)
- 2N **Hannah Bardell** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether staff in his Department are provided training on trauma (a) awareness and (b) prevention procedures. (5598)
- 3N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Department's news story entitled Home Secretary unveils plan to cut net migration, published on 4 December 2023, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the planned increase in the earning threshold for overseas workers on (a) people whose existing work visas do not meet the threshold and (b) international students moving from graduate visas to work visas that do not meet the threshold. (5643)

- 4N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Department's news story entitled Home Secretary unveils plan to cut net migration, published on 4 December 2023, whether he plans to introduce transitional protection measures for people whose existing visas do not meet the new threshold and require renewal after the increased threshold is introduced. (5646)
- 5N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Oral Statement of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposals announced in that Statement on the visa status of (a) Ukrainian refugees and (b) others who have claimed asylum in the UK. (5653)
- 6N **Sam Tarry** (Ilford South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Oral Statement of 4 December 2023, official report, column 41, what his timescale is for issuing guidance on changes to visa requirements to UK Visas and Immigration staff. (5717)
- 7N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what his planned timetable is for the completion of the new medical centre at HMP Wandsworth. (5546)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 14 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the proposed changes to the minimum salary threshold for family visas include renewals to spousal visas. (5634)

Questions for Answer on Monday 18 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Ian Murray** (Edinburgh South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what his Department's timescales are for announcing the details of the proposed methodology for the selection of culture projects; and what plans his Department has to publicise this announcement. (5558)