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Questions tabled on Thursday 7 December 2023

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- N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under S.O. No. 22(4).
- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

Questions for Answer on Monday 11 December

- Peter Gibson (Darlington): To ask the Attorney General, if she will have discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential application of the Offences Against the person Act 1861 in tackling the use of conversion practices with LGBT people. (5874)
- Peter Gibson (Darlington): To ask the Attorney General, whether his Department has issued guidance to the (a) police and (b) Crown Prosecution Service on using existing legislation to tackle conversion practices against LGBT People. (5875)
- Jonathan Ashworth (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much the Prime Minister's Office spent on external recruitment consultants in each of the financial years (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22, and (c) 2022-23. [Transferred] (5330)
- 4 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much his Department spent on veterans' accommodation in (a) 2019-20, (b) 2020-21, (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. [Transferred] (5491)
- 5N Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the value of bilateral trade with St Kitts and Nevis was in (a) 2021 and (b) 2022. [Transferred] (5562)
- 6 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of refusing any housing support funding requests made by the veterans' charity Stoll.

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7 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will set out (a) the free trade agreements her Department is currently actively negotiating and (b) the number of FTE officials engaged in this work.

(5786)

QUESTIONS TABLED ON THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2023

- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Oral Statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the changes to (a) visa and (b) immigration rules on the hospitality industry. (5750)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Oral Statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the changes to (a) visa and (b) immigration rules on seasonal industries, broken down by industry.
- 10 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to help support businesses to export their products. (5905)
- 11 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of competition law on the viability of bus services in rural areas. (5795)
- Dr Matthew Offord (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an alternative funding scheme to the licence fee for the BBC. (5851)
- 13 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Oral Statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the changes to immigration rules announced in that Statement on higher education institutions.(5741)
- 14 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her 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. [Transferred] (5703)
- 15 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of how many children suspended from schools (a) have mental health issues and (b) are neurodivergent. (5845)

- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the compliance of school disciplinary policies with the Equality Act 2010; and what assessment she has made of the impact of those policies on people (a) with a protected characteristic, (b) who identify as neurodivergent and (c) with a diagnosed mental health condition. (5846)
- 17 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to reduce off-rolling in schools. (5847)
- 18 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that students not in school are able to access a full education. (5848)
- 19 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that children not in school are not at risk of harm. (5849)
- 20 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help improve the educational outcomes of pupils who are not in school. (5852)
- 21 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that children who have a (a) mental health and (b) neurodiversity diagnosis are able to meet in full their potential educational outcomes. (5853)
- 22 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to help enable opportunities for pupils to undertake work experience with local employers in-between their studies. (5854)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make a comparative assessment of the adequacy of SEND support provided to pupils by (a) specialist units in mainstream schools and (b) specialist schools. (5855)
- 24 Ian Paisley (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for national security of the proportion of funding for universities from China. [Transferred] (5522)
- 25 **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that children and young people with SEND are able to access appropriate support. (5888)
- Dean Russell (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding her Department provided to Hertfordshire County Council for the delivery of their statutory responsibilities to (a) SEND children and (b) their families in the latest period for which data is available. (5892)
- 27 **Dean Russell** (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of early intervention mental health support in schools for children and young people. (5908)

- 28 Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a pilot scheme of mandatory autism training in education settings. (5815)
- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) education providers have been (i) investigated and (ii) inspected under section 96 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 and (b) unregistered schools have been identified in each year between 2015 and 2023. (5895)
- 30 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the UK's capacity for geothermal energy production in each of the next five years. (5903)
- 31N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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.

 [Transferred] (5632)
- 32N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of programmes supported through the Blue Planet Fund were already in operation before the Fund was established.

 [Transferred] (5633)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his oral statement of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, columns 41-43, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposals announced in that Statement on the food supply chain.
- Ruth Jones (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 3959 on Dangerous Dogs, which organisations were part of the expert group convened by Defra to define the XL Bully breed type. (5896)
- Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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.

 [Transferred] (5541)
- Dehenna Davison (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling
 Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure
 that people sleeping rough have access to emergency accommodation. (5904)
- Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what the underspend by his Department was for (a) affordable housing, (b) social housing, (c) planning department reform and (d) local authorities in the last 12 months. (5862)

- Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the increased election campaigning spending cap. (5863)
- 39 **lain Stewart** (Milton Keynes South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if her Department will commemorate the 120th anniversary of the BSI Kitemark. (5817)
- 40 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 11 September 2023 to Question 196013, whether his Department plans to announce the successful applications for the Access for All funding by the end of 2023. (5834)
- 41 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his Department plans to make a decision on upgrading the South West main line between Swansea, Cardiff and Bristol Temple Meads. (5757)
- 42 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled Union connectivity review: final report, published on 26 November 2021, what progress he has made in implementing recommendation 3. (5871)
- 43 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions his Department has had with the Department for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland on the union connectivity review. (5882)
- 44 Ian Mearns (Gateshead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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.
 [Transferred] (5549)
- 45 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish a response to his Department's consultation on L-category vehicles: ending sales of new non-zero emission models. (5787)
- 46 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to his Department's consultation on L-category vehicles: ending sales of new non-zero emission models, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of proposals to phase out new non-zero emission L-category vehicles by 2035 on the commercial viability of (a) L-category manufacturers building zero emission L-category vehicles and (b) consumers purchasing those vehicles.
- 47 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish an assessment of the potential impact of his Department's proposals to phase out new non zero emission L-category vehicles on (a) manufacturers and (b) importers of mopeds and motorcycles. (5807)

- 48 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many written parliamentary questions to his Department remained unanswered when Parliament prorogued on 26 October 2023. (5844)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of pay for care sector roles on the number of vacancies within that sector.

 (5737)
- Nick Fletcher (Don Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to question 4006 on GP Practice Lists: Gender, whether the NHS has made an assessment of the potential medical impact of allowing people to register with their GP as a person of the opposite sex. (5856)
- 51 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions her Department has had with relevant stakeholders on the proposed generational ban on tobacco products. (5749)
- Sir George Howarth (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 November to Question 3424 on Rheumatology: Consultants and Nurses, what (a) methodology and (b) criteria were used to determine the required increase in specialist training places to meet NHS demand for full time equivalent grade 1 paediatric and adult rheumatology consultants.
- Sir George Howarth (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 November 2023 to Question 3424 on Rheumatology: Consultants and Nurses, how her Department determines the commensurate increase in specialist training places to meet NHS demands without an estimation of vacancies for Full Time Equivalent Grade 1 (a) adult and (b) paediatric rheumatology consultants.
- 54 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of full time equivalent general nurses become full time equivalent specialist nurses after accreditation. (5790)
- Sir George Howarth (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the necessary proportion of full time equivalent general nurses who become full time equivalent specialist nurses after accreditation to meet NHS workforce need. (5791)
- Siobhain McDonagh (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, who is eligible to apply to the Government's £40 million fund for brain cancer research; and how they do so. (5758)

57 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential efficacy of the use of (a) exoskeletons and (b) wearable robotics as a technical aid to help prevent musculoskeletal disorders; and whether the Government is taking steps to promote such technologies.

(5828)

- Lloyd Russell-Moyle (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 4318 on Prostate Cancer: Drugs, if he will make a comparative assessment of the (a) decision-making criteria for and (b) process to approve the use of abiraterone acetate to treat locally advanced high-risk non-metastatic prostate cancer in (i) NHS England and NHS Wales and (ii) NHS Scotland. (5889)
- 59 Lloyd Russell-Moyle (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 4318 on Prostate Cancer: Drugs, when does she expect NHS England to complete their consideration of a clinical policy proposal for abiraterone as a treatment option for patients newly diagnosed with high risk, non-metastatic, hormone-sensitive prostate cancer. (5890)
- 60 Karin Smyth (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of patients waited longer than 2 hours for urgent community response teams in each of the last 12 months. (5841)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure that medical professionals who harm their patients face appropriate punishment.

 [Transferred] (5715
- 62 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what specialist service provision the NHS provides for people with (a) psychosis and schizophrenia, (b) eating disorders and (c) bipolar. (5821)
- Afzal Khan (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of
 the potential implications for his policies of levels of Russian investment in the
 economy of the Republic of Cyprus. (5881)
- 64 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an estimate of
 the number of Palestinian children (a) arrested by the Israeli authorities and (b)
 held under administrative detention since 7 October 2023. (5832)
- 65 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with his
 Israeli counterpart on the reported shooting of two Palestinian children in Jenin
 on 29 November 2023. (5833)

- 66 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of (a) aid, (b) shelter and (c) key public infrastructure in the Al Mawasi safe zone. (5883)
- 67 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help mitigate the risk of an outbreak of (a) cholera and (b) other water-borne diseases in Gaza.(5884)
- 68 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent representations he has made to his Israeli counterpart on (a) a blockade of Gaza, (b) compliance with international law and (c) protection of civilians. (5885)
- 69 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent representations he has made to his Israeli counterpart on another humanitarian pause in Gaza. (5886)
- 70 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has had recent discussions on the reconstruction of Gaza as part of a peace process. (5887)
- 71 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the
 adequacy of access to modern banking services on the Falkland Islands.

 [R] (5909)
- 72 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions
 with (a) his counterpart in the Falkland Islands government and (b) banks in the
 UK on the provision of banking services to people on the Falkland Islands.

 [R] (5910)
- Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
 Department, with reference to the draft Immigration (Health Charge)
 Amendment Order 2023, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed increase to the immigration health surcharge on affected people's ability to access health and care services.

 (5736)
- 74 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help protect victims of targeted anti-social behaviour. (5902)
- 75 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to work with (a) the agriculture sector and (b) farmers to (i) raise awareness of cyber security and (ii) tackle cyber crime. (5759)

- Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the number of (a) batons, (b) tasers, (c) personal radios, (d) bodycams, (d) helmets and (e) stab vests supplied to (i) West Mercia Police and (ii) each other police force in the last five years.
- Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November to Question 458 on Immigration: Families, if he will make an estimate of the (a) number of family reunion cases that have been expedited to decision-makers in the last year and (b) average time taken for decisions to be made after they have been expedited in the last year.
- 78 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, whether the Commission is taking steps to help increase (a) scientific and (b) statistical literacy among (i) MPs and (ii) MPs' staff.
- 79 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, whether the Commission is taking steps to increase access to period products on the parliamentary estate. (5916)
- Jon Trickett (Hemsworth): To ask the Leader of the House, how much her office spent on hospitality in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (5744)
- 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 and what proportion of the non-commissioned military recruits who were offered an apprenticeship after their training subsequently took up an apprenticeship.

 (5767)
- 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 much his Department spent on the promotion of apprenticeships in his Department in each financial year since 2019-20.
- 83 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the impact of the proposed requirement to learn maths until 18 on the defence workforce. (5770)
- 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, what steps he is taking to ensure that apprenticeship programmes align with the (a) current and (b) future needs of his Department. (5771)
- 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, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of his Department's apprenticeship programme.

 (5772)

- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 72 on Defence: Iron and Steel, what steps he is taking to encourage prime contractors to source UK steel for defence projects.

 (5773)
- 87 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 700 on Type 26 Frigates, what is the planned completion date of the new Shipbuilding Hall at Govan. (5774)
- 88 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 700 on Type 26 Frigates, what is the planned completion date of the new Applied Shipbuilding Academy. (5775)
- 89 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 700 on Type 26 Frigates, what the other improvements to streamline production processes are. (5776)
- 90 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 701 on Ajax Vehicles: Procurement, what cost increases there were at the (a) Bovington, (b) Lulworth and (c) Kirkcudbright facilities; and for what reason each cost increased. (5777)
- 91 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 703 on Defence:

 Procurement, what reforms of the acquisition system his Department has implemented. (5778)
- 92 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1042 on Army, how many meetings his Department held with industry partners on the 20-year investment plan since the publication of the policy paper entitled Land Industrial Strategy, published on 18 May 2022; and when these meetings took place. (5781)
- 93 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1042, if he will provide a list of attendees at the 15 November meeting with industry partners. (5782)
- 94 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1034 on Armoured Fighting Vehicles: Procurement, if he will provide a cost breakdown of the £449.56 million in terms of (a) increasing the size of the fleet and (b) increasing the fleets capabilities.
- 95 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 4 November 2020 to Question 109376 on Army: Young People, how many complaints of violent behaviour by staff made by (a) Junior Soldiers and (b) their parents and guardians were recorded on the Joint Personnel Administration system since 4 November 2020. (5872)

- **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the survey on bullying, harassment, and discrimination undertaken by the Army Foundation College in 2020. (5873)
- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to page 32 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, what his planned timetable is for when random mandatory drug testing will return to the levels required to estimate national drug use in prisons. (5830)
- **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Prime Minister, whether (a) he and (b) officials in Downing Street have had recent discussions with representatives of Fleetwood Strategy on the NHS. (5746)
- **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Prime Minister, how many drinks receptions were held in 10 Downing Street in each of the last three years. (5748)
- **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people earn an annual salary less than £38,700 in each English constituency. (5739)
- 101 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of increases in the number of adults using buy now pay later products on levels of unmanageable debt.

 (5814)
- **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has provided guidance to UK banks on their ability to provide services to overseas territories. (5911)
- Jon Trickett (Hemsworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the tax on (a) capital gains and (b) dividends to the same rate as income tax.
- **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of migration into Wales on Welsh (a) businesses and (b) economic growth. (5731)
- **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, with reference to the Oral Statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the changes to immigration rules announced in that Statement on the hospitality sector in Wales.

 (5732)
- **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, with reference to the Oral Statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the changes to immigration rules announced in that Statement on higher education institutions in Wales.

- 107 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the Oral Statement of the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, columns 41-43, if she will have discussions with the Secretary of State on the potential impact of those proposals on gender equality in levels of legal migration; and if she will undertake an equality impact assessment of the proposals. (5742)
- 108 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the proposed (a) visa changes and (b) new immigration rules on women. (5743)
- 109 Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with external organisations before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023.

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 12 December

- 1N Dr Rosena Allin-Khan (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had recent discussions with Royal Mail on (a) delayed and (b) missed postal deliveries in Tooting constituency.
 (5813)
- 2N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking with Royal Mail to improve postal deliveries in Tooting constituency. (5877)
- 3N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) delayed and (b) missed postal deliveries on residents in Tooting constituency. (5878)
- 4N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions she has had with Royal Mail on the adequacy of postal deliveries in the lead up to Christmas in Tooting constituency. (5879)
- 5N Liam Byrne (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what restrictions the Government has imposed on (a) Huawei, (b) ZTE, (c) Hikvision, (d) Hytera, (e) Alibaba, (f) Tencent, (g) Dahua, (h) China Telecom, (i) China Mobile, (j) DJI, (k) ByteDance, (l) Kingsoft, (m) senseTime, (n) Megvil, (o) SMIC, (p) China Unicom and (q) Fujian Jinhua.
- 6N **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many of Royal Mail's delivery routes have changed as a result of the adoption of electric vehicles. (5796)

- 7N 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 rehearsal spaces there were in England in (a) 2003, (b) 2010, (c) 2013, (d) 2019 and (e) 2023.
 (5797)
- 8N 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 choirs there were in England in (a) 2003, (b) 2010, (c) 2013, (d) 2019 and (e) 2023.
- 9N Matt Rodda (Reading East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to provide a substantive response to Question 2996 on Department for Culture, Media and Sport: ICT, which was due for answer by 23 November 2023. (5899)
- 10N Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4115 on Music: Education, when her Department plans to (a) commission and (b) publish the independent evaluation of the Music Hub programme. (5792)
- 11N Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4115 on Music: Education, for what reason her Department is undertaking an independent evaluation of the Music Hub programme after the restructuring of the programme. (5793)
- 12N Barbara Keeley (Worsley and Eccles South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many primary school music teachers there were in (a) 2010, (b) 2015, (c) 2019 and (d) 2022. (5794)
- 13N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her policy is on when to intervene if a school's disciplinary policy is reported to be causing harm to the mental health of students. (5840)
- 14N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she takes steps to monitor the effectiveness of Ofsted's response to concerns relating to schools raised by (a) parents and (b) students. (5842)
- 15N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the (a) carbon sequestration potential of grasslands and (b) impact of sampling depth on the amount of carbon stored. (5818)
- 16N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what support his Department provides to (a) farmers and (b) land managers to protect grasslands. (5819)
- 17N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of land management practices on the amount of carbon stored in grassland soil. (5820)

- 18N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling
 Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has had discussions with Central
 Bedfordshire Council on the potential merits of increasing the number of car
 parking payment machines that accept cash on people without access to a smart
 phone in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (5868)
- 19N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much her Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5808)
- 20N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5809)
- 21N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to increase the number of train services in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (5865)
- 22N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to increase the number of electric vehicle charging points in (a) Mid Bedfordshire constituency and (b) the UK. (5867)
- 23N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5810)
- 24N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much her Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5811)
- 25N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to reduce the minimum age for bowel screening to 50. (5763)
- 26N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Oral Statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the changes to visas announced in that Statement on the (a) mental health and (b) general well-being of workers in health and care roles. (5734)
- 27N Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Oral Statement from the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of changes to visas announced in that Statement on the number of vacancies in health and care roles.

- 28N Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information the National Homecare Medicines Committee has provided to the (a) Care Quality Commission, (b) General Pharmaceutical Council and (c) Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency on the adequacy of the (i) performance and (ii) safety of homecare medicines services in the last three years.
- 29N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the number of dedicated fall prevention teams. (5839)
- 30N Karin Smyth (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number of level (a) one and (b) two fall incidents community health services responded to in each of the last 12 months. (5843)
- 31N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December to Question 4599, how many people under the age of 18 have been waiting over 6 months to access CAHMS support in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (5869)
- 32N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of offering Retrograde Cricopharyngeus Dysfunction treatment on the NHS. (5801)
- 33N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will respond to the letter from Andrew Cox, Senior Coroner for the coroner area of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, of 23 November 2023 on matters revealed by inquests giving rise to concern. (5802)
- 34N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (5812)
- 35N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will hold discussions with his US
 counterpart on taking steps to ensure that all parties originally committed to the
 New START Treaty comply with their obligations under that treaty. (5760)
- 36N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Argentinian counterpart on lithium supply to the UK. (5761)
- 37N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with the International Monetary Fund on levels of national global debt. (5762)

- 38N Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): 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 UN Secretary-General invoking
 Article 99 of the UN Charter. (5866)
- 39N Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November
 2023 to Question 2956 on Israel and Occupied Territories: Weapons, how many
 applications for export licences his Department has assessed in relation to the
 situation in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank since 7 October 2023. (5891)
- 40N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the impact of climate change on (a) fishing and (b) krill stocks in South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. (5918)
- 41N Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (SGSSI) on the potential merits of including the precautionary principle as part of the marine protected area review underway in SGSSI.
- 42N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the
 implications for his policies of the death of Binyamin Needham in Gaza. (5917)
- 43 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his
 counterpart in Israel following the death of Binyamin Needham in Gaza. (5920)
- 44N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he is taking steps with Ministers in the (a)

 Department for Education and (b) Home Office to help facilitate female Afghan medical students to study in the UK. (5816)
- 45N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what representations he has made to his Venezuelan counterpart on that country's territorial dispute with Guyana. (5864)
- 46N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what nationalities EU citizens who were refused entry at the UK border in 2023 were. (5835)
- 47N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what grounds for refusal under Part 9 of the Immigration Rules EU citizens were refused entry at the UK border in 2023. (5836)

- 48N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, of the EU citizens who were refused entry at the UK border in 2023, how many and what proportion had a pre-approved visa in place. (5837)
- 49N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether EU citizens who were refused entry at the border to the UK in 2023 will be able to reapply to travel to the UK. (5838)
- 50N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to publish a report on the work of the Defending Democracy Taskforce. (5822)
- 51N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to publish a list of civil society groups that have worked with the Defending Democracy Taskforce. (5824)
- 52N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police vehicles were allocated to (a) West Mercia Police and (b) each other police force in the last five years. (5860)
- 53N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of establishing a family reunification visa scheme for people in Gaza. (5799)
- 54N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police officers per capita there were in (a) Mid Bedfordshire constituency and (b) England in each of the last eight years. (5870)
- 55N 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 recruited by his Department to (a) digital,

 (b) nuclear and (c) analytics professions in each year since 2019.
- 56N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the policy paper entitled Land Industrial Strategy, published on 18 May 2022, how much funding his Department has provided for (a) innovation, (b) research and (c) experimentation in the areas set out on page 21 of that strategy since May 2022.
- 57N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the policy paper entitled Land Industrial Strategy, published on 18 May 2022, how much funding his Department has provided for (a) innovation, (b) research and (c) experimentation in each of the areas set out on page 21 of that strategy in each financial year since 2019-20.
- 58N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many meetings has the Minister of State for Defence Procurement held on the 20-year investment plan set out in the Land Industrial Strategy since his appointment. (5783)

- 59N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 12 of the Land Industrial Strategy, what recent progress his Department has made on 20-year comprehensive investment plan. (5784)
- 60N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2023 to Question 4358 on Land Enterprise Working Group: Membership, how many times the Land Enterprise Working Group has met as of 7 December 2023; and when was the most recent meeting. (5800)
- 61N **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what his Department's (a) policies, (b) procedures and (c) service standards are for officials in (i) his Department, (ii) the HM Courts and Tribunals Service and (iii) the Judicial Office on ensuring the timeliness and effectiveness of communications to (A) Ministers in his Department and (B) judges; what records are kept of receipt of such communications; whether (1) triggers and (2) alerts are in place if communications are not provided within agreed service standards; and who has responsibility for dealing with concerns relating to any such communications. (5745)
- 62N **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has (a) procedures and (b) notification systems in place for potential errors made by the Government Legal Department (GLD); whether errors by the GLD are recorded; whether financial losses arising from errors made by the GLD are recovered from the GLD; whether processes are in place to ensure that citizens receive redress when there has been a failure to process (i) applications, (ii) court orders and (iii) other maladministration by HM Courts and Tribunals Service; who in his Department is responsible for identifying and recording errors by the GLD; and what records his Department maintains of (A) apologies, (B) payments of compensation and (C) other matters relating to the GLD.
- 63N **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether
 (a) complaints and (b) other feedback can be provided to HM Courts and Tribunals
 Service (HMCTS) staff within HMCTS buildings; and what steps (i) operations,
 cluster and group managers in courts and (ii) senior officials in HMCTS take to
 ensure feedback processes are fit for purpose.

 (5765)
- 64N Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information his Department holds on (a) how many people earn less than £38,700 a year in (i) Wales, (ii) England, (iii) Scotland and (iv) Northern Ireland and (b) what proportion of people earn less than that sum in each constituency in Wales.

 (5738)
- 65N **James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much the average worker paid in personal taxes in each financial year since 2010-11. (5897)

- 66N James Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2023: National Insurance Factsheet, published on 22 November 2023, how his Department calculated that an average worker will pay over £1,000 less in personal taxes than they otherwise would have done in 2024-25.
- 67N James Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the oral contributions of the Chief Secretary to the Treasury of 22 November 2023, Official Report, column 360, and 30 November 2023, Official Report, column 1087, what calculations his Department has used to estimate that taxes for the average worker will have reduced by £1,000 since 2010. (5901)
- 68N Geraint Davies (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, with reference to the Oral Statement of the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2024 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of (a) visa changes and (b) new immigration rules on migration to each constituency in Wales. (5730)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 13 December

- 1N Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2023 to Question 4272 on Ministers: Science and Statistics, whether the eight masterclasses are mandatory; and how many Ministers have enrolled to these courses as of 7 December 2023. (5914)
- 2N Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the likelihood of extending exports to Canada under the Trade Continuity Agreement Cheese Letters beyond 31 December 2023,. (5894)
- 3N Grahame Morris (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to formally consult (a) BBC trade union representatives and (b) the wider public on the review of the BBC funding model.

 (5823)
- 4N Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the oral contribution of the then Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Education during the debate on Children in the Care System: Sibling Contact of 4 March 2020, Official Report, column 957, when her Department plans to update the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010 to include explicit reference to contact with siblings who are not looked after.

5N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress his Department has made on (a) its investigation into and (b) the management of the cases of bluetongue virus in cattle in Kent. (5876)

- 6N Dr Neil Hudson (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will extend the neutering deadline for exempted XL bully dogs that are under seven months on 31st January 2024 to 30 June 2025. (5880)
- 7N Sarah Dyke (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that rural communities can access DVLA services after the end of the DVLA contract with the Post Office on 31 March 2024. (5900)
- 8N Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the potential barriers to work faced by people who are (a) affected by the two-child limit and (b) not in employment. (5912)
- Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, by what metrics his Department assesses the effectiveness of the twochild limit in meeting its policy objectives. (5913)
- 10N Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to respond to the correspondence of 1 June 2023 from the hon. Member for South Shields. (5804)
- 11N Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for South Shields of 2 November 2023. (5805)
- 12N Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of Morocco's position on finding a lasting political solution to the conflict over Western Sahara. (5752)
- 13N Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Algerian counterpart on the participation of that country in the negotiation process on the Western Sahara conflict. (5753)
- 14N Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what diplomatic steps his Department it taking to help persuade Algeria to re-engage in the negotiation process on the Western Sahara conflict. (5754)

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- 15N Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to UN Security Council
 resolution 2703, adopted on 30 October 2023, whether his Department plans to
 take steps to help ensure that UNHCR is able to undertake unrestricted census
 activities in the Tindouf camps in Algeria. (5755)
- 16N Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make a comparative
 assessment of the effectiveness of the steps taken by (a) his Department, (b) the
 US, (c) France, (d) Germany, (e) Spain and (f) other countries to help resolve the
 Western Sahara conflict. (5756)
- 17N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether police officers in rural areas have access to training on tackling rural crime. (5858)
- 18N Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of police vehicles in rural police forces. (5859)

Oral Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

- 1 Munira Wilson (Twickenham): If she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the Government's kinship care policies on carers and children with protected characteristics. (900624)
- 2 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle inequality for disabled people. (900625)
- 3 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): What discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the effectiveness of the Disability Action Plan. (900626)
- 4 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): If she will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on the Government's response to reports of gender-based violence by Hamas since 7 October 2023. (900627)
- Patrick Grady (Glasgow North): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential for biases in artificial intelligence technologies in relation to people with protected characteristics. (900628)
- 6 **Paul Howell** (Sedgefield): What steps the Government is taking to help ensure socio-economic equality. (900629)
- 7 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): Whether she has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on reducing the gender pension gap. (900630)
- 8 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): Whether the Government has undertaken an equality impact assessment of the Autumn Statement 2023. (900631)

- 9 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle inequality for disabled people. (900632)
- 10 Amy Callaghan (East Dunbartonshire): What steps the Government is taking to support disabled people in the workplace. (900633)
- 11 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): When she plans to publish the responses to her Department's consultation on banning conversion therapy. (900634)
- 12 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): Whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the use of immigration detention for vulnerable women. (900635)
- 13 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): Whether the Government is taking steps to help mitigate the potential impact of its policies on encouraging a modal shift in transport choices on disabled people who are dependent on cars. (900636)
- Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): What assessment she has made with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the potential merits of establishing a national target to reduce the maternal mortality gap. (900637)
- 15 **lan Levy** (Blyth Valley): What steps the Government is taking to help ensure socioeconomic equality. (900638)

Topical Questions to the Minister for Women and Equalities

T1	Steven Bonnar (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): If she will make a staten on her departmental responsibilities.	nent (900639)
T2	Mr Philip Hollobone (Kettering):	(900640)
T3	Rachel Hopkins (Luton South):	(900641)
T4	Mohammad Yasin (Bedford):	(900642)
T5	Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian):	(900643)
T6	Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough):	(900644)
T7	Mr Ben Bradshaw (Exeter):	(900645)
T8	Selaine Saxby (North Devon):	(900646)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 13 December. (900682)
- 2 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): (900683)

3	Sir Stephen Timms (East Ham):	(900684)
4	Sir Mark Hendrick (Preston):	(900685)
5	Cat Smith (Lancaster and Fleetwood):	(900686)
6	Marsha De Cordova (Battersea):	(900687)
7	John Spellar (Warley):	(900688)
8	Stephen Hammond (Wimbledon):	(900689)
9	Mary Glindon (North Tyneside):	(900690)
10	Dr Neil Hudson (Penrith and The Border):	(900691)
11	Dr Luke Evans (Bosworth):	(900692)
12	Holly Mumby-Croft (Scunthorpe):	(900693)
13	Jerome Mayhew (Broadland):	(900694)
14	James Morris (Halesowen and Rowley Regis):	(900695)
15	Sir Chris Bryant (Rhondda):	(900696)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 14 December

- 1N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to increase access to free period products within schools. (5850)
- 2N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential implications for management of donor information of commercial direct-to-consumer genetic testing. (5893)
- 3N Naz Shah (Bradford West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help ensure direct, tariff-free trade with Northern Cyprus.

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- 4N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many serious further offences were committed in each year since 2020-21. (5825)
- 5N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many serious further offence reviews were carried out by the Probation Service in each year since 2018. (5826)

- 6N Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to page 66 of the Ministry of Justice Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, published on 28 November 2023, for what reason was there a Disclosure of a spreadsheet containing offender data, by email, in error on 27 January 2023; and if he will make a statement.
- 7N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to page 32 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, for what reason the mandatory drug testing panel wasn't updated in 2022-23.

 (5829)
- 8N Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will list the total caseload for the probation service in (a) 2019, (b.) 2020, (c) 2021 (d) 2022 and (e) 2023. (5831)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

- 1 Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): What steps he is taking to ensure that new rail infrastructure meets the needs of communities in the East of England. (900647)
- 2 **Richard Foord** (Tiverton and Honiton): What steps he is taking to improve rail services. (900648)
- 3 Marco Longhi (Dudley North): What funding his Department is providing for road resurfacing. (900649)
- 4 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): What assessment he has made of the potential merits of electrifying the Furness Line. (900650)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): When he plans to publish further information on the UK sustainable aviation fuel mandate. (900651)
- 6 **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): What steps he plans to take to improve traffic flows in towns and cities. (900652)
- 7 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): What steps he is taking to increase the availability of step-free access on public transport. (900653)
- 8 Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): What estimate he has made of the net cost to the public purse of land purchased and planned for sale in connection with HS2 Phase 2. (900654)
- 9 Mr Alistair Carmichael (Orkney and Shetland): If he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the UK Emissions Trading Scheme on domestic ferry services. (900655)
- 10 Ian Levy (Blyth Valley): What steps he is taking to increase transport connectivity between cities in the north of England. (900656)

- 11 Margaret Beckett (Derby South): What steps he has taken to support rail manufacturing at Alstom in Derby. (900657)
- **Steven Bonnar** (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact of Government proposals to reduce net migration on the transport sector workforce. (900658)
- **lain Stewart** (Milton Keynes South): What recent discussions he has had with airport operators on the introduction of new security scanners by June 2024. (900659)
- **Eddie Hughes** (Walsall North): What funding his Department is providing for road resurfacing. (900660)
- Marion Fellows (Motherwell and Wishaw): What steps his Department plans to take following COP28 to support transport decarbonisation. (900661)
- 16 Navendu Mishra (Stockport): What assessment he has made of the impact of trends in the level of motoring costs on drivers. (900662)
- **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): What estimate he has made of the net cost to the public purse of land purchased and planned for sale in connection with HS2 Phase 2. (900663)
- **Giles Watling** (Clacton): What his planned timetable is for the distribution of funding previously allocated to HS2. (900664)
- **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): What steps he is taking to support motorists. (900665)
- **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): What assessment he has made of the impact of the UK electric vehicle battery supply chain on the transition to electric vehicles. (900666)
- **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding for zero and low emission buses. (900667)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of funding for transport infrastructure in Scotland. (900668)
- **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): What discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on the distribution of funding previously allocated to HS2. (900669)
- **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): What steps he is taking with Transport for London to help ensure the safe operation of pedicabs in London. (900670)
- **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): What recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of building the Western Rail Link to Heathrow. (900671)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

T1	Stephen Hammond (Wimbledon): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities.	(900672)
T2	Rob Butler (Aylesbury):	(900673)
Т3	John Penrose (Weston-super-Mare):	(900674)
T4	Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife):	(900675)
T5	Peter Aldous (Waveney):	(900676)
Т6	Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire):	(900677)
T7	Dame Diana Johnson (Kingston upon Hull North):	(900678)
T8	Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth):	(900679)
Т9	Lia Nici (Great Grimsby):	(900680)
T10	Elliot Colburn (Carshalton and Wallington):	(900681)