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Questions tabled on Friday 8 December 2023

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Questions for Answer on Monday 11 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many drinks receptions were held in 10 Downing Street in each of the last three years.
[Transferred] (5748)
- 2 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of migration into Wales on Welsh (a) businesses and (b) economic growth.
[Transferred] (5731)
- 3 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): 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, 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.
[Transferred] (5732)
- 4 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): 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, 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.
[Transferred] (5733)
- 5 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Oral Statement on 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, columns 41-43, if he 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.
[Transferred] (5742)

- 6 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed (a) visa changes and (b) new immigration rules on women. [Transferred] (5743)
- 7 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): 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, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the changes to (a) visa and (b) immigration rules on the hospitality industry. [Transferred] (5750)
- 8 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): 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, 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. [Transferred] (5751)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 12 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Attorney General, whether her 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 her Department is responsible for identifying and recording errors by the GLD; and what records her Department maintains of (A) apologies, (B) payments of compensation and (C) other matters relating to the GLD. [Transferred] (5764)
- 2 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the average gross hourly pay was of (a) men and (b) women whose ethnicity was (i) white, (ii) mixed, (iii) Indian, (iv) Pakistani/Bangladeshi and (v) Black in each year since 1993. (5991)
- 3 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the employment rate was of (a) women and (b) men whose ethnicity was (i) white, (ii) mixed, (iii) Indian, (iv) Pakistani/Bangladeshi and (v) Black in each year since 1993. (5992)
- 4 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of (a) men and (b) women whose ethnicity was (i) white, (ii) mixed, (iii) Indian, (iv) Pakistani/Bangladeshi and (v) Black were (A) in work, (B) working 14 hours or less, (C) working 15 to 19 hours, (D) working 20 to 24 hours, (E) working 25 to 29 hours, (F) working 30 to 39 hours, (G) working 40 to 49 hours, (H) working 50 hours or more per week in each year since 1993. (5997)

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- 5 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps to improve the (a) regulation and (b) monitoring of locksmiths to help prevent exploitative practices in that industry. (5950)
- 6 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing the compulsory labelling of products to indicate whether they were British-made or imported. (5966)
- 7 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to prevent companies being set up using other people's personal information without their consent. (5967)
- 8 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education on 23 October 2023, Official Report, column 585, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of offering tax breaks to qualified childcare staff. (6035)
- 9 **Sarah Dyke** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of farrowing cages on the welfare of pigs. [R] (6046)
- 10 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the publication by the Agricultural Industries Confederation entitled Powering productivity for sustainable food security, published on 15 November 2023, whether he plans to accept the recommendation on the creation of an independent food security committee. (5953)
- 11 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's policy statement entitled Flood and coastal erosion risk management, published in July 2020, how much and what proportion of the £5.2 billion of funding for flood mitigation has been allocated to nature-based flood-prevention solutions. (5954)
- 12 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much funding his Department has provided to farmers for the implementation of flood prevention solutions on their farms in each of the last five years. (5955)
- 13 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help increase food security in the context of trends in the level of flooding brought about by climate change. (5956)
- 14 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what funding his Department has provided to mitigate flooding on agricultural land in each year since 2018. (5957)

- 15 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of agricultural land at each agricultural land classification grade was at (a) risk and (b) high risk of flooding in each of the last five years. (5958)
- 16 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to reduce the proportion of Grade 1 agricultural land at high risk of flooding. (5959)
- 17 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will take steps to implement a comprehensive agricultural water management strategy. (5960)
- 18 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what financial support is available to farmers who have just lost their harvests due to flooding since 1 January 2023. (5961)
- 19 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the level of woodland cover is by council ward. (6044)
- 20 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to Question 1853 tabled by the hon. Member for Weston-super-Mare on 14 November 2023. (5963)
- 21 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of updating guidelines on the level of poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water. (6004)
- 22 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle overcrowding offences by private landlords; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to help tackle this practice. (5971)
- 23 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has taken recent steps with local authorities to help ensure that the Jewish community is able to publicly celebrate Hanukkah. (5973)
- 24 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Leasehold and Freehold Bill on local authorities. (6008)
- 25 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether measures introduced under the Leasehold and Freehold Bill will apply to leaseholders where the freeholder is a local authority. (6010)

- 26 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans his Department has to improve accessibility at Chalkwell station. (6054)
- 27 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to ensure train stations are wheelchair accessible. (6055)
- 28 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of (a) domestic and (b) international emissions trading schemes on the (i) coastal and (ii) short sea ferry sector. (5995)
- 29 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress his Department has made on providing maritime shore power in ports. (5996)
- 30 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the status is of each project funded through the Clean Maritime Demonstration Competition. (5998)
- 31 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many households received free broadband for six months from the TalkTalk and Jobcentre Plus scheme. (5952)
- 32 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to help ensure the accessibility of its digital services for elderly claimants. (5964)
- 33 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to ensure consistency of (a) initial training and (b) continued professional development for assessors across all PIP assessment providers. (6000)
- 34 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many PIP applications disallowed at initial decision were later granted at (a) mandatory reconsideration stage, (b) appeal stage and (c) tribunal stage in each of the last five years. (6001)
- 35 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many PIP applications disallowed at initial decision were later granted at (a) mandatory reconsideration stage, (b) appeal stage and (c) tribunal stage in Rhondda Cynon Taff local authority area in each of the last five years. (6002)
- 36 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what information his Department holds on the number of assessors employed by external assessment providers to carry out PIP applications in each of the last five years. (6050)

- 37 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what information his Department holds on the average length of service for assessors employed by external assessment providers to carry out PIP applications. (6051)
- 38 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what guidance his Department produces for PIP assessors on how to process cases where an applicant has autism spectrum disorder. (6052)
- 39 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) cycles of IVF were funded and (b) people received a cycle of IVF in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland integrated care board in the most recent year for which data is available. (6037)
- 40 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) cycles of IVF were funded and (b) people received a cycle of IVF in each NHS region in the most recent year for which data is available. (6038)
- 41 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much the NHS spent on IVF and fertility treatment in (a) real and (b) cash terms in each year since 1997. (6039)
- 42 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of supporting all NHS Trusts to offer Oppositional Defiant Disorder as a diagnosis. (5987)
- 43 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to support LGBT+ rights in Africa. (5965)
- 44 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he plans to visit Guyana in the next 12 months. (5975)
- 45 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has plans to meet with his counterpart in Djibouti to discuss the (a) geopolitical situation in the Gulf of Aden and (b) attack and seizure of commercial vessels. (5976)
- 46 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if his Department will take steps to recognise Somaliland as a sovereign state. (5977)
- 47 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that allegations of sexual violence perpetrated by Hamas are investigated. (6016)

- 48N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Oral Statement 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. [Transferred] (5730)
- 49 **Mark Logan** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will take steps to publish a consultation on his proposed increase to the income requirement for spousal visas for (a) people earning the National Living Wage and (b) other people. (6047)
- 50 **Mark Logan** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made a recent comparative assessment of the income requirements for spousal visas in (a) other countries and (b) the UK. (6048)
- 51 **Mark Logan** (Bolton North East): 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 his Department considered regional differences in per capita income when setting the new income requirements for spousal visas. (6049)
- 52 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle knife crime in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (5970)
- 53 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will issue guidance to the police on (a) identifying and (b) tackling anti-Semitic hate crime; and what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that Jewish communities are protected during Hanukkah celebrations. (5972)
- 54 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what safeguarding information his Department collects on unaccompanied children who are seeking asylum. (6027)
- 55 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that unaccompanied child asylum seekers are provided healthcare. (6028)
- 56 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that local authorities have adequate resources to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in their care. (6030)
- 57 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what processes his Department has in place to help protect unaccompanied children seeking asylum who have been victims of (a) rape, (b) sexual assault and (c) sexual exploitation. (6032)

- 58 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to locate the unaccompanied children seeking asylum who have gone missing from their accommodation. (6034)
- 59 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral statement by the former Secretary of State for Defence on Wednesday 19 July 2023 on Veterans update, Official Report, column 921, what discussions he has had with the Leader of the House on parliamentary time to debate the independent review into LGBT Veterans. (5980)
- 60 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many meetings he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to discuss the promotion of defence exports since his appointment. (5923)
- 61 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many meetings the Minister for Defence Procurement has had with the Department for Business and Trade to discuss the promotion of defence exports since his appointment. (5924)
- 62 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve skills development in the defence sector. (5927)
- 63 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help increase defence exports. (5928)
- 64 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve coherence across frontline commands. (5930)
- 65 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure the delivery of operational support is (a) time and (b) in budget. (5931)
- 66 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve integration between DE&S and Defence Support. (5933)
- 67 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q6 of the oral evidence given by Andy Start to the Committee of Public Accounts on 13 November 2023, HC 66, what steps he is taking to ensure DE&S is more (a) transparent and (b) part of the integrated defence whole. (5934)
- 68 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of expanding the responsibilities of the Chief of Defence Logistics and Support. (5939)
- 69 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q20 of the oral evidence given by the Chief of Defence Logistics and Support to the Public Accounts Committee on 13 November 2023, HC66, if he will give the Chief of Defence Logistics and Support the authority to direct single services to address defence inventory management. (5940)

- 70 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve decision making in (a) resource allocations and (b) balanced investment. (5941)
- 71 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his planned timetable is for replacing the (a) Stores System 3 and (b) CRISP system. (5942)
- 72 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Figure 3 on page 25 of the report by the National Audit Office on Defence inventory management, published on 13 September 2023, HC 1793, if he will provide a breakdown of how his Department plans to spend £2.5 billion on the digital transformation of Business Modernisation for Support. (5945)
- 73 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1040, on Army: Procurement, when he plans to (a) complete and (b) publish the Land Industrial Strategy Objectives Framework. (5946)
- 74 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has plans to visit the Joint Logistics Support Base in Oman in the next 12 months. (5978)
- 75 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of Britain's naval presence in the Gulf of Aden; and whether he has plans to deploy more vessels to the region in the context of the security situation in Yemen. (5979)
- 76N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people who were given an immediate custodial sentence of a year or less had (a) no, (b) one, (c) two, (d) three, (e) four, (f) five, (g) six, (h) seven, (i) eight, (j) nine, (k) 10 to 19, (l) 20 to 29, (m) 30 to 39 and (n) 40 or more previous convictions and cautions in each year since 2007. (5999)
- 77N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people who were given an immediate custodial sentence of a year or less had (a) zero, (b) one, (c) two, (d) three, (e) four, (f) five, (g) six, (h) seven, (i) eight, (j) nine, (k) 10-19, (l) 20-29, (m) 30-39 and (n) 40 or more previous convictions and cautions where their sentence was for (i) possession of a blade or point, (ii) possession of an offensive weapon, (iii) common assault, (iv) assaulting a police officer, (v) sexual assault, (vi) public order, (vii) theft, (viii) robbery, (ix) burglary, (x) drugs, (xi) criminal damage, (xii) breach of anti social behaviour order, (xiii) fraud and (xiv) vehicle taking between 2007 and 2023. (6003)
- 78 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign national offenders living in the community were convicted of each (a) offence group and (b) specific offence. (6036)

- 79 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent discussions he has had with his Irish counterparts on Northern Ireland. (5981)
- 80N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had recent discussions with the International Monetary Fund on levels of national global debt. [Transferred] (5762)
- 81 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the (a) repayment terms and (b) enforcement action borrowers are subject to when in arrears with buy-now-pay-later products. (5951)
- 82 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of different practices relating to the (a) the provision of forbearance and (b) prioritisation of payments on essential bills in the (i) regulated and (ii) buy-now-pay-later sector. (6056)
- 83 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the median gross hourly pay of workers was by nationality in each year since 2010. (5989)
- 84 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish a breakdown of the number and proportion of workers by (a) nationality and (b) occupational skill level in each year since 2010. (5990)
- 85 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to update to the List of named tax avoidance schemes, promoters, enablers and suppliers of 1 December 2023, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the loan charge that came into effect on 5 April 2019 on the financial wellbeing of freelancers. (5982)
- 86 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Belgium 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. (6007)
- 87 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Bulgaria 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. (6009)
- 88 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Denmark 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.

(6011)

- 89 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Finland 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.

(6012)

- 90 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Greece 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.

(6013)

- 91 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Iceland 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.

(6014)

- 92 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Moldova 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.

(6015)

- 93 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in The Netherlands 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.

(6017)

- 94 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in New Zealand 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.

(6018)

- 95 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Norway 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. (6019)

96 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Poland 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. (6020)

97 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Serbia 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. (6021)

98 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Singapore 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. (6022)

99 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Slovenia 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. (6023)

100 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Spain 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. (6024)

101 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in Switzerland 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. (6025)

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

Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that United States territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (6026)

103 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Colorado before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that US territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (6029)

104 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the District of Colombia before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that US territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (6031)

105 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Florida before laying the Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023 on the removal of that US territory from the list of approved countries and territories to qualify applicants for the overseas route to apply for gender recognition certificates. (6033)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 13 December

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, for what reason the draft Order giving effect to the new parliamentary constituency boundaries was not submitted to the Privy Council within four months. (5983)

2N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will hold discussions with the Forestry Commission on promoting woodland creation. (5935)

3N **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of 16 August 2023 and 25 October 2023 from the hon. Member for Manchester, Gorton, reference number MC2023/16104. (6045)

4N **Anna Firth** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether the Levelling Up funding awarded for the Leigh Port Regeneration Scheme will be withdrawn. (6053)

- 5N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many publicly-booked Driver CPC part 3b tests were conducted in (a) the UK, (b) Scotland and (c) Bishopbriggs Test Centre in each quarter since April 2021. (5969)
- 6N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many children were living in households (a) in receipt of Universal Credit and (b) subject to deductions in each parliamentary constituency in the most recent month for which data is available; what the (i) total and (ii) average sum of Universal Credit deductions was for households with children in each constituency; and what proportion of those sums was deducted to repay advance payments. (5974)
- 7N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of families receive (a) any state support, (b) tax credits, (c) an income-related benefit and (d) an non-income related benefit by nationality. (5985)
- 8N **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to reduce children's exposure to measles. (6005)
- 9N **Bambos Charalambous** (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of children's access to vaccination services. (6006)
- 10N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the potential use of the Official Development Assistance budget to fund the Migration and Economic Development Partnership with Rwanda. (5962)
- 11N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in Sri Lanka on water quality in the north of that country. (5994)
- 12N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of visa applications that would have been refused under the proposed changes to the minimum salary threshold between 2016 and 2022. (6040)
- 13N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of people who will be unable to renew their visas under the proposed changes to the minimum salary threshold in (a) Tooting constituency and (b) the UK. (6041)

- 14N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many couples on a spousal visa with a combined income of over £38,700 but individual incomes of under £38,700 will be affected by the proposed changes to the minimum salary threshold. (6042)
- 15N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the impact of the proposed changes to the minimum salary threshold for spousal visas on individuals already living in the UK on such a visa. (6043)
- 16N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much was received from the immigration health surcharge in (a) 2019 and (b) 2022. (5937)
- 17N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many crimes were reported on the True Vision website in the last 12 months. (5938)
- 18N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will publish a breakdown by sponsoring higher education institution of the number of student visas issued in each year since 1993. (5986)
- 19N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will publish a breakdown by country of origin of the number of overseas students each higher education institution in England sponsored visas for in each year since 2010. (5988)
- 20N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of raising the earnings threshold for family visas to on the human rights of (a) UK citizens and (b) foreign partners of UK citizens. (5947)
- 21N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of raising the earning threshold for family visas on people who intend to marry a foreign partner (a) before and (b) after Spring 2024 whose salary does not meet this threshold. (5948)
- 22N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an estimate of trends in the number of applications for spouse and family visas in the period before the implementation of the proposed higher earnings threshold. (5949)
- 23N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) UK and (b) overseas trade shows the Minister for Defence Procurement has attended since his appointment. (5925)
- 24N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help ensure that SMEs in the defence supply chain are paid on time. (5929)

- 25N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Q4 of the oral evidence given by Vice Admiral Andy Kyte to the Committee of Public Accounts on 13 November 2023, HC 66, what the key conclusions were of the review commissioned by the Permanent Secretary of his Department. (5932)
- 26N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much stock on the CRISP inventory management system is currently marked as (a) A1 and (b) E0. (5943)
- 27N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to Question 32 of the oral evidence to the Public Accounts Committee of 13 November 2023, HC 66, what the monetary value is of stock marked E0 on the CRISP inventory management system. (5944)
- 28N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will hold discussions with major banks on interest rates on savings accounts compared to other financial institutions. (5936)
- 29N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish a breakdown of what employee monthly earnings were in the first full-year of employment for people from (a) each individual EU member state and (b) country of nationality for non-EU member states in each year between 2016 and 2022. (5993)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 14 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2023 to Question 4799 on Small Businesses: Exports, how the £200 million of funding to support small and medium-sized enterprises (a) has been spent in each of the last three years and (b) will be spent on (i) the UK Export Academy, (ii) International Trade Advisors, (iii) Help to Grow, (iv) the Export Support Service and (v) the Business Support Helpline. (5926)
- 2N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Ofsted inspections have been paused due to headteacher distress in each of the last 3 years. (5921)
- 3N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many complaints her Department has received about the conduct of Ofsted inspectors during school inspections in each of the last three years. (5922)

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- 4N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Universal Credit recipients had payments reduced to nil due to two earnings payments in the assessment period between (a) 26 January 2023 and 25 February 2023 and (b) 18 August 2023 and 17 September 2023. (5984)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 18 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has taken recent steps to reduce the tariff on fish feed imported from the Faroe Islands. (5968)