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## Questions tabled on Monday 11 December 2023

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  - † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
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  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 12 December

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the median gross hourly pay of workers was by nationality in each year since 2010.  
[Transferred] (5989)
  - 2 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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.  
[Transferred] (5990)
  - 3N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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.  
[Transferred] (5818)
  - 4 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education on 23 October 2023, Official Report, column 585, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of offering tax breaks to qualified childcare staff.  
[Transferred] (6035)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 13 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (5993)
- 2 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's publication entitled UK Covid-19 Inquiry Management Statement, published in August 2022, what steps he is taking to ensure the Covid-19 public inquiry represents overall value for money. (6312)
- 3 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what proportion of exports by (a) number of exporters and (b) value of exports used the tariff rates agreed in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership during the last period for which data is available. (6097)
- 4 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4105 on Freeports, how many of the 12 freeports were recorded as having (a) a number of jobs created as a result of verified foreign direct investment of (i) 0-50, (ii) 51-100, (iii) 101-150, (iv) 151-200 and (v) more than 200 and (b) an amount of capital expenditure resulting from that investment of (A) £0-£50 million, (B) £51-£100 million, (C) £101-£150 million, (D) £151-£200 million and (E) more than £200 million between December 2021 and November 2023. (6154)
- 5 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department holds information on when barriers were erected around the Buxton memorial in Victoria Tower Gardens; for what reason those barriers were erected; and how long they will remain in place. (6060)
- 6 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when (a) she and (b) officials in her Department last met the architect of the proposed Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens. (6061)
- 7 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2023 to Question 4035 on Veterans: Radiation Exposure, whether a security classification is automatically given to documents locked by Lord Chancellor's Instruments (LCIs) citing national security exemptions; and whether a classification was given to the documents noted in Question 4035 under LCIs (a) 76 and (b) 118. (6074)

- 8 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of childminders that provide access to free childcare in (a) Suffolk Coastal constituency, (b) Suffolk and (c) England. (6138)
- 9 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of nurseries that provide access to free childcare in (a) Suffolk Coastal constituency, (b) Suffolk and (c) England. (6139)
- 10 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many free childcare places were provided through childminders in (a) Suffolk Coastal constituency, (b) Suffolk and (c) England in the latest period for which data is available. (6140)
- 11 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many free childcare places were provided through nurseries in (a) Suffolk Coastal constituency, (b) Suffolk and (c) England in the latest period for which data is available. (6141)
- 12 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of free childcare places are available in nurseries during out of school term times in (a) Suffolk Coastal constituency, (b) Suffolk and (c) England. (6142)
- 13 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of free childcare places are available in child minders during out of school term times in (a) Suffolk Coastal constituency, (b) Suffolk and (c) England. (6143)
- 14 **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help mitigate the potential impact of the delay in finalising the contract with the Nuffield Foundation for the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) project on the (a) implementation and (b) continuity of the NELI programme in schools. (6163)
- 15 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the trends in the level of reports of spiritual and ritualistic abuse against children since 2017. (6058)
- 16 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her Department's timescale is for replacing (a) school buildings and (b) sports facilities affected by RAAC; and what criteria her Department plans to use when judging the suitability of replacement buildings. (6205)

- 17 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of (a) school buildings and (b) sports facilities affected by RAAC; and whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of compensating schools for lost income due to their inability to rent out such buildings. (6206)
- 18 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to allow discretion in (a) grading and (b) OFSTED inspections for schools affected by RAAC. (6207)
- 19 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to instruct Ofqual to give special consideration for students whose schools have been affected by RAAC. (6208)
- 20 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many meetings she has had with the Further Education Commissioner in the last 12 months. (6308)
- 21 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to monitor the prevalence of legionella bacteria in schools. (6289)
- 22 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what plans her Department has for further school building projects this Parliament. (6293)
- 23 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of Government proposals to restrict the ability for international students to bring family members via a student visa on the universities sector; and whether she has had discussions with university stakeholders on the proposals. (6295)
- 24 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to help build a new school for All Saints Catholic School. (6297)
- 25 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the need to retrofit school buildings containing RAAC. (6298)
- 26 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how often does her Department plan to inspect the condition of the schools estate. (6299)
- 27 **Sir Bill Wigg** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the press release by Pause entitled Pause responds to Government's plans for children's social care, published on 11 May 2023, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of their recommendation on annual data collection on parents who have experienced the removal of more than one child from their care. (6161)

- 28 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what her planned timetable is for completing the review of the (a) emission trading scheme and (b) sale of unused credits by companies that have closed down factories in the UK. (6201)
- 29 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Answer of 23 June 2023 to Question 189629 on Warm Home Discount Scheme, whether the evaluation of the reformed Warm Home Discount scheme included an impact assessment. (6203)
- 30 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of increases in service charges on care home residents, in the context of increases in the cost of energy. (6218)
- 31 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with United Utilities on the level of sewage released into the River Severn. (6348)
- 32 **Ian Blackford** (Ross, Skye and Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage the motor industry to use polyethylene glycol in vehicle cooling systems; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits for the environment of using this chemical. (6255)
- 33 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications to the Sustainable Farming Incentive 2023 have been (a) made and (b) approved in Suffolk Coastal constituency. (6144)
- 34 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 17 January 2022 to Question 102527 on Wood-burning Stoves: Smoke Control Areas, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of (a) mechanisms for and (b) the performance of the external contractor for ensuring high standards in the (i) approval and (ii) testing processes for (A) individual and (B) ranges of appliances for receiving exemptions to burn unauthorised fuel in smoke control areas. (6059)
- 35 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure free movement of cultivated plant biodiversity. (6170)
- 36 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to work with supermarkets to help reduce food waste. (6072)
- 37 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with representatives of supermarkets on introducing Buy British sections. (6073)

- 38 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the flooding that followed Storm Babet. (6135)
- 39 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many inland bathing water site applications were received in 2022; and how many and what proportion of those applications were accepted. (6307)
- 40 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 12 June 2023 to Question 188424 on Animal Welfare, what criteria he is using to determine whether the time is right to consult on the use of (a) crates for farrowing pigs and (b) cages for laying hens. (6160)
- 41 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the frequency of flooding in York; and whether he has made an assessment of whether the flood defence barriers will be exceeded before 2039. (6300)
- 42 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to provide additional support to local authorities in areas that experience frequent flooding. (6301)
- 43 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help improve resilience co-ordination across agencies when flooding occurs. (6302)
- 44 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on access to the Flood:RE scheme by leaseholders. (6303)
- 45 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Environment Agency on the (a) accuracy and (b) targeting of flood warning mechanisms. (6304)
- 46 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to promote awareness of the flood alerts scheme. (6305)
- 47 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to encourage the use of refillable rather than disposable vapes. (6367)
- 48 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of cat abductions. (6186)

- 49 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to regulate the rehoming of dogs. (6342)
- 50 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce the number of non-recyclable disposable coffee cups being disposed of in a recycling bin. (6171)
- 51 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to page 12 of his Department's Environmental Improvement Plan 2023, what progress his Department has made on investigating the role of behavioural science in understanding how single-use coffee cups are used. (6172)
- 52 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he plans to take to raise awareness of the Cladding Safety Scheme. (6345)
- 53 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many buildings have registered with the Cladding Safety Scheme. (6346)
- 54 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how much has been spent on architectural costs for the proposed Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens to date; how much is committed to be spent in future; and if he will make an estimate of the cost for architectural services if the proposals are enacted. (6062)
- 55N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many crimes were reported on the True Vision website in the last 12 months. [Transferred] (5938)
- 56 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on 20 November 2023, Official Report, column 37, what his planned timescale is for the allocation of round three of Levelling Up funding for Northern Ireland. (6314)
- 57 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on 20 November 2023, Official Report, column 37, whether round three of Levelling Up funding for Northern Ireland will be allocated to (a) unsuccessful projects under round two and (b) new applications. (6315)

- 58 **Dr Liam Fox** (North Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what his planned timetable is for publishing a new National Planning Police Framework. (6069)
- 59 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the inclusion of park areas in (a) the town centre redevelopment in Shrewsbury and (b) other town centre redevelopments. (6132)
- 60N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, for what reason the draft Order giving effect to the new parliamentary constituency boundaries was not submitted to the Privy Council within four months. [Transferred] (5983)
- 61 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023, what recent discussions his Department has had with the Social Housing regulator on the timetable for setting the regulatory standards relating to (a) competence and conduct and (b) information and transparency; and whether his Department has made an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse of providing assistance to (i) local authorities and (ii) social housing providers to meet those standards. (6209)
- 62 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what his Department's timetable is for extending the voluntary Right to Buy scheme. (6212)
- 63 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will issue guidance to local authorities on the potential fire risks of battery energy storage sites in close proximity to (a) residential and (b) commercial buildings. (6137)
- 64 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to (a) make older people aware of Gigabit vouchers and (b) enable older people to access Gigabit vouchers. (6149)
- 65 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's publication entitled BEIS ministerial overseas travel, January to March 2022, published on 7 October 2022, how much of the (a) £73 spent on the visit of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Science, Research and Innovation to France from 15 to 16 February 2022, and (b) £171 spent on his visit to Switzerland from 6 to 8 March 2022, was spent on air travel. (6155)
- 66 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of his Department's communication of the option of a not for reassessment marker for the Blue Badge Scheme to (a) local authorities and (b) the public. (6261)

- 67 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to engage with the disability community when developing transport policy. (6349)
- 68 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to release funds from the northern leg of HS2 to improve the railway line between Shrewsbury and Birmingham New Street stations. (6133)
- 69 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the building of the North West Relief Road on congestion in Shrewsbury. (6134)
- 70 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his Department's timetable is for making an assessment of the extent to which the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund has achieved its funding objectives. (6204)
- 71 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 26 October 2023 to Question 204030 on Avanti West Coast: Contracts, what the (a) time constraints and (b) market conditions were that meant open competition for the contract was considered unviable. (6211)
- 72 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number of vehicle collisions which resulted in an injury that were (a) caused and (b) partly caused by a medical episode experienced by a driver. (6214)
- 73 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many notifications of any injury or illness that would have a likely impact on safe driving ability the DVLA has received from (a) doctors, (b) other healthcare professionals and (c) drivers in each year since 2020. (6215)
- 74 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number and proportion of drivers who were advised that they had a medical condition that affects their ability to drive safely about which they should notify the DVLA who did not notify the DVLA in each year since 2020. (6216)
- 75 **Gavin Newlands** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Network North: Transforming British Transport, published in October 2023, what estimate he has made of the Barnett consequential to (a) Northern Ireland, (b) Scotland and (c) Wales as a result of the proposals contained in that document. (6284)

- 76 **Jesse Norman** (Hereford and South Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, of the cancelled direct train services between London and Hereford in the last six months, what proportion of cancellations were caused by matters relating to (a) Great Western Railway and (b) Network Rail. (6122)
- 77 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 21 October 2021 to Question 58331 on Local Government: Snow and Ice, how many tonnes of salt were held by National Highways in (a) the strategic reserve maintained for his Department and (b) its own strategic reserve as of 1 October 2022. (6152)
- 78 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 21 October 2021 to Question 58331 on Local Government: Snow and Ice, how many tonnes of salt were held by National Highways in (a) the strategic reserve maintained for his Department and (b) its own strategic reserve as of (i) 1 October 2023 and (ii) 11 December 2023. (6153)
- 79 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional financial support to unpaid carers. (6259)
- 80 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff his Department employs to determine the outcome of PIP claims as of 8 November 2023. (6262)
- 81 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on the average actual clearance times for (a) personal independence payment (PIP) normal rules new claims and (b) Disability Living Allowance to PIP reassessments in Slough constituency in each of the last 5 financial years. (6263)
- 82 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on the average actual clearance times for personal independence payment special rules for end of life claims in Slough constituency in each of the last five financial years. (6264)
- 83 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many calls the access to work helpline received from (a) employers, (b) employees and (c) in total in financial year (i) 2021-22 and (ii) 2022-23. (6282)
- 84 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how the Access to Work cap is calculated. (6294)
- 85 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure individuals whose Access to Work requirements exceed the annual cap receive support to (a) start and (b) stay in work. (6296)

- 86 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when he plans to publish his Department's response to the Options for Defined Benefit Scheme: call for evidence which closed in September 2023. (6210)
- 87 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Pension Credit claimants reached State Pension age (a) in and (b) since April 2016. (6217)
- 88 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether there is (a) a minimum, (b) a maximum and (c) an optimal number of universal credit cases overseen by each case manager. (6065)
- 89 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4331 on Unemployment: Chronic Illnesses, what assessment he has made of the impact of NHS waiting lists on long-term sickness in the labour market. (6066)
- 90 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help unemployed young people into work. (6359)
- 91 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to encourage people who are economically inactive due to long-term sickness and disability into work. (6360)
- 92 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to support the long-term unemployed into work. (6361)
- 93 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to help support disabled employees in his Department. (6286)
- 94 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to allow (a) applicants and (b) appointees acting on behalf of an applicant to (i) request and (ii) receive an assessment report from the assessment provider before his Department makes a decision on an application. (6316)
- 95 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to allow (a) applicants and (b) appointees acting on behalf of an applicant for the personal independence payment to (i) request and (ii) receive an assessment report from the assessment provider before a further assessment on that application is carried out. (6317)
- 96 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will set a requirement for (a) his Department's assessors and (b) external assessment providers for personal independence payments to respond to applicant queries within a specified timeframe. (6318)

- 97 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to allow (a) applicants and (b) appointees acting on behalf of an applicant can request that his Department consider multiple assessment reports under each application. (6319)
- 98 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to require (a) his Department's assessors and (b) external assessment providers for personal independence payment applications to receive the same (i) initial training and (ii) continued professional development. (6320)
- 99 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she plans to take to increase the number of NHS dentists in Weaver Vale constituency. (6347)
- 100 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of people who received the Oxford-Astra Zeneca COVID-19 vaccine experienced serious adverse events since it was introduced. (6334)
- 101 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in the UK have suffered from serious adverse events from covid-19 vaccines as of 11 December 2023. (6335)
- 102 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what methods (a) GPs and (b) other healthcare providers use to register adverse events following immunisation; and what recent assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of those methods in accurately reflecting the (a) number and (b) type of adverse events following immunisation. (6336)
- 103 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Government has recently taken steps to (a) expand and (b) strengthen research into the treatment of people negatively affected by vaccines. (6337)
- 104 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people were given the Covishield covid-19 vaccine in the UK. (6338)
- 105 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of mental health support available to unpaid carers. (6257)
- 106 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the cost of living on the mental health of unpaid carers. (6258)
- 107 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for counselling services for unpaid carers. (6260)

- 108 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the time taken for patients with inflammatory skin conditions to access (a) specialist care and support and (b) treatment. (6277)
- 109 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken for patients with inflammatory skin conditions to be referred for specialist care on the cost of treatment for such conditions. (6278)
- 110 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of implementing NHS England's Referral optimisation for people with skin conditions on (i) the cost of treatment and (ii) number of referrals for people with skin conditions in (a) England, (b) Cheshire and Merseyside integrated care system and (c) Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust. (6279)
- 111 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps NHS England is taking to increase access to NICE-approved treatments for patients with inflammatory skin conditions. (6280)
- 112 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will have discussions with NICE on developing (a) national guidelines and (b) quality standards for the management of severe eczema in adults. (6281)
- 113 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of mobile dental check-up vehicles on children's oral health. (6374)
- 114 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an NHS long term service medal. (6375)
- 115 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many calls were responded to by mental health joint response cars in London in each of the last 12 months. (6283)
- 116 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle inequalities in prostate cancer outcomes. (6071)
- 117 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to (a) increase awareness of the (i) signs and (ii) risks of prostate cancer amongst at-risk groups and (b) ensure that national public awareness campaigns are tailored to underserved communities. (6090)
- 118 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the press notice entitled Biggest prostate cancer screening trial in decades to start in UK published on 19 November 2023, in which areas will the trial be carried out; and what steps her Department is taking to (a)

ensure there is sufficient diagnostics capacity to deliver the additional screening in the trial areas in local areas to deliver increased screening and (b) encourage participation amongst (i) at-risk groups and (ii) black men. (6091)

119 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the press notice entitled Biggest prostate cancer screening trial in decades to start in UK published on 19 November 2023, what assessment her Department has made of the additional workforce capacity that will be required to deliver the trial. (6092)

120 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many consultant urologists there are in (a) Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, (b) NHS Cheshire and Merseyside and (c) England. (6093)

121 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Hospitals Transformation Programme on the frequency of closure of wards at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. (6136)

122 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's publication entitled 2023/24 priorities and operational planning guidance, what estimate her Department has made of the proportion of (a) NHS audiology departments and (b) private sector AQP audiology services that have successfully implemented a self-referral patient pathway. (6355)

123 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's publication entitled 2023/24 priorities and operational planning guidance, whether her Department has provided further (a) guidance and (b) other support to relevant Integrated Care Boards to help support the delivery of a self-referral patient pathway for audiology services. (6356)

124 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's publication entitled 2023/24 priorities and operational planning guidance, what information has been provided to NHS patients to enable them to (a) self-refer into audiology services and (b) identify whether their local service has a self-referral patient pathway. (6357)

125 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions she has had with relevant stakeholders on tackling shortages of Tegretol 100mg tablets. (6200)

126 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to Lord Markham's keynote speech at London Tech Week 2023 on 12 June 2023, what her Department's planned timetable is for publishing the policy framework clarifying the market pathway for digital health technologies. (6202)

- 127 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her Department's plan is to ensure sufficient workforce capacity for the community diagnostic centre programme. (6159)
- 128 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to respond to the letters of 26 September and 3 November 2023 from the hon. Member for Weston-super-Mare sent on behalf of a constituent regarding the industrial action by junior doctors. (6125)
- 129 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the time taken for clinically-proven drugs to be considered for use on the NHS once they are off-patent. (6358)
- 130 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to support recruitment and approval processes for clinical trials for brain tumours. (6311)
- 131 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether the Government has had discussions with Israeli counterparts on the (a) detention of children in Israeli military prisons and (b) allegations of potential human rights abuses against prisoners. (6265)
- 132 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether the British Consulate-General in Hong Kong has contacted Jimmy Lai during his detention in Stanley Prison. (6253)
- 133 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what support the British Consulate-General in Hong Kong has given to imprisoned 75-year-old British citizen, Jimmy Lai, in the lead up to his trial due to take place on 18th December 2023. (6254)
- 134 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many (a) Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy and (b) Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme eligible Afghan nationals classed as (i) principals and (ii) dependents are in Pakistan as of 11 December 2023. (6083)
- 135 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what systems his Department uses to (a) monitor and (b) evaluate (i) the potential impact of the Government's funding on minorities and (ii) whether funding is being used effectively and equitably in Pakistan. (6332)
- 136 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his US counterpart on the proposed transfer of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. (6131)

- 137 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the adherence by Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots to the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee. (6313)
- 138 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the Answer of 23 November 2023 to Question HL568 in the House of Lords on Sudan: Humanitarian Aid, what progress he has made with international partners on (a) unfettered humanitarian access to Sudan and (b) the provision of continued support for the Sudanese people. (6173)
- 139 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Nigerian counterpart on the drone strike in Kaduna State. (6183)
- 140 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with his Israeli counterpart on reports of Israel's use of artificial intelligence to identify targets in Gaza. (6184)
- 141 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his Turkish counterpart on the attacks in north-east Syria. (6219)
- 142 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of levels of freedom of religion and belief in Hong Kong. (6269)
- 143 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the impact of trends in the level of freedom of expression on levels of freedom of religion and belief in Hong Kong. (6270)
- 144 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the National Security Law on (a) freedom of expression, (b) academic freedom, (c) press freedom and (d) freedom of religion or belief in Hong Kong. (6271)
- 145 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help tackle threats to freedom of (a) expression, (b) assembly, (c) association and (d) religion or belief in Hong Kong. (6272)
- 146 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for (a) his policies on Hong Kong and (b) freedom of religion or belief of the campaign of sinicisation of religion. (6273)

- 147 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his Department's budget for non-police led aspects of Prevent was in (a) 2019/20, (b) 2020/21, (c) 2012/22 and (d) 2022/23. (6164)
- 148 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his Department's budget for delivery of Prevent by local authorities was in (a) 2019/20, (b) 2020/21, (c) 2012/22 and (d) 2022/23. (6165)
- 149 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his Department's budget for delivery of Prevent by local authorities in London was in (a) 2019/20, (b) 2020/21, (c) 2012/22 and (d) 2022/23. (6166)
- 150 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much his Department spent on non-police led aspects of Prevent in (a) 2019/20, (b) 2020/21, (c) 2012/22 and (d) 2022/23. (6167)
- 151 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much his Department spent on delivery of Prevent by local authorities in (a) 2019/20, (b) 2020/21, (c) 2012/22 and (d) 2022/23. (6168)
- 152 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much his Department spent on delivery of Prevent by local authorities in London in (a) 2019/20, (b) 2020/21, (c) 2012/22 and (d) 2022/23. (6169)
- 153 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department is taking steps to help protect people from Hong Kong who want to protest near the Chinese (a) Embassy and (b) Consulate in advance of the national security trial of Jimmy Lai in December 2023. (6252)
- 154 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many spouse visas were issued to people with incomes between £18,600 and £38,700 in (a) the UK and (b) Northern Ireland in 2022. (6329)
- 155 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Oral Statement of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, what his Department's policy is on the additional household income threshold requirements per child in that household. (6330)
- 156 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to this Oral Statement of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, if he will publish the evidential basis that increasing the salary threshold for family visas will achieve its policy objectives. (6331)
- 157 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 24 October 2023 to Question 202822 on Offenders: Deportations, if he will publish the number of asylum interviews for foreign national offenders conducted by his Department in each of the last ten years. (6213)

- 158 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5402 on Visas: India, what the average wait time for a British Visa appointment was in the Republic of India for each of the last 12 months. (6376)
- 159 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when he plans to respond to the letters of 3 October and 6 November 2023 from the hon. Member for Weston-super-Mare sent on behalf of a constituent regarding Minister Kitutu's visit. (6124)
- 160 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many stolen quadbikes have been recovered due to forensic marking. (6099)
- 161 **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, what specific social and industrial value outcomes are to be included in the 20% weighting. (6100)
- 162 **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, what metrics will his Department use to measure the effectiveness of the 20% weighting on social and industrial value outcomes. (6101)
- 163 **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, how often does his Department plan to (a) review and (b) refine the Land Industrial Strategy Objectives Framework to ensure it is achieving its intended objectives. (6102)
- 164 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1042, what criteria industry partners need to meet in order to be invited to those briefing meetings. (6103)
- 165 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1043, when he plans to (a) complete and (b) publish the outcome of the Land Industrial Operating Services programme. (6104)
- 166 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1043, what steps that programme team has completed as of 11 December 2023. (6105)
- 167 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1043, when he plans for the concept phase to be completed. (6106)
- 168 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1043, what lessons from similar ventures in the other Services the programme team are building on. (6107)

- 169 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1447 on Ministry of Defence: Artificial Intelligence, what criteria are used to select which AI projects are monitored. (6108)
- 170 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 1453 on Army: Artificial Intelligence, what steps the Defence AI Centre has taken to increase the speed of AI adoption in his Department. (6112)
- 171 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 1453 on Army: Artificial Intelligence, what steps he has taken to govern the use of AI in defence. (6113)
- 172 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 1453 on Army: Artificial Intelligence, what steps he has taken to engage with (a) international partners, (b) academia, (c) industry and (d) Cabinet colleagues on the use of AI. (6114)
- 173 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1812 on Defence: Employment, what steps he takes to ensure that his Department's skills development policies are aligned with the changing needs of the defence sector. (6116)
- 174 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1812 on Defence: Employment, what steps he takes to measure the effectiveness of his Department's skills development policies at meeting the needs of the defence sector. (6117)
- 175 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1812 on Defence: Employment, what steps he plans to take to help (a) upskill and (b) reskill workers in the defence sector to adapt to new technologies. (6118)
- 176 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) RAF and (b) UK Government funded commercial flights have taken off from Pakistan each month carrying eligible Afghan nationals under the (i) ARAP and (ii) ACRS schemes since the end of Operation PITTING in August 2021. (6082)
- 177 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy applications are awaiting an initial eligibility decision from his Department as of 11 December 2023. (6084)
- 178 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy applicants have been awaiting an initial eligibility decision for more than (a) six months, (b) 12 months, (c) 18 months and (d) 24 months. (6085)

- 179 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2023 to Question 4337, how many of the 9,121 unoccupied service family accommodation properties have been graded (a) at grade 1, (b) at grade 2, (c) at grade 3, (d) at grade 4 and (e) below grade 4. (6086)
- 180 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with his US counterpart on the proposed transfer of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. (6130)
- 181 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the size of the Challenger 2 tank fleet; whether it remains his policy that 148 existing Challenge 2 tanks will be upgraded to the Challenger 3 programme; and what his plans are for those tanks not scheduled for upgrade. (6224)
- 182 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Challenger tanks have been donated to Ukraine since 24 February 2022. (6225)
- 183 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any (a) Chieftain and (b) Challenger 1 tanks remain in storage. (6226)
- 184 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many warrior armoured fighting vehicles are (a) in service, (b) set to be retired and (c) declared for disposal since November 2022. (6227)
- 185 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Warrior vehicles have been donated to Ukraine since February 2022. (6228)
- 186 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what types of FV107 Scimitar reconnaissance vehicles (a) went out of service and (b) remain in service since November 2022; how many out of service FV107 Scimitar reconnaissance vehicles have been disposed of; and of those disposed how many were (i) managed through the Defence Equipment Sales Agency and (ii) sold externally including to whom they were sold. (6229)
- 187 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many FV107 Scimitar reconnaissance vehicles have been donated to Ukraine since February 2022. (6230)
- 188 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Chinooks (a) have been and (b) are scheduled to be retired since February 2022; and what his Department's policy is on disposing these helicopters. (6231)
- 189 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Chinooks have been donated to Ukraine since February 2022. (6232)
- 190 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) minefield breaching systems and (b) Trojan armoured engineer vehicles remain in use by the army; and whether he has plans to (i) retire and (ii) dispose of existing minefield breaching systems. (6233)

- 191 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Minefield Breaching System's have been donated to Ukraine since February 2022. (6234)
- 192 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has plans to donate further Minefield Breaching System's to Ukraine. (6235)
- 193 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Typhoon Tranche 1's have been (a) retired from service and (b) donated to Ukraine since February 2022; and what his Department's policy is for disposing of these planes. (6236)
- 194 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has plans to dispose of any Typhoon Tranche 1 planes before 31 March 2025. (6237)
- 195 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what type of (a) aircraft and (b) helicopters (i) have been and (ii) are scheduled to be donated to Ukraine. (6238)
- 196 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what types of (a) vehicles, (b) tanks, and (c) aircraft have been disposed of via (i) sale, (ii) donation, (iii) auction and (iv) scrapping since 24 February 2022; and if he will publish a list of the number (A) sold and (B) donated including whom the recipient was. (6239)
- 197 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in the UAE on arms shipments to Darfur. (6179)
- 198 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress he has made on the Global Combat Air Programme. (6362)
- 199 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support defence jobs. (6363)
- 200 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support innovative defence technology. (6364)
- 201 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) flying hours and (b) air strikes have been conducted by UK armed forces against Daesh in (a) Iraq and (b) Syria in each of the last 12 months. (6339)
- 202 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Global Coalition Against Daesh in reducing the threat from terrorists in (a) Iraq and (b) Syria. (6340)
- 203 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what (a) diplomatic and (b) military contribution the UK is making to the Global Coalition Against Daesh. (6341)

- 204 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made a comparative assessment of the time it takes for (a) sexual offences and (b) other criminal offences to reach trial. (6180)
- 205 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he (a) is taking and (b) plans to take to reduce the number of cases of sexual offences waiting to be heard in the crown court. (6181)
- 206 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2023, whether he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to provide the Crown Estate with (a) borrowing and (b) wider investment powers during this Session. (6123)
- 207 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of business rate relief for businesses in the hospitality sector. (6256)
- 208 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to protect free-to-use ATMs. (6077)
- 209 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Hawaii 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. (6187)
- 210 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Illinois 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. (6188)
- 211 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Maine 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. (6189)
- 212 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Michigan 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. (6190)

- 213 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Minnesota 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. (6191)
- 214 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Mississippi 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. (6192)
- 215 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Montana 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. (6193)
- 216 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Nevada 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. (6194)
- 217 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of New Jersey 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. (6195)
- 218 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of New Mexico 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. (6196)
- 219 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of New York 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. (6197)

- 220 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in New York City 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. (6198)
- 221 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Oklahoma 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. (6321)
- 222 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Oregon 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. (6322)
- 223 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Rhode Island 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. (6323)
- 224 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of South Carolina 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. (6324)
- 225 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of South Dakota 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. (6325)
- 226 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Utah 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. (6326)

- 227 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Vermont 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. (6327)
- 228 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she had discussions with her counterpart in the state of Virginia 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. (6328)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 14 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the G7 Japan 2023 Foreign Ministers' Communiqué, published on 18 April 2023, whether the Government plans to take steps to align the UK's investment screening regime with that of the US as set out in the Presidential Executive Order of 15 September 2022 on Ensuring Robust Consideration of Evolving National Security Risks by the Committee on Foreign Investment. (6096)
- 2N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which firms (a) based in China and (b) based outside China and with Chinese owners have been subject to restrictions on trade and investment under the (i) Import of Goods (Control) Order 1954, (ii) Export Control Act 2002, (iii) Export Control Order 2008, (iv) Procurement Act 2023, (v) Telecommunications (Security) Act 2021 and (vi) National Security and Investment Act 2021. (6087)
- 3N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Answer of 24 October 2023 to Question 203453 on Zero Hours Contracts, what the absolute change in the number of people employed under zero hours contracts was between 2017 and 2022. (6095)
- 4N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps to recover funds paid from the public purse to former employees of Greensill Capital Management Company. (6145)
- 5N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the rules of origin of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement on the production of battery

electric vehicle truck tractors if they are not included in the proposed three-year postponement of the introduction of new rules of origin on electric car batteries.

(6067)

- 6N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what representations she has received from manufacturers of zero-emission tailpipe HGVs on including [???battery electric vehicle truck tractors] in the proposed three-year delay to the introduction of new rules of origin. (6068)
- 7N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the updated guidance on Chapter 17, Section 4: Continental Shelf Workers of the Immigration Rules published by the Home Office on 12 April 2023, whether Continental Shelf Workers on contracts in the UK oil and gas sector are entitled to the National Minimum Wage. (6177)
- 8N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the guidance on Chapter 17, Section 4: Continental Shelf Workers of the Immigration Rules published by the Home Office on 12 April 2023, whether Continental Shelf workers on contracts in Renewable Energy Zones are entitled to the National Minimum Wage. (6178)
- 9N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the incorporation of Non-Fungible Tokens into digital artworks to confirm their authenticity. (6127)
- 10N **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when the funding for the 2023-24 academic year will be paid to the Nuffield Early Language Intervention project. (6162)
- 11N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve awareness of (a) blockchains and (b) Non-Fungible Tokens in schools. (6129)
- 12N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps her Department has taken with the national working group on Child Abuse Linked to Faith on tackling spiritual and ritualistic abuse. (6057)
- 13N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department issues to schools on reporting the (a) presence and (b) suspected presence of legionella bacteria. (6288)
- 14N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department issues to schools on informing (a) staff, (b) parents and (c) pupils of the (i) presence and (ii) suspected presence of legionella bacteria. (6290)
- 15N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the risk of legionella bacteria in schools. (6291)

- 16N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she is informed of (a) the background to and (b) remedial action taken following discovery of legionella bacteria are found in a school. (6292)
- 17N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4598 on Free School Meals: Mid Bedfordshire, whether she has made an estimate of how much pupil premium funding schools haven't received as a result of eligible children not claiming free school means in Mid Bedfordshire constituency in the last 12 months. (6373)
- 18N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to her Department's publication entitled UK Wireless Infrastructure Strategy, published on 11 April 2023, what steps her Department is taking to implement the telecommunications capability required to maintain the resilience of the smart energy grid. (6119)
- 19N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of energy companies applying higher tariffs for customers who do not pay through direct debit. (6350)
- 20N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much waste was collected in (a) household waste and (b) recycling centres in (i) 2019-20, (ii) 2020-21, (iii) 2021-22 and (iv) 2022-23 per waste authority. (6220)
- 21N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle the number of bluetongue virus cases in cattle and sheep in (a) Kent and (b) Norfolk. (6371)
- 22N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 2393 on Dangerous Dogs: Veterinary Services, with which organisations within the veterinary sector his Department worked on the implementation of the ban on XL Bully type dogs. (6156)
- 23N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the potential cost to the public purse of providing coastal armour to protect the cliffs at Pakefield, Lowestoft in the context of the recent tidal surges. (6221)
- 24N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent funding his Department has allocated to Coastal Partnership East following recent tidal surges in Pakefield, Lowestoft. (6222)

- 25N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of coastal erosion to the local (a) community and (b) economy in Lowestoft. (6223)
- 26N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many people in (a) Mid Bedfordshire constituency and (b) England have outstanding field boundary correction cases with the Rural Payments Agency. (6368)
- 27N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what is the average length of time taken for a field boundary change submission to be processed by the Rural Payments Agency. (6369)
- 28N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has issued guidance to local authorities in England on the use of debt collection agencies. (6351)
- 29N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5542 on Levelling Up Fund: County Durham, what proportion of the funding identified in his response was allocated to Easington Constituency. (6182)
- 30N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she is taking steps to promote public awareness of (a) blockchain and (b) Non-Fungible Tokens. (6128)
- 31N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 14 September 2023 to Question 198772 on Buses: Exhaust Emissions, if he will publish a breakdown by local authority of funding provided for retrofitting buses under the (a) Clean Bus Technology Fund and (b) NO2 programme since 2017. (6240)
- 32N **Jesse Norman** (Hereford and South Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of direct trains from London Paddington to Hereford have been cancelled in the last six months, by (a) day of the week and (b) time of day. (6121)
- 33N **Hannah Bardell** (Livingston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of customer service provided by the child maintenance service. (6185)
- 34N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make a comparative estimate of the number of Universal Credit claimants in the no work related requirements group between 2017 and 2022. (6088)

- 35N **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answers of 20 November 2023 to Question 1370 and 28 November 2023 to Question 3349 on Access to Work Programme, for what reason the requested information was only available on 28 November 2023. (6199)
- 36N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the report entitled Emergency food parcel distribution in the UK: April– September 2023 published by the Trussell Trust on 8 November 2023 which noted that 46% of all food parcels provided by the Trust's food banks are for families with three or more children. (6344)
- 37N **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many children live in households where at least one adult is in work which are affected by the benefit cap. (6063)
- 38N **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many vacancies there were in his Department for the most recent date for which figures are available. (6064)
- 39N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of claimants who would be within the scope of Clause 128 and Schedule 11 of the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill; and how many receive (a) the state pension, (b) Personal Independence Payment and (c) child benefit as the only relevant benefit. (6070)
- 40N **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of his Department's employees work on a fully remote basis. (6285)
- 41N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to support youth employment schemes such as UK Year of Service. (6370)
- 42N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to support young people from low social-economic backgrounds into employment. (6372)
- 43N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 November 2023 to Question 3997 on Incontinence: Health Services, whether her Department plans to engage stakeholders during the course of the National Bladder and Bowel Health Project. (6352)
- 44N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the number of deaths due to a long lie fall in each of the last five years. (6287)

- 45N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether officials in his Department have visited Jimmy Lai in Stanley Prison in Hong Kong ahead of his national security trial on 18 December 2023. (6251)
- 46N **Chris Grayling** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5523 on Democratic Republic of Congo: Conservation, what the formal mechanism for applications to receive funding from the Forest Governance, Markets and Climate programme is; and whether further funding will be made available for that programme. [R] (6098)
- 47N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make representations to his counterparts in Bahrain for (a) the unconditional release of Hassan Mushaima and (b) his access to medical (i) care and (ii) records. (6366)
- 48N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (6247)
- 49N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people participated in the free e-learning course created by his Department's FGM team in the last 12 months. (6089)
- 50N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2023 to Question 4245 on Asylum, from which organisations he received this evidence. (6245)
- 51N **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his planned timetable is to publish further information about the Government's proposed increases to the minimum income requirement for family visas. (6306)
- 52N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using Non-Fungible Tokens to tackle the financing of terrorist organisations through cryptocurrencies. (6126)
- 53N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he takes to mark the contribution of police officers killed in the line of duty. (6353)
- 54N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2023 to Question 818 on Police: Suicide, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of collecting information centrally on how many serving police officers have taken their own lives. (6354)

- 55N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he plans to take to reduce the number of pending visa applications. (6309)
- 56N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Frontier Worker permits have been issued to non-UK seafarers covered by the Citizens' Rights Agreement since 20 December 2020. (6174)
- 57N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many seafarers working in UK waters have been issued with visas under the points-based immigration system since 1 January 2021. (6175)
- 58N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the guidance on Chapter 17, Section 4: Continental Shelf Workers of the Immigration Rules published 12 April 2023 applies to (a) seafarers and (b) employment in Renewable Energy Zones. (6176)
- 59N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (6248)
- 60N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many members of staff work for the Defence AI Centre as of 11 December 2023. (6109)
- 61N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1447 on Ministry of Defence: Artificial Intelligence, what the annual budget for the Defence AI Centre was in the (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24 financial year. (6110)
- 62N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1447 on Ministry of Defence: Artificial Intelligence, whether he plans to expand (a) the Defence AI Centre and (b) its (i) monitoring capabilities and (ii) scope in the context of trends in the level of adoption of AI in his Department. (6111)
- 63N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1812 on Defence: Employment, what the Defence and Security needs that he has identified are. (6115)
- 64N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 4616 on Afghanistan: Peacekeeping Operations, whether he plans to re-evaluate unsuccessful applications for the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy from members of (a) Commando Force 333 and (b) Afghanistan Territorial Force 444. (6078)

- 65N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral answer of the Foreign Secretary of 5 December on Ukraine: Humanitarian and Economic Support, House of Lords, Official Report, column 1374, when he plans to publish military aid funding for the 2024-2025 financial year. (6079)
- 66N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral answer to the hon. Member for Wentworth and Dearne of 5 December 2023, Official Report, column 212, how many troops are in Syria. (6080)
- 67N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the projected cost of (a) consultancy services and (b) temporary staff for (i) his Department, (ii) its executive agencies and (iii) its other arm's-length bodies for financial year 2023-24. (6081)
- 68N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many licenses his Department has issued to allow trail hunts on the Defence estate in the 2023-24 hunting season; and how many hunts these licenses relate to. (6157)
- 69N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has sought legal advice on the legality of trail hunting on the Defence estate; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential risk of illegal hunting activity taking place on the Defence estate. (6158)
- 70N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 December 2023 to Question 5097 on Kevin McCool, what Major Kevin McCool's role was at the British High Commission in Nairobi. (6333)
- 71N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3983 on RAF Akrotiri, if he will list the branches of the military that personnel on the flights in question belonged. (6365)
- 72N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (6249)
- 73N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the number of assaults against prison staff in private prisons in (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022 and (d) 2023. (6241)
- 74N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the number of (a) charges and (b) successful prosecutions brought against prisoners for assaults against staff in private prisons in (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022 and (d) 2023. (6242)
- 75N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) charges and (b) successful prosecutions were brought against prisoners for assaults against staff in HM Prison and Probation Service in (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022 and (d) 2023. (6243)

- 76N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 6 March 2023 to Question HL5679, on Prisoners, what recent discussions he has had with the Chief Inspector of Probation on his timetable for completing the requested inspection of proportionality of recall decisions for people who are imprisoned for public protection. (6094)
- 77N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Community Payback Rapid Deployment Projects Management Information release to 17th October 2023, published on 31 October 2023, how many people completed unpaid work on the pilots between 18 October 2023 and 11 December 2023; and how many hours of unpaid work were completed. (6146)
- 78N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1494 on Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service, how much has been paid out to Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers for (a) early advice and (b) in court duty assistance as of 11 December 2023. (6147)
- 79N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1493 on Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service, what was the (a) number and (b) value of claims for in court duty assistance by Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers as of 11 December 2023. (6148)
- 80N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1492 on Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service, what was the (a) number and (b) value of claims for early advice by Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service providers as of 11 December 2023. (6150)
- 81N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Legal Aid Agency's guidance entitled Housing loss prevention advice service: guidance for service providers, published on 1 August 2023, how many early legal advice claim forms submitted to his Department between 1 August 2023 and 11 December 2023 have been completed by the outcome codes listed in Annex 2. (6151)
- 82N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (6250)
- 83N **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make it his policy to decide whether to remove the 31 August 2024 deadline for applications to the Victims' Payments Board by 19 December 2023. (6310)

- 84N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much his Department spent on external recruitment consultants in the (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23 financial year. (6246)
- 85N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many full time equivalent HM Revenue and Customs staff worked on tax compliance activity in each of the last five financial years. (6244)
- 86N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to clarify the guidance his Department has issued on the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003. (6266)
- 87N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the effectiveness of the appeals process for the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003. (6267)
- 88N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department takes to help ensure that (a) companies and (b) other organisations accurately determine whether someone is self-employed for tax purposes under the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 guidance. (6268)

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 18 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his Department plans to announce the outcome of Northwich station's Access for All funding bid. (6343)
- 2N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a derogation to regulation EU 261/2004 for twin otter aircraft with a carrying capacity of 20 passengers or less operating on public service obligation air routes. (6120)
- 3N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the publication by the British Medical Association entitled BMA position statement on physician associates and anaesthesia associates, published on 18 September 2023. (6075)

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- 4N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his Peruvian counterpart on (a) supporting people campaigning on (i) indigenous, (ii) land, (iii) human rights and (iv) environmental issues and (b) the recent murder of Quinto Inuma in Peru. (6076)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 19 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an estimate of how many people living in supported accommodation are unable to access the warm home discount because their landlord is the utility customer. (6274)
- 2N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Park Homes Warm Home Discount scheme, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the warm home discount to people living in supported accommodation. (6275)
- 3N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to help support people living in supported accommodation who do not have their own energy account with the cost of living. (6276)