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Questions tabled on Wednesday 13 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 Thursday 14 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Prime Minister plans to respond to the letter of 27 November 2023 from the hon. Member for Linlithgow and East Falkirk and Lord Scriven on Sayed Ahmed Alwadaei. [Transferred] (6503)
 - 2 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of enforcement of electoral finance laws. [Transferred] (6390)
 - 3 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to make Statutory Declaration of Acknowledgement of Parentage forms easily available to parents. [Transferred] (6692)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 18 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Attorney General, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure the prosecution of individuals working for service companies which support evasion of sanctions by Russia. (6842)

- 2N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 4982, whether the three other severance payments to Ministers made since 2015 were recorded in her Department's annual reports and accounts. (6773)
- 3N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 4982, which other three individuals have received severance payments since 2015; in which years those severance entitlements arose; and what the cost of each payment was. (6774)
- 4N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 1894 on Electronic Government: Proof of Identity, how his Department plans to expand GOV.UK One Login customer and technical support operations. (6801)
- 5N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Departments have completed a Data Maturity Assessment as of 13 December 2023. (6802)
- 6N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse was of developing and implementing the Data Marketplace. (6803)
- 7N **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he expects the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work to be appointed. [Transferred] (6575)
- 8 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Oral Statement from the Minister for Veteran Affairs of 13 December 2023 on Afghan Resettlement Update, Official Report, what estimate he has made of the number of people that will be housed in temporary accommodation in (a) December 2023, (b) January 2024 and (c) February 2024. (6726)
- 9 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Oral Statement from the Minister for Veteran Affairs of 13 December 2023 on Afghan Resettlement Update, Official Report, how many and what proportion of hotels will the Government extend contracts with to house Afghans beyond 31 December 2023. (6727)
- 10 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Oral Statement from the Minister for Veteran Affairs of 13 December 2023 on Afghan Resettlement Update, Official Report, whether he plans for Afghans under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy to be housed in temporary hotel accommodation beyond 31 December 2023. (6728)
- 11 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Oral Statement from the Minister for Veteran Affairs of 13 December 2023 on Afghan Resettlement Update, Official Report, what estimate

he has made of the number of (a) principals and (b) dependents under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy that will be housed in service accommodation in (i) December 2023, (ii) January 2024 and (iii) February 2024. (6729)

12 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Oral Statement from the Minister for Veteran Affairs of 13 December 2023 on Afghan Resettlement Update, Official Report, what estimate he has made of the potential cost of extending contracts for temporary hotel accommodation beyond 31 December 2023. (6730)

13 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his planned timeline for when all eligible personnel under the (a) Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy and (b) Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme will be relocated from Pakistan to the UK. (6731)

14N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Section 29 of the Procurement Act 2023, how many (a) suppliers and (b) sub-contractors who have been awarded public contracts have been reviewed by his Department on the basis that they present a potential threat to national security. (6795)

15N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the number of veterans who were sleeping rough on 13 December 2023. (6766)

16N **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the article by the Social Mobility Commissioner in the Independent, entitled The university system doesn't work for white working-class kids – here's how we can fix it, published 10 December 2023. (6823)

17N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people have died from fentanyl overdose in each of the last five years, broken down by region. [Transferred] (6478)

18 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she plans to take to respond to the findings of the Competition and Markets Authority that manufacturers of branded food products have been increasing prices above inflation. (6901)

19N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans Innovate UK has to help (a) promote and (b) develop new technologies in the Northern Ireland private sector in 2024. (6762)

20 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps to extend eligibility for business improvement funding provided by her Department to the environmental horticulture sector. (6778)

- 21 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what checks Companies House carry out to ensure that businesses are not being registered fraudulently under incorrect addresses. (6822)
- 22N **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to support disabled access to venues. [Transferred] (900702)
- 23 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with the BBC on the potential impact of its coverage of the Israel-Hamas War on community cohesion in the UK. (6713)
- 24 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to her Department's White Paper entitled, High stakes: gambling reform for the digital age, published on 27 April 2023 and her article in the Racing Post, published on 2 November 2023, what steps she is taking to help ensure that the proposed financial risk checks are frictionless for consumers. (6868)
- 25 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make an assessment of the prevalence of difficulties in the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of teachers in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools in Birmingham, Hall Green constituency. (6902)
- 26 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the number of children getting a place at their preferred school in Birmingham. (6907)
- 27 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she is taking steps to help teachers reduce vaping in classrooms. (6916)
- 28 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Answer of 24 May 2023 to Question 185868 on Air Pollution: Schools, whether he has made a recent assessment of the effectiveness of the minimum filter class from BS EN 13779. (6702)
- 29 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, published in October 2022 what steps she is taking to implement Recommendation six of that report. (6918)
- 30 **Tom Hunt** (Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what (a) quantitative and (b) qualitative data is used by Ofsted inspectors to assess the adequacy of SEND provision in schools. (6925)
- 31 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment has she made of the need for health services to support local authorities that provide transport to school for children with complex health needs. (6854)

- 32 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help support the mental health of children from (a) families seeking asylum and (b) refugee families in educational settings. (6821)
- 33 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when a Minister in her Department last met representatives of the national working group on child abuse linked to faith. (6695)
- 34 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding the national working group on child abuse linked to faith has received from her Department in each year since 2011. (6696)
- 35N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many child deaths as a result of spiritual and ritualistic abuse have been recorded in each year since 2011. (6697)
- 36 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) Level 4 and (b) Level 5 qualification starts have there been in each year since 2009. (6804)
- 37 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many course starts were recorded for Level 2 English qualifications since 2009. (6805)
- 38N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help increase transport choices to further and higher education for young people aged between 16 and 24 in Newcastle. (6791)
- 39 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to build on the last tidal stream auction for the forthcoming Allocation Round 6; and what the timescale is for publishing the final parameters for the round. (6843)
- 40 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department (a) plans to ringfence tidal stream in future Contracts for Difference allocation rounds and (b) has made an assessment of the impact of ringfencing budget for tidal stream on levels of private investment in that energy supply. (6844)
- 41 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many Green Deal Scheme appeal cases in each Scottish constituency have been waiting for a final decision for (a) six to 11 months and (b) 12 months or longer since referral. (6847)

- 42 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many offers of compensation have been made by her Department to consumers as a result of mis-selling by HELMS; and how many of those offers were (a) accepted and settled and (b) rejected by consumers in favour of their original offer of compensation from the Green Deal Finance Company. (6848)
- 43 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many Green Deal loan appeals in respect of HELMS her Department has received; and how many such appeals have been completed. (6849)
- 44 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many intention notices her Department has issued in response to complaints about the mis-selling of Green Deal loans by HELMS; and how many intention notices remain outstanding. (6850)
- 45 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many appeals to the First-tier Tribunal have been made as a result of sanction notices issued in response to complaints of Green Deal mis-selling by HELMS. (6851)
- 46 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the statement of Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance entitled Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance COP28 call to action, published on 11 December 2023. (6885)
- 47 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of the publication by the United Nations entitled Paying polluters: the catastrophic consequences of investor-State dispute settlement for climate and environment action and human rights, published 13 July 2023. (6887)
- 48 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Answer of 26 April 2022 to Question 157261 on Biofuels: HETAS, whether any conflicts of interest have been declared by (a) Woodsure and (b) HETAS since 1 January 2022. (6704)
- 49N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has considered the potential merits of including the potential impacts of decommissioning in the Environmental Impact Assessments for establishing new (a) oil and (b) gas developments.
[Transferred] (6627)
- 50 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the (a) efficiency and (b) effectiveness of the (i) Energy Ombudsman and (ii) Ombudsman's complaint resolution processes; and what steps she is taking to help ensure consumers writing to the ombudsman receive comprehensive and helpful feedback and advice. (6948)

- 51 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information her Department holds on the number of Bevin Boys that are alive. (6941)
- 52 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many people have claimed a Bevin Boys Veterans Badge. (6942)
- 53 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has had recent discussions with the Bevin Boys Association on medallic recognition of their service in the war. (6943)
- 54 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the British energy security strategy, published on 7 April 2022, for what reason her Department's review of the practical planning barriers that households can face when installing energy efficiency measures has not yet been completed. (6869)
- 55 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to page 13 of her Department's publication entitled British energy security strategy, published on 7 April 2022, what her planned timeline is to publish the proposed review into the practical planning barriers that households can face when installing energy efficiency measures. (6870)
- 56 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to increase the number of Highly Protected Marine Areas. (6903)
- 57N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to improve cross-government oversight of the Blue Planet Fund. [Transferred] (6597)
- 58 **Caroline Ansell** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the environmental sustainability of biomass lubricants in wind turbines. (6855)
- 59N **Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the correspondence of (a) 8 September, (b) 2 October, (c) 2 November and (d) 7 December 2023 from the hon. Member for Basildon and Billericay, case reference JB42739. (6759)
- 60 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential (a) economic and (b) social impact of the reduction in total allowable catch for pollock to zero on the (i) Cornish under ten-metre fishing fleet and (ii) port of Mevagissey. (6840)

- 61N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to publish their response to the UK Marine Strategy Part Three: Programme of Measures consultation, which closed on November 29th 2021. (6882)
- 62 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to close English waters to industrial sand eel fishing before the start of the 2024 fishing season. (6883)
- 63 **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 support the growth of the hedgehog population. (6709)
- 64N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress he has made on field trials of bovine TB vaccination of cattle; and what his planned timescale is for a full roll-out of a vaccine. (6758)
- 65N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in the Welsh Government on taking steps to help tackle livestock worrying. (6873)
- 66N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 18 September 2023 to Question 198983, when he plans to bring forward legislative proposals on livestock worrying. (6874)
- 67 **Sir Gary Streeter** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department intends to bring forward legislative proposals to abolish charges for DIY construction waste at recycling centres. (6706)
- 68 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that house building targets are met. (6906)
- 69N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increases in the cost of living on the number of households in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England that have fallen into rent arrears with (i) private landlords and (ii) social housing providers. (6815)
- 70 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Levelling Up Fund Round 3: explanatory and methodology note on the decision-

making process, published on 20 November 2023, whether it is his Department which will allocate the £100 million which has been set aside for culture projects; and what is his planned timetable for the allocation of this funding. (6949)

71 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many staff work on the Help to Buy Customer Service team. (6893)

72N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate her Department has made of the cost of the withdrawal of copper wire telecommunications to local authorities. (6770)

73 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what guidance she has issued with the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities to local authorities on the costs of moving to digital telecare. (6771)

74 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to improve rail services between Birmingham and Manchester. (6913)

75 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with car insurance regulators on helping ensure that rises in car insurance premiums do not disproportionately impact elderly drivers. (6929)

76N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to reduce emissions from construction vehicles. (6701)

77 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the level of understanding among cyclists of Rule 64 of the Highway Code. (6880)

78 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what funding his Department (a) has provided to local authorities to help reduce congestion on local roads in each of the last two years and (b) plans to provide to local authorities for this purpose in each of the next five years. (6831)

79 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions his Department has had with the Home Department on the (a) maritime registration, (b) crewing levels and (c) maritime safety standards on the Bibby Stockholm accommodation barge. (6872)

80 **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number of seafarers that are employed on (a) cargo and (b) passenger ships over 5,000 gross tonnage that provide regularly-scheduled services between UK ports and ports in EU member states. (6779)

- 81 **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, What recent assessment he has made of the financial impact of the introduction of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme from 1 January 2024 on operators of (a) cargo and (b) passenger ships over 5,000 gross tonnage on routes between UK ports and ports in (i) the Netherlands, (ii) Belgium, (iii) France, (iv) Spain, (v) Denmark, (vi) Germany and (vii) other EU member states. (6780)
- 82 **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many (a) cargo and (b) roll-on roll-off passenger ship movements there were between UK ports and ports in EU member states in each financial year between 2016-17 and 2022-23. (6781)
- 83 **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the potential organisational impact of the introduction of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme from 1 January 2024 on the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. (6782)
- 84 **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he last met representatives of the shipping industry to discuss the operation of Emissions Trading Schemes in the maritime sector. (6783)
- 85 **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, What recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme on the (a) recording and (b) pricing of emissions from (i) cargo and (ii) passenger ships registered on the UK Ship Register. (6784)
- 86 **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme on the (a) recording and (b) pricing of emissions from (i) cargo and (ii) passenger ships working from UK ports and registered in (A) EU member and (B) non-EU states. (6785)
- 87N **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of Irish Ferries Freight's proposal for a new service between Scotland and Northern Ireland on seafarer (a) welfare and (b) employment. (6919)
- 88N **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the supply of seafarer (a) ratings and (b) officers to the (i) coastal and (ii) short sea ferry sectors. (6920)
- 89N **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with Irish Ferries on the (a) welfare and (b) employment conditions of seafarers employed on the ferry Norbay. (6921)
- 90N **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the ferry Norbay was last inspected in a UK port for compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention by surveyors from the Bermudan Ship Register. (6922)

- 91N **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the Bermudan Ship Register's compliance with core international maritime and labour conventions. (6923)
- 92 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the backlog in (a) Personal Independence Payment new claims and (b) Personal Independence Payment reviews. (6877)
- 93 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the time taken by his Department to process Personal Independence Payment claims. (6878)
- 94 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much and what proportion of the active travel budget has been allocated to Slough over the next two years. (6879)
- 95N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of benefit claimants are in rent arrears in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England; and what steps his Department is taking to help support benefit claimants who are in rent arrears. (6814)
- 96 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5084 on Social Security Benefits: Disqualification, if his Department will start capturing this data. (6852)
- 97 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the 27.5 week timescale for completing change in circumstance requests for child Disability Living Allowance claims on those children and their families. (6829)
- 98 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy to reduce the state pension age to 63 for people with long-term disabilities. (6935)
- 99N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has commissioned research into the potential impact of transport poverty among 16 to 24 year olds on (a) unemployment and (b) productivity in Newcastle. (6792)
- 100 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average wait time is to receive a response to a Child Maintenance application. (6825)
- 101N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much and what proportion of his Department's contact with people applying for child maintenance is by (a) telephone, (b) letter and (c) email. (6826)

- 102N **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average wait time is for people in receipt of child maintenance to obtain a detailed schedule of (a) payments made and (b) payments owed. (6827)
- 103 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate her Department has made of the number of extra beds available at hospitals in winter 2023-24. (6904)
- 104 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the data analysis by Mencap on the number of people with learning disabilities and/or autistic people in mental health hospitals, published on 31 March 2023. (6909)
- 105 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an estimate of the proportion of low-income families that attend yearly dental check-ups in Birmingham. (6914)
- 106N **Mr John Baron** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to respond to the correspondence of 3 September, 5 October, 2 November and 7 December 2023 from the hon. Member for Basildon and Billericay, case reference JB42634. (6760)
- 107 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has taken recent steps with (a) Health Education England and (b) Royal Colleges to provide information to health professionals on treating people who are vulnerable to the health effects of air pollution. (6703)
- 108 **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to raise public awareness of obesity-linked illnesses. (6755)
- 109 **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many obesity-related hospital admissions there were in each of the last five years. (6756)
- 110N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to improve access to mental health services in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England. (6811)
- 111N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to reduce waiting times for NHS treatment in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England. (6812)
- 112N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to improve patient access to primary care in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England. (6813)

- 113 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to integrate (a) physician associates and (b) anaesthesia associates into the NHS workforce. (6864)
- 114 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance her Department issues to GP surgeries on (a) the scope of practice and (b) supervision protocols for employed physician associates; and whether she has made an assessment of the quality of different working arrangements for physician associates in GP surgeries across England. (6865)
- 115 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential barriers to the integration of physician associates into primary care teams. (6866)
- 116 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will introduce a track and trace system for imported vaping products. (6867)
- 117N **Mary Glendon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 26 October 2023 to Question 203835 on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Drugs, when she expects to see ADHD Medication availability return to its regular levels. (6793)
- 118N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5389 on NHS: Drugs, and with reference to his Answer of 26 June 2023 to Question 189330 NHS: Drugs, if he will publish the National Clinical Homecare Association data on how many and what proportion of complaints about homecare medicines services were (a) opened and (b) upheld in each of the last three years. (6881)
- 119 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to encourage early screening for kidney disease. (6712)
- 120 **Sajid Javid** (Bromsgrove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the draft guidance published by NICE on 3 November 2023, what steps she is taking to reduce delays in access to (a) treatment and (b) medicines for people with cystic fibrosis. (6776)
- 121 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether it is her Department's policy to restrict the future availability of Snus and vapes. (6853)
- 122 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of establishing a college of clinical leadership to train NHS managers in leadership skills. (6938)

- 123N**Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to respond to the correspondence of 7 November 2023 from the hon. Member for Solihull, reference JK39009. (6824)
- 124N**Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 395 on Coronavirus: Vaccination, what steps she is taking to implement the advice of the JCVI on the rollout of the autumn 2023 booster programme to people who are immunocompromised. (6875)
- 125N**Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of extending the eligibility criteria for (a) the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal and (b) HM the King's Coronation Medal to include ambulance support staff. [Transferred] (6488)
- 126 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help improve the treatment of Invasive Lobular Breast Cancer. (6927)
- 127N**Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made an assessment of the implications for its policies of the proposals set out in Cancer Research UK's report entitled Longer, better lives: A manifesto for cancer research and care; and what plans she has to fund cancer research in the next 10 years. (6734)
- 128 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the statement by the head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs that there are no safe areas for the civilian population in Gaza. (6908)
- 129 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many UK nationals unable to leave Gaza his Department has contacted. (6912)
- 130N**Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what information his Department holds on the number of aid lorries that have been able to enter into Gaza since 7 October 2023. (6845)
- 131N**Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much additional aid his Department has announced for Gaza since 7 October 2023; whether any aid provided by his Department has not been able to enter Gaza since 7 October 2023; and what value of aid goods is currently stockpiled and unable to enter Gaza. (6846)

- 132N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the 12 December 2023 United Nations General Assembly resolution on Israel-Palestine. (6884)
- 133 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 3317 on Gaza: Genocide, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the finding of the International Commission of Jurists that the threshold to trigger States' duty under international law to take measures to prevent acts of genocide has been reached in Gaza. (6886)
- 134 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the letter by the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians and UK-based civil society groups on the hostilities in Gaza, published on 8 December 2023. (6888)
- 135N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5891 on Israel and Occupied Territories: Arms Trade, when his Department plans to publish an update to export licensing statistics for Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. (6889)
- 136 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many assessments his Department has made of the implications for his policies of (a) the obligations under Articles 6 and 7 of the International Arms Trade Treaty and (b) criteria one and two of the UK's Strategic Export Licensing Criteria in relation to exports to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories since 7 October 2023. (6890)
- 137 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to paragraph 199 of the Guide to Parliamentary Work, published by the Office of the Leader of the House of Commons, if he will he make an assessment of the adequacy of his Department's performance against that paragraph in his Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 1578 on Afghanistan; and if he will take steps to improve the adherence of his Department to the principles set out in that Guide. (6809)
- 138 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the written statement of 16 October 2023 entitled Update on the Marine Biodiversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement, HCWS1062, what further legislative proposals he plans to bring forward prior to the ratification of the BBNJ treaty. (6787)

- 139 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly Second Committee on establishing a United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation adopted on 22 November 2023, whether the Government plans to support this resolution. (6699)
- 140 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether the Government plans to vote in favour of establishing a budget for the Member State-led, intergovernmental committee at the United Nations General Assembly Fifth Committee. (6700)
- 141 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an estimate of the number of British nationals fighting alongside the Israeli Defence Force since 7 October 2023. (6894)
- 142 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an estimate of the number of British nationals that have fought alongside the Israeli Defence Force in each of the last ten years. (6895)
- 143N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department is taking steps to support the implementation of the UN General Assembly's resolution on the Promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the United Nations. (6876)
- 144 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department plans to retain conflict prevention and stability as a key fund-level (a) outcome and (b) priority for the new UK Integrated Security Fund following its replacement of the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund in 2024. [R] (6924)
- 145 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the stability of biodiversity in the Overseas Territories. (6777)
- 146N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he has taken to facilitate regular engagement with Afghan civil society. (6856)
- 147N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to use official engagement with the Taliban to engage with the Afghan people. (6857)
- 148 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to increase the mobility of young people between the UK and Europe. (6905)

- 149 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unaccompanied children in temporary accommodation have been provided with healthcare support in the last 12 months. (6910)
- 150 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the potential trauma for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children of being housed in hotels. (6911)
- 151 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the potential factors that contribute to teenage involvement in knife crime. (6915)
- 152 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the backlog is for enhanced DBS checks by police area. (6698)
- 153 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if his Department will issue further guidance on how what level of savings will be required to meet the Minimum Income Requirement for those below the salary threshold. (6828)
- 154N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many times have registered sex offenders (a) attempted to change their names and (b) been prevented from changing their names by legal means in the last two years. [Transferred] (6410)
- 155N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what lessons his Department has learned from the most recent independent evaluation of the Safer Streets Fund. (6763)
- 156 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have been granted permission to work since 2019. (6710)
- 157 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have been refused permission to work since 2019. (6711)
- 158N**John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will publish a list of the military sites being used to house (a) Afghan and (b) other refugees and asylum seekers; and what the cost to the public purse is of using these sites for that purpose. (6717)
- 159 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of (a) principals and (b) dependents have been relocated under Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme pathway (i) one and (ii) two each month since July 2022. (6725)

160N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an estimate of the number of (a) women and (b) girls from Eastern Europe who were trafficked to the UK and subsequently (i) compelled and (ii) forced to commit criminal acts in each of the last five years. (6796)

161N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the prevalence of imported cellular internet of things modules in equipment used by police forces; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure the security of such equipment. (6797)

162N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the prevalence of imported cellular internet of things modules in equipment used by fire services; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure the security of such equipment. (6798)

163N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the prevalence of imported cellular internet of things modules in equipment used by the Prison Service; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure the security of such equipment. (6799)

164N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the prevalence of imported cellular internet of things modules in equipment used by the Border Force; and what steps his Department is taking to ensure the security of such equipment. (6800)

165N Mr Kevan Jones (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 28 March 2023 to Question 172353 on UK Border Force: Patrol Craft, what his Department's timescales are for the formal launch of market engagement for the procurement of replacement Border Force vessels. (6767)

166N Mr Kevan Jones (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the budget for Small Boats Operational Command is for 2023-24. (6768)

167N Sir Greg Knight (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help ensure the protective equipment supplied to fire-fighters is up to date. (6757)

168N Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how visa applicants from the Occupied Palestinian Territories can contact HM Embassy Cairo for approval for exit at Rafah to facilitate (a) visa application interviews and (b) biometric processing at a visa application centre. (6817)

169 Rebecca Long Bailey (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the risk of homelessness for new refugees; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the move-on period before the withdrawal of Section 95 support. (6818)

- 170 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help asylum seekers to integrate into their local communities. (6819)
- 171 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to directly consult with (a) asylum seekers and (b) refugees to understand where more integration support may be required. (6820)
- 172N**Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5138 on Wind Power: Fire Prevention, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of preparations for a fire caused by an onshore wind installation. [Transferred] (6688)
- 173 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had recent discussions with relevant stakeholders on the case criteria implemented by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau to determine whether an investigation should take place. (6830)
- 174N**Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5400 on Visas: China, what the average waiting time for an appointment at a UK Visa Application Centre in China was in each of the last 12 months. (6937)
- 175 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Europe on the shared security threat posed by Hamas and other proscribed terrorist organisations. (6946)
- 176 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the polling by the Campaign Against Antisemitism, published on 27 November 2023, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the finding that 16% of British Jews think that the police treat anti-Semitic hate crime like other forms of hate crime. (6947)
- 177 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Maritime Coastguard Agency has made an assessment of the (a) accommodation standards and (b) staff accreditation on the Bibby Stockholm barge. (6871)
- 178N**Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of visas submitted to the Visa Application Centre in Khartoum before its closure in April have not been processed. (6834)

- 179N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will list (a) the visa categories for which the average processing time was longer than the agreed customer service standard and (b) the number of people waiting for their visa application to be processed in each of those categories on 13 December 2023. (6835)
- 180N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many student visa applications have been withdrawn in each of the past five years. (6836)
- 181N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Written Statement of 6 December 2023 on Signing of the Rwanda Treaty [HCWS101], what his timescale is for beginning relocation of asylum seekers to Rwanda; and what plans he has for accommodating asylum seekers who are not relocated to Rwanda in the next five years. (6837)
- 182N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many biometric residence cards were reprinted due to errors on those cards in each of the last seven years. (6838)
- 183 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of introducing a humanitarian travel visa on the level of small boat crossings. (6839)
- 184 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department has issued on the formal process by which asylum seekers (a) are notified that they should leave hotels and (b) move to other Home Office-funded accommodation. (6858)
- 185N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many uncrewed aerial systems the UK supplied to Ukraine in (a) December 2022 to May 2023 and (b) June to November 2023. (6765)
- 186 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 2508 on Ministry of Defence: Contracts, for what reason two procurement projects had a social value weighting higher than 10%. (6735)
- 187 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 2506 on Service Justice System Review, what steps he plans to take to ensure that the remaining recommendations are implemented in a timely and effective manner. (6736)
- 188 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 1 December 2023 to Question 3432 on Ministry of Defence: Fraud, how many and what proportion of staff in his Department have completed the Defence version of the Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption training package as of 13 December 2023. (6737)

- 189N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 3434 on Ministry of Defence: Fraud, how many cases a) bribery and (b) corruption were referred to the Ministry of Defence Police in each year from 2019 to 2023. (6738)
- 190 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget for the Confidential Fraud Hotline was in each financial year since 2019-20. (6739)
- 191N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff were employed to work on the confidential hotline for fraud in each year since 2019. (6740)
- 192 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3722 on Ministry of Defence: Standards, if he will publish the conclusions of the deep dive into Gifts, Rewards and Hospitality and Business Appointments policies. (6741)
- 193 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3722 on Ministry of Defence: Standards, if he will publish the recommendations of the deep dive into Gifts, Rewards and Hospitality and Business Appointments policies; and when does he expect those recommendations to be fully implemented. (6742)
- 194 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3722 Ministry of Defence: Standards, into what further policy areas he plans a deep dive in the new year. (6743)
- 195 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December to Question 3729 on Ministry of Defence: Women, what the (a) terms of reference and (b) expected outcomes are of the work of the executive search agency. (6744)
- 196 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what outreach strategies his Department uses to help increase the number of women employees. (6745)
- 197 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December to Question 3729 on Ministry of Defence: Women, what steps he is taking to increase opportunities for flexible working in his Department. (6746)
- 198 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December to Question 3729 on Ministry of Defence: Women, what targeted development opportunities his Department provides for female staff below SCS. (6747)

- 199 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to increase diversity in his Department's leadership positions. (6748)
- 200 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December to Question 3729 on Ministry of Defence: Women, what the criteria are for selecting interview panel members. (6749)
- 201N**Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of interview panels for roles within his Department did not include any female panel members in the last 12 months. (6750)
- 202N**Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3734 on Ministry of Defence: Employment Schemes, how many women in his Department participated in both the Rise and Elevate schemes in (a) 2021 and (b) 2022. (6751)
- 203 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3734 on Ministry of Defence: Employment Schemes, what steps he is taking to ensure that the (a) Rise and (b) Elevate schemes attract a diverse range of talent. (6752)
- 204 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3734 on Ministry of Defence: Employment Schemes, what steps he is taking to evaluate the effectiveness of the (a) Rise and (b) Elevate schemes. (6753)
- 205N**Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3734 on Ministry of Defence: Employment Schemes, how many and what proportion of people who participated in the (a) Rise and (b) Elevate schemes have since left his Department. (6754)
- 206N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of expenditure on (a) consultants and (b) temporary staff in (i) his Department, (ii) vote agencies, (iii) executive non-departmental bodies and (iv) other bodies in 2023-24 financial year. (6714)
- 207N**John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department will complete its Annual Budget Cycle process for 2024. (6715)
- 208N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which Minister in his Department has overall responsibility for the Department's annual budget cycle process. (6716)
- 209 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department has taken to manage the impact of inflation on the Equipment Plan. (6718)

- 210 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many senior responsible owners have worked on the LETacCIS programme since its inception. (6719)
- 211 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many programme managers have worked on the LETacCIS programme since its inception. (6720)
- 212N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Written Statement of 13 December 2023 HCWS118 on ICO Investigation Update, when he expects the Financial Compensation Scheme for Afghans affected by the data breach in September 2021 to be established. (6721)
- 213 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Written Statement of 13 December 2023, HCWS118, on ICO Investigation Update, how much funding has been allocated for Afghans affected by the data breach in September 2021 under the Financial Compensation Scheme. (6722)
- 214 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Written Statement of 13 December 2023, HCWS118, on ICO Investigation Update, what estimate his Department has made of the potential value of compensation available to Afghans affected by the data breach in 2021 through the Financial Compensation Scheme. (6723)
- 215 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Written Statement of 13 December 2023, HCWS118, on ICO Investigation Update, whether any other data breaches related to the (a) ARAP scheme and (b) his Department were being investigated by the Information Commissioner's Office on 13 December 2023. (6724)
- 216 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy applications have been (a) submitted and (b) received an initial eligibility decision each month since January 2023. (6732)
- 217 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy applications have been re-approved following an initial rejection since April 2021. (6733)
- 218N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to respond to Question 4952 on Defence: Buildings tabled by the Rt hon. Member for North Durham. (6769)
- 219N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's policy is on the construction of a national flagship; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using private sponsorship to finance the construction of such a vessel. (6694)

- 220N**Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4277 on Israel: Military Aid, if he will list all UK-based organisations which have supplied (a) lethal and (b) other military equipment other than medical supplies to Israel since 7 October 2023. (6926)
- 221 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how and when LGBT veterans can apply for a financial award. (6891)
- 222 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, to outline what steps his Department is taking to make the Armed Forces inclusive for members of the LGBT+ community. (6892)
- 223N**Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many instances of trespassing on the Department's property have been reported in the last year. (6862)
- 224N**Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many thefts of what property of his Department were reported in the last year. (6863)
- 225 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support Israel to tackle Iranian-backed terror groups in the Middle East. (6945)
- 226 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what (a) medallic and (b) other recognition Bevin Boys received. (6939)
- 227 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what medals Bevin Boys or their descendants are entitled to other than the Bevin Boys veterans badge. (6940)
- 228 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will award a medal to those who were conscripted to become Bevin Boys. (6944)
- 229N**Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the RFA Argus will be utilising its hospital facilities for casualties from the conflict in Gaza. (6816)
- 230N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, How many vehicles (a) owned and (b) contracted by his Department are (i) petrol, (ii) diesel, (iii) electric and (iv) hybrid. (6764)
- 231 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of his Department adopting the British Standard on Menstruation, menstrual health, and menopause in the workplace (BS 30416:2023), published in June 2023. (6794)
- 232N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will commission an independent investigation into the annual review issued by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation. (6761)

- 233 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate his Department has made of the contribution to the economy of (a) foreign students at UK universities and (b) their dependents. (6708)
- 234 **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of penalties imposed for unauthorised withdrawals from lifetime ISAs. (6841)
- 235 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what his planned timetable for the rollout of Making Tax Digital is. (6832)
- 236 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the high income child benefit charge so that household income is taken into account. (6833)
- 237N**James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the (a) number of (i) payroll software developers and (ii) employers that will be unable to change their systems in time to implement changes to national insurance contributions coming into effect on 6 January 2024 and (b) number of employees who will be affected as a result. (6930)
- 238N**James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the capacity of employers to implement the changes to national insurance contributions coming into effect on 6 January 2024. (6931)
- 239N**James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of individuals who will be eligible for a refund for overpayment of national insurance contributions at the end of the current financial year as a result of their employer being unable to update their payroll systems in time to implement changes to national insurance contributions that come into effect on 6 January 2024. (6932)
- 240N**James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the timetable is for completion of HMRC's update of its basic pay as you earn tools to enable small employers who use HMRC's software for their payroll system to implement changes to national insurance contributions that come into effect on 6 January 2024. (6933)
- 241N**James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Questions 5901, 5897, and 5898, on what evidential basis his Department determined that an average worker in 2024-25 will pay more than £1,000 less in personal taxes than they otherwise would have done; and if he will publish those calculations. (6934)
- 242 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to tackle tax evasion. (6786)

- 243N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to the oral contribution in response to the question from the hon. Member for Ipswich of 6 December 2023, Official Report, column 373, when she plans to publish the guidance on gender-questioning children. (6707)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 19 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Attorney General, what discussions she has had with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) the Scottish Government on the potential impact of the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill on the Act of Union 1707. (6928)
- 2N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on implementing the recommendations in the report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, published in October 2022. (6917)
- 3N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many businesses the Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education met in each of the last 12 months. (6806)
- 4N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of 16-19 year-olds (a) starting and (b) achieving apprenticeships in the last academic year were (i) male and (ii) female. (6807)
- 5N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of people aged 19 and over (a) starting and (b) achieving apprenticeships in the last academic year were (i) male and (ii) female. (6808)
- 6N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many recipients of the Basic Payments Scheme there are in Suffolk Coastal constituency. (6788)
- 7N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many officials in his Department work on access to nature; and what the full-time equivalent of those officials is. (6789)
- 8N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department plans to launch a nation-wide public awareness campaign on the withdrawal of copper wire telecommunications. (6772)

- 9N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number of accidents caused by (a) electric and (b) other vehicles. (6775)
- 10N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have been affected by underpayment errors in state pensions in each of the last 10 years. (6859)
- 11N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing full compensation to people affected by underpayment errors in state pensions. (6860)
- 12N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what progress his Department has made on rectifying errors in state pensions. (6861)
- 13N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 4438 on Healthy Start Scheme: Expenditure, if Healthy Start costs have now been published. (6810)
- 14N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5708 on Neurology: Greater Manchester, what the average wait time for a neurology appointment is in (a) Stockport constituency, (b) the Metropolitan Borough of Stockport, and (c) Greater Manchester in the latest period for which data is available. (6936)
- 15N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help preserve penguin populations in the Overseas Territories. (6790)
- 16N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential risk to Afghan refugees who are deported from Pakistan to Afghanistan. (6899)
- 17N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, when he plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Harrow West of 1 December 2023 on the AlShaikh family. (6705)
- 18N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what evidential basis he has proposed a minimum income threshold of £38,700 for family and spousal visas. (6900)

- 19N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 23 October 2023 to Question 202061 on Army: Training, what is the cost to the public purse of (a) Phase 1 (basic) and (b) Phase 2 (trade) infantry training for a Standard Entry (over-18 recruit) recruit enrolled at the Infantry Training Centre, Catterick. (6896)
- 20N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many of his Department's (a) handguns, (b) rifles and (c) automatic weapons have been (i) lost and (ii) stolen in (A) the UK and (B) operations overseas in each of the last two years. (6897)
- 21N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on videographers in each of the last two years. (6898)

Oral Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

- 1 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): If he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing landfill tax relief for local authorities who are responsible for hazardous waste after companies go into liquidation. (900732)
- 2 **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): What recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of Anglesey freeport on the economy in North Wales. (900733)
- 3 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): What recent discussions he has had with his Scottish counterpart on farm budgets for the financial year 2024-25. (900734)
- 4 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): What recent steps he has taken to help ensure people have access to banking services. (900735)
- 5 **Paul Holmes** (Eastleigh): What fiscal steps his Department is taking to support small businesses. (900736)
- 6 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): What steps his Department is taking to reduce taxes. (900737)
- 7 **Caroline Ansell** (Eastbourne): What steps his Department is taking to reduce taxes. (900738)
- 8 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): What recent steps he has taken to help ensure people have access to banking services (900739)
- 9 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): What steps his Department is taking to incentivise pension schemes to invest in the UK. (900740)
- 10 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): Whether his Department is taking fiscal steps to reduce differences in the levels of taxation between long and short-term lets. (900741)
- 11 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): What recent discussions he has had with the Financial Conduct Authority on how creditors contact customers in debt. (900742)

- 12 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): What recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes in mortgage interest rates over the course of this Parliament on household income. (900743)
- 13 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): What recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the OBR's growth forecasts on living standards. (900744)
- 14 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): What recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the OBR's growth forecasts on living standards. (900745)
- 15 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): What recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the OBR's growth forecasts on living standards. (900746)
- 16 **Samantha Dixon** (City of Chester): What steps he is taking to ensure value for money in public spending. (900747)
- 17 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): If he will make mandatory the recommendations on reporting of the Task Force on Nature Related Financial Disclosures. (900748)
- 18 **Jack Brereton** (Stoke-on-Trent South): What steps his Department is taking to help increase the level of business investment. (900749)
- 19 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): If he will make an estimate of the potential impact of a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism in the form recommended by the Commission for Carbon Competitiveness on fuel duty. (900750)
- 20 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): What steps his Department is taking to reduce taxes (900751)
- 21 **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): What recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes in mortgage interest rates over the course of this Parliament on household income. (900752)
- 22 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): If he will make it his policy to raise the VAT threshold for businesses. (900753)
- 23 **James Sunderland** (Bracknell): What fiscal steps he is taking to support the growth of the life sciences sector. (900754)
- 24 **Nigel Mills** (Amber Valley): What progress he has made on the introduction of Investment Zones. (900755)
- 25 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): What steps he is taking to reduce inflation. (900756)

Topical Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

- T1 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (900757)

T2	Sir Stephen Timms (East Ham):	(900758)
T3	Ian Byrne (Liverpool, West Derby):	(900759)
T4	Greg Smith (Buckingham):	(900760)
T5	Debbie Abrahams (Oldham East and Saddleworth):	(900761)
T6	Janet Daby (Lewisham East):	(900762)
T7	Sarah Dyke (Somerton and Frome):	(900763)
T8	Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire):	(900764)
T9	Mr Rob Roberts (Delyn):	(900765)
T10	Tim Loughton (East Worthing and Shoreham):	(900766)