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## Questions tabled on Thursday 14 December 2023

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
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  - N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under [S.O. No. 22\(4\)](#).
  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Monday 18 December

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet 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] [Transferred] (6924)
- 2N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish (a) net and (b) gross non-EU immigration figures by individual country of origin for each year since 2012. [Transferred] (6672)
- 3 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7087)
- 4 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many applications to the Shipbuilding Credit Guarantee Scheme her Department has received. (6979)
- 5 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many applications to the Shipbuilding Credit Guarantee Scheme her Department has approved. (6980)
- 6 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will publish the details of any licences for export of military goods to Israel (a) that have been issued since 7 October 2023 and (b) which remained extant after 7 October 2023. (7017)

- 7 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether any licences for export of military goods to Israel have been (a) wholly and (b) partially revoked since 7 October 2023. (7018)
- 8N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 4 December 2023 to Question 4277 on Israel: Military Aid, if she 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. [Transferred] (6926)
- 9 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an estimate of the cost of alcohol use to employers. (7064)
- 10 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an estimate of the (a) volume and (b) value of alcohol that has been (i) imported to and (ii) exported from the UK in each of the last five years. (7067)
- 11 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7082)
- 12 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she is taking steps to protect (a) Bupa, (b) HCA Healthcare and (c) other major private healthcare providers from (i) BGI Group and (ii) MGI Tech. (7019)
- 13 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of funding provided by Arts Council England for cultural activities in Lincolnshire. (6965)
- 14 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7083)
- 15N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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 guidance on gender-questioning children. [Transferred] (6707)
- 16 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to reduce absence rates of pupils in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools. (7104)
- 17 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department has plans to provide enhanced (a) financial and (b) other support to local authorities in the South East where children's services require improvement. (7105)

- 18 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many international students were enrolled in UK universities in the 2022-23 academic year. (6964)
- 19N **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she 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. [Transferred] (6823)
- 20 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children were unable to get a place at their catchment school for (a) primary and (b) secondary education in Wansbeck constituency in the 2023-2024 academic year. (7040)
- 21 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children are being home schooled due to a lack of SEND provision in (a) Wansbeck constituency, (b) Northumberland and (c) England as of 14 December 2023. (7041)
- 22 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many schools in (a) Wansbeck constituency and (b) Northumberland require essential maintenance work as of 14 December 2023; and what estimate her Department has made of the total cost of that work. (7042)
- 23 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the cost to the public purse was of her Department's It all starts with skills campaign. (7043)
- 24 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the cost to the public purse was of creating the skills for careers website. (7044)
- 25 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7084)
- 26N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to reduce emissions from construction vehicles. [Transferred] (6701)
- 27 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will meet the hon. Member for Newport West to discuss a complaint about the mis-selling of Green Deal loans by HELMS submitted by a constituent in 2019. (7126)
- 28 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what (a) medallic and (b) other recognition Bevin Boys received. [Transferred] (6939)

- 29 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what medals Bevin Boys or their descendants are entitled to other than the Bevin Boys veterans badge. [Transferred] (6940)
- 30 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will award a medal to those who were conscripted to become Bevin Boys. [Transferred] (6944)
- 31 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing the exemption in the Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007 that allows for the use of pig farrowing crates, in the context of the development of alternative systems. (7156)
- 32 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): 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 South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (6966)
- 33 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7088)
- 34 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what information his Department holds on the number of shared ownership properties there are in (a) London and (b) England. (7052)
- 35 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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. [Transferred] (6726)
- 36N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the number of veterans who were sleeping rough on 13 December 2023. [Transferred] (6766)
- 37 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2023 to Question 6182 on Levelling Up Fund: County Durham, if he will make an assessment of the (a) effectiveness of and (b) impact of levelling up funding on Easington constituency. (7031)
- 38 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7089)

- 39 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the number of local authorities at risk of issuing a Section 114 notice in the next six months. (6998)
- 40 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the number of local authorities that will issue section 114 notices in the next 12 months. (6999)
- 41 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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. [Transferred] (6869)
- 42 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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. [Transferred] (6870)
- 43N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans Innovate UK has to help (a) promote and (b) develop new technologies in the Northern Ireland private sector in 2024. [Transferred] (6762)
- 44 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to improve rural connectivity. (7150)
- 45 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent progress her Department has made on strengthening the life sciences sector. (7151)
- 46 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7085)
- 47 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister of State, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, during the debate on Genomics and national security of 8 March 2023, Official Report column 120WH, what steps she is taking to investigate the national security risks associated with (i) BGI Group and (ii) MGI Tech. (7020)
- 48 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much and what proportion of the active travel budget has been allocated to Slough over the next two years. [Transferred] (6879)

- 49 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has had recent discussions with local authorities on the transfer of Blue Badge (a) status and (b) applications between council areas. (7092)
- 50 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to increase safety for (a) cyclists and (b) pedestrians in towns and cities. (7102)
- 51 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has plans to increase the number of cycle routes in Slough. (7103)
- 52 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will list the total value of waterborne freight grants made to operators of (a) coastal and (b) short sea shipping services in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2022-23. (7026)
- 53 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will list the total value of mode shift revenue support granted to operators of intermodal freight transport services (a) to and (b) from ports in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2022-23. (7027)
- 54 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of the 2023-24 budget for (a) mode shift revenue support and (b) waterborne freight grant had been allocated as of 14 December 2023. (7028)
- 55 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many applications his Department received for (a) mode shift revenue support and (b) waterborne freight grant in each financial year from 2014-15 to 2022-23; and what proportion of those applications were successful in each year. (7029)
- 56 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment has been made of the adequacy of (a) employment and (b) welfare standards for seafarers employed in transporting freight on coastal and short sea shipping services. (7030)
- 57 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress his Department has made on installing six high powered, open access chargepoints by the end of 2023. (7148)
- 58 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7081)
- 59 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 29 November 2023 to Question 2865 on Jobcentres: Staff, which job centres were part of the Additional Jobcentre Support pilot. (7034)



- 60 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1120 on Jobcentres: Training, when the modules were last updated. (7035)
- 61 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1120, how frequently the learning materials are updated. (7036)
- 62 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2023 to Question 208 on Restart Scheme, for what reason the Customer Satisfaction Measure results of the Restart Scheme are not published. (7037)
- 63 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost to the public purse has been of his Department's programme with TalkTalk to provide free broadband for six months to unemployed people. (7038)
- 64 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7086)
- 65 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 30 November 2023 to written Question 3472, when does she expect the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence to publish their final guidance on the use of ivacaftor–tezacaftor–elexacaftor. (7053)
- 66 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number of maternity exemption certificates that were issued in each of the last five years. (7091)
- 67 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a commission on addressing alcohol harm. (7059)
- 68 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will publish an alcohol harm reduction strategy in this Parliament. (7060)
- 69 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the NHS of alcohol use. (7061)
- 70 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of registered general practitioners that are unemployed. (7000)
- 71 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much from the public purse his Department has spent on the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme in the last 12 months for which figures are available. (7001)

- 72 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to include GPs in the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme. (7002)
- 73 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing an upper age limit for NHS GPs. (7003)
- 74 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to recruit more General Practitioners in Hornsey and Wood Green constituency. (7072)
- 75 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of regulating NHS (a) physician and (b) anaesthesia associates through the Health and Care Professions Council. (7073)
- 76 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had recent discussions with the Health and Care Professions Council on the regulation of NHS (a) physician and (b) anaesthesia associates. (7074)
- 77 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of regulating (a) anaesthesia and (b) physician associates through the General Medical Council on public perception of those roles. (7075)
- 78 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make it her policy to require physician associates working in the NHS to state their job title during telephone and in-person appointments. (7076)
- 79 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has held discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the reported air strike on two Palestine Red Crescent Society ambulances in Gaza on 5 December 2023. (7147)
- 80 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the (a) detention of Jagtar Singh Johal, (b) length of his detention without charge and (c) allegations of his torture. (7093)
- 81 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what representations the Government has made to the Government of India on the (a) treatment of and (b) access to justice for Jagtar Singh Johal. (7094)
- 82 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department takes to help safeguard the (a) rights and (b) welfare of British nationals detained overseas. (7095)



- 83 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department takes to (a) monitor and (b) intervene on human rights concerns raised in relation to British citizens detained overseas. (7096)
- 84 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with representatives of international human rights organisations on (a) the case of Jagtar Singh Johal and (b) similar situations involving British nationals detained overseas. (7097)
- 85 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Indian counterpart on the (a) detention of Jagtar Singh Johal, (b) length of his detention without charge and (c) allegations of his torture. (7106)
- 86 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what guidance his Department issues to British nationals that plan to volunteer to assist the Israeli Defence Forces with the conflict in Gaza. (7110)
- 87 **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Venezuela on the border dispute with Guyana in the last three months. (6963)
- 88N **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, 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. [Transferred] (6817)
- 89 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the issue of invasive species in the Overseas Territories. (7032)
- 90 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7078)
- 91 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary General of the Commonwealth on the situation in Guyana. (6995)
- 92 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in (a) French Guinea and (b) Suriname on the situation in Guyana. (6996)

- 93 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the potential risks associated with AI-generated misinformation. (6997)
- 94 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to promote freedom of religion and belief in other countries. (7033)
- 95 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he has made an assessment of the potential merits of the cooperation proposal by the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus entitled De-mining the Island of Cyprus, dated 1 July 2022; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Republic of Cyprus's rejection of that proposal. (7009)
- 96 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the report by the College of Policing Report entitled Imprisonment and other custodial sanctions, published on 30 November 2023, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of custodial sanctions on imprisonment statistics. (7112)
- 97 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of hate crime against the Sikh community in the last 10 years; and what steps he is taking to tackle such crime. (7098)
- 98 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether police forces are taking steps to increase Sikh community (a) engagement with and (b) trust in police handling of security concerns raised by such communities.. (7099)
- 99 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department is taking steps to support Sikh communities in tackling (a) threats and (b) other hate crimes. (7100)
- 100 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of his Department's policies in preventing (a) hate crime and (b) other discrimination against members of (i) the Sikh community and (ii) other minority communities. (7101)
- 101 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (6727)

- 102 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (6730)
- 103 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he considers British nationals fighting for the Israel Defence Force to be a risk to national security. (7109)
- 104N**Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many child deaths as a result of spiritual and ritualistic abuse have been recorded in each year since 2011. [Transferred] (6697)
- 105 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many family reunion applications have not been processed as of 14 December 2023. (6954)
- 106 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an estimate of the cost to policing of alcohol abuse. (7063)
- 107 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when he plans that the review of the two year post study work visa will be complete. (7111)
- 108 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, what assessment the Commission has made of the (a) timeliness and (b) quality of service delivery of the designated stationery supplier. (7039)
- 109 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2023 to Question 4062, how the Pan Defence Skills Framework will improve transparency in appraisal and promotion processes. (6968)
- 110 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much did his Department spend on off-payroll engagements in each financial year since 2019-20. (6969)
- 111 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people in his Department have been employed under an off-payroll engagement for (a) five-10 years and (b) longer than 10 years. (6970)
- 112 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will conduct an internal review into his Department's bullying, discrimination and harassment policy. (6972)

- 113 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 68 of the Land Industrial Strategy, published by his Department on 18 May 2022, with which industry partners he has shared the comprehensive investment plan; and on what dates. (6977)
- 114 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 4936 on Shipbuilding: Innovation, when he plans to publish the comprehensive study by Maritime Research and Innovation UK of the UK's academic capability and capacity for shipbuilding. (6978)
- 115 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 1450 on Ministry of Defence: Technology, when he plans to write to the Rt Hon. Member for Garston and Halewood. (6981)
- 116 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 November 2023 to Question 2085 on Ministry of Defence: Technology, when he plans to send the letter to the Rt hon. Member for Garston and Halewood. (6982)
- 117 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 3427 on Ministry of Defence: Fraud, when he plans to send the letter to the Rt hon. Member for Garston and Halewood. (6983)
- 118 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 3737 on Ministry of Defence: Senior Civil Servants, when he plans to send the letter to the Rt hon. Member for Garston and Halewood. (6984)
- 119 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help tackle (a) bullying, (b) discrimination and (c) harassment within his Department. (6985)
- 120 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5784 on Army: Procurement, what mechanisms his Department has for (a) continuous reassessment and (b) updating of the 20-year comprehensive investment plan. (6986)
- 121 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5784 on Army: Procurement, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the report by the NAO entitled The Equipment Plan 2022 to 2032, HC 907, published 29 November 2023, on the 20-year comprehensive investment plan. (6987)
- 122 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, 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. [Transferred] (6728)

- 123 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, 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. [Transferred] (6729)
- 124 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether he has carried out a review of the licences for components for military equipment provided to Israel. (7011)
- 125 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether he has carried out a review of the licences for military technology provided to Israel. (7012)
- 126 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether he has carried out a review of L3Harris's licence to produce release systems for the F-35 combat aircraft. (7013)
- 127 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether any licences are in place that allow UK manufactured (a) military equipment and (b) components for military equipment to be sent to Israel. (7014)
- 128 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether it is his Department's policy not to provide military equipment to Israel since 7 October 2023. (7015)
- 129 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether he has conducted a recent review of his Department's guidance entitled Open general export license: exports in support of joint strike fighter (F-35 Lightning II) with respect to the inclusion of Israel on the list of approved recipients (a) directly and (b) indirectly via other partner nations. (7016)
- 130 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data his Department (a) collects and (b) publishes on levels of drug use by prisoners in the prison estate. (7051)

- 131 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5311 on Youth Custody, what steps he is taking to reduce the proportion of children in the secure estate who are on remand. (7113)
- 132 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5302 on Werrington Young Offender Institution: Abuse, what support the Youth Custody Service has provided to Werrington Youth Offender Institute to help reduce the number of safeguarding referrals made by that institute. (7114)
- 133 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5302 on Werrington Young Offender Institution: Abuse, how many substantiated findings of abuse have there been at Werrington Young Offender Institution in the last 12 months. (7115)
- 134 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5310 on Young Offender Institutions: Isolation, what data his Department holds on the number and proportion of the children and young people who were separated for more than seven days in that period who had been identified as neurodivergent. (7117)
- 135 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5310 on Young Offender Institutions: Isolation, what data his Department holds on the number and proportion of the children and young people who were separated for more than seven days in that period who had been identified as having speech and language difficulties. (7118)
- 136 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5310 on Young Offender Institutions: Isolation, how many and what proportion of children and young people who were separated for more than seven days were from an ethnic minority background. (7119)
- 137 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5310 on Young Offender Institutions: Isolation, whether he is taking steps to reduce the number of children and young people who are separated for more than seven days. (7120)
- 138 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when a (a) Minister from his Department and (b) a member of the Ministry of Justice Board last visited Feltham Young Offender Institution. (7121)
- 139 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when a (a) Minister from his Department and (b) a member of the Ministry of Justice Board last visited Parc Young Offender Institution. (7122)



- 140 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when a (a) Minister from his Department and (b) a member of the Ministry of Justice Board last visited Wetherby Young Offender Institution. (7123)
- 141 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when a (a) Minister from his Department and (b) a member of the Ministry of Justice Board last visited Cookham Wood Young Offender Institution. (7124)
- 142 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, on how many occasions (a) he and (b) a Minister in his Department has met a representative of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales in the past 12 months. (7125)
- 143 **Richard Fuller** (North East Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of HM Courts and Tribunals Service's (a) performance on probate issues and (b) speed at processing probate applications. (7010)
- 144 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an estimate of the number of people who have been convicted of an offence under joint enterprise where the jury were not directed as to any significant contribution to that offence since 2016. (7149)
- 145 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the criminal justice system of alcohol use. (7062)
- 146 **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. (7090)
- 147 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will introduce a track and trace system for imported vaping products. [Transferred] (6867)
- 148 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (6699)
- 149N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (6876)
- 150 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much was paid in tax on alcohol in the 2022-23 financial year. (7065)

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- 151 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of minimum pricing of alcoholic products on tax revenues. (7066)
- 152 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government makes funding available to support businesses producing alcoholic beverages. (7068)
- 153 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many meetings were held between (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his Department and representatives of the alcoholic drink industry in the last 12 months; and if he will publish a list of those meetings. (7069)
- 154 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the consistency of decision-making processes at the (a) Financial Conduct Authority and (b) Financial Ombudsmen Service. (7128)
- 155 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent steps he has taken with Cabinet colleagues to help protect consumers from being mis-sold timeshare arrangements. (7129)
- 156 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent steps his Department has taken with the Financial Conduct Authority to tackle mis-sold holiday timeshares. (7130)
- 157 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had recent discussions with the (a) Financial Ombudsman and (b) Financial Conduct Authority on mis-sold time shares. (7131)
- 158 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent consumers being mis-sold timeshare agreements. (7132)
- 159 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions his Department has had with industry stakeholders on tackling (a) misrepresentation and (b) aggressive sales of holiday timeshares. (7133)
- 160 **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will hold discussions with employer representatives on freedom of speech in the context of the conflict in Israel-Palestine. [Transferred] (6509)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 19 December

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the implications of the Stannington gas flood in Sheffield Hallam constituency for his policies on emergency responses to a major incident; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a single consolidated priority register for all utility providers. (7154)
- 2N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make a comparative assessment of the number of Ofsted deep dives by core subject; and if she will take steps to increase the number of deep dives on religious education. (7058)
- 3N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment her Department has made of the implications of the Stannington gas flood in Sheffield Hallam constituency for her policies on (a) the potential impact of public infrastructure on households energy security and (b) levels of investment in the maintenance of infrastructure to prevent further crisis. (7152)
- 4N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to Q234 of the oral evidence given by her Department's Deputy Director of International Net Zero: Green Finance and Capability to the Environmental Audit Committee on 18 May 2023, HC 308, when she plans to launch the consultation on voluntary carbon markets. (7004)
- 5N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7080)
- 6N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the implications of the Stannington gas flood in Sheffield Hallam constituency for his policies on the level of investment in maintaining and upgrading water infrastructure. (7153)
- 7N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the proportion of farming land that will be organic by the end of 2024. (6991)
- 8N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many dogs travelled to the UK under the Pet Travel Scheme via (a) sea, (b) tunnel, and (c) air in each year between 2013 and 2022. (7143)
- 9N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many cats travelled to the UK under the Pet Travel Scheme via (a) sea, (b) tunnel, and (c) air in each year between 2013 and 2022. (7144)

- 10N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the debate that took place in the House of Lords on 8 September 2021 on the Environment Bill, column 867HL and the Answer of 4 January 2023 to Question HL4404 on Soil, for what reason his Department has not published a soil health action plan. (7005)
- 11N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of battery recycling capacity; if he will take steps to help increase the recyclability of batteries. (7006)
- 12N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of how many dogs were experimented on in Great Britain in each year since 2010. (7045)
- 13N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the resources available to beekeepers to tackle the impact of Asian Hornets on (a) honey bees and (b) other wild pollinators in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (7157)
- 14N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when does he plans to publish the Independent Review of the Teesworks Joint Venture. (6988)
- 15N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1461 on Enterprise Zones, when he expects to receive the results of the next monitoring and evaluation of Freeports and Investment Zones. (6992)
- 16N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of social housing stock to meet the standards set out in the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023, known as Awaab's law; and what it will cost to achieve those standards. (6955)
- 17N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the publication entitled Levelling Up: campaign toolkit phase one, published on 12 December 2023, whether his Department sought external advice on the production of (a) the toolkit and (b) associated assets. (7047)
- 18N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Levelling Up: campaign toolkit phase 1 published on 12 December 2023, how many staff (a) headcount and (b) full time equivalent were involved in the production of the campaign toolkit and associated assets. (7048)

- 19N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will publish a further equalities impact assessment for the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill relating to third party data gathering. (6994)
- 20N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish his Department's approved budget for the 2023-24 financial year. (7155)
- 21N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department has taken to communicate to the fishing community the (a) requirements to hold a medical certificate and (b) deadlines for applications for such certificates. (7135)
- 22N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with his Irish counterpart on that country's decision to exempt fishermen who go out to sea for less than 72 hours from medical certificate requirements; and if he will consider alignment with this policy. (7136)
- 23N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of London Luton Airport's Community Noise Monitoring Programme. (7138)
- 24N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of London Luton Airport's plans to monitor noise from its flight paths in Hertfordshire in 2024. (7139)
- 25N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Minister of State for Rail and HS2 has held discussions with Alstom on factory in Derby since August 2023. (7107)
- 26N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether (a) he and (b) the Minister of State for Rail and HS2 have held discussions with Hitachi on their Newton Aycliffe plant since August 2023. (7108)
- 27N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an equality impact assessment of the Driver Services Recovery Programme. (7021)
- 28N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to Table 1 of the Mode shift grants review call for evidence, published on 4 December 2023, if he will list the operators that received grants through the Mode shift revenue support scheme for intermodal freight transport (a) to and (b) from ports in 2022-23. (7025)

- 29N **Angela Rayner** (Ashton-under-Lyne): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent progress his department has made on the Post Implementation Review of the Equality Act 2010 (Work on Ships and Hovercraft) Regulations 2011; and whether that review has covered the matter of nationality-based pay discrimination against seafarers employed on UK-registered ships. (7046)
- 30N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether clause 128 and schedule 11 of the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill would apply (a) only to recipients of Pension Credit and (b) to all recipients of the State Pension. (7127)
- 31N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his Department's press release entitled, Employment boost for thousands of parents on Universal Credit, published on 25 October 2023, and the proposals announced in the Written Statement of 22 November 2023 on Work Capability Assessment Consultation, HCW64, whether his Department will take steps to support disabled single parents who have been deemed fit to work but are unable to work for 30 hours a week; and whether he has considered the potential merits of introducing accommodations for that group. (7071)
- 32N **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 (a) 1 September, (b) 2 October, (c) 2 November and (d) 7 December 2023 from the hon. Member for Basildon and Billericay, case reference JB42596. (6989)
- 33N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help reduce waiting times in children's community health services. (6950)
- 34N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to consult people who shielded during the covid-19 pandemic on the preparation of pandemic preparedness plans. (7054)
- 35N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies on future pandemic preparedness planning of the report entitled Covid Shielding Voices published by the Centre for Epidemiology, Versus Arthritis: University of Manchester in October 2023. (7055)
- 36N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will have discussions with the UK Health Security Agency on the adequacy of NHS preparedness for rapidly producing a shielded patient list in the event of a pandemic. (7056)
- 37N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help ensure that people still required to shield can access (a) in person and (b) other essential health services. (7057)



- 38N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7079)
- 39N **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs has had recent discussions with the Speaker of the House on the Secretary of State's accountability to the House of Commons. (6962)
- 40N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what his policy is on the relationship between Somalia and Somaliland; and what account that policy takes of the positions of the (a) United States and (b) African Union. (6951)
- 41N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to monitor the number of UK citizens travelling to Somaliland for the purpose of fighting in the region. (6952)
- 42N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the announcement by the Secretary of State on 14 December 2023, whether any of the settlers who will be banned from entering the UK are British passport holders. (7141)
- 43N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the announcement by the Secretary of State on 14 December 2023, whether his Department holds data on how many of those who are responsible for settler violence in the West Bank are British nationals. (7142)
- 44N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has taken steps to monitor the Israeli military's compliance with international law in its military engagements in Gaza. (7145)
- 45N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what date the new earnings threshold for skilled worker visa applications, including spousal and dependent applications, will come into effect; and whether it will apply to (a) existing applications, (b) renewals and (c) people already living in the UK. (6967)
- 46N **Tom Hunt** (Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking with English-language testing organisations to help ensure that people coming to (a) study and (b) settle in the UK have attained an International English Language Testing System for UK Visas and Immigration score of at least 5.5 or equivalent. (7140)

- 47N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many family reunion decisions did not meet the 60 working days service standard in 2023. (6953)
- 48N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Department's transparency release Home Office Procurement card spend over £500, March 2023, what the purpose was of the visit by a Vietnamese delegation; and how many (a) UK and (b) Vietnamese officials attended the lunch paid for in transactions 127-DG - Delivery-65121 and 126-DG - Delivery-500. (7022)
- 49N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of foreign national offenders were categorised as non-criminal prisoners in each of the last years. (7023)
- 50N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for a temporary work religious worker visa were not approved by his Department in each of the last five years. (6957)
- 51N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time taken to process an application for a temporary work religious worker visa (a) overall and (b) under the priority service scheme was in each of the last three years. (6958)
- 52N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data his Department holds on the average time taken by UK Visas and Immigration to respond to emails about applications for temporary work religious worker visas in each of the last 12 months. (6959)
- 53N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many staff in his Department are involved in processing applications for temporary work religious worker visas as of 14 December 2023. (6960)
- 54N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data his Department holds on the number of people with a temporary work religious worker visa who overstayed their visa in each of the last three years. (6961)
- 55N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Afghan households who arrived in the UK under Operation Warm Welcome remain in interim hotels under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme and Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy. (6956)
- 56N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Leader of the House, if she will bring forward proposals to enable Members to directly scrutinise the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs. (7134)
- 57N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects the first new Chinook CH47 to be delivered. (6990)

- 58N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has to replace Puma helicopters. (6993)
- 59N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when did his Department last conduct a review into its bullying, discrimination and harassment policy. (6971)
- 60N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will commission an external audit of his Department's bullying, discrimination and harassment policy. (6973)
- 61N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many meetings (a) has he, (b) have Ministers in his Department and (c) have senior civil servants had with Prospect trade union to discuss (i) bullying, (ii) discrimination and (iii) harassment within his Department. (6974)
- 62N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many complaints of (a) bullying, (b) discrimination and (c) harassment have been upheld in his Department in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021, (iv) 2022 and (v) 2023. (6975)
- 63N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) formal and (b) informal complaints of sexual harassment have been made by staff members in his Department in each year since 2019. (6976)
- 64N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there have been any power cuts on their Department's property in each of the last three years. (7077)
- 65N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 13 July 2020 to Question 68798 on Yemen: Military Intervention, how many incidents of alleged international humanitarian law violations have been logged in relation to the conduct of Israel in Gaza since October 2023. (7146)
- 66N **James Sunderland** (Bracknell): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether entry requirements for officer direct entry at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst have changed in the last two years. (7137)
- 67N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5546 what the (a) original projected cost and (b) final cost of the new medical centre at HMP Wandsworth was. (7049)
- 68N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what maintenance work is required at HMP Wandsworth as of 14 December 2023. (7050)

69N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign national offenders were removed from the country through a prison transfer agreement each year since 2010; and if she will list which countries were they removed to. (7024)

70N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has had recent discussions with the Prime Minister on the potential merits of appointing a Minister for Disabled People. (7070)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 11 January

### Questions for Written Answer

1N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help secure the release of Alaa Abd el-Fattah from Tora Prison in Egypt. (7008)

2N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department plans to open the second stage of Pathway Three of the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme. (7007)

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## Questions for Answer on Monday 15 January

### Questions for Written Answer

1N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5303 on Wetherby Young Offender Institution: Females, what steps is he taking to reduce the number of girls who are accommodated in all-male young offender institutions. (7116)