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Questions tabled on Friday 15 December 2023

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Questions for Answer on Monday 18 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if his Department will make an assessment of the (a) prevalence of the use of and (b) the level of UK reliance on the supply of imported cellular internet of things modules in national security infrastructure.
[Transferred] (6553)
- 2 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether she has carried out a review of the licences for components for military equipment provided to Israel.
[Transferred] (7011)
- 3 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether she has carried out a review of the licences for military technology provided to Israel.
[Transferred] (7012)
- 4 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether she has carried out a review of L3Harris's licence to produce release systems for the F-35 combat aircraft.
[Transferred] (7013)

- 5 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 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.
[Transferred] (7014)
- 6 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5417 on Israel: Military Aid, whether she 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.
[Transferred] (7016)
- 7 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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.
[Transferred] (7098)
- 8 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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.
[Transferred] (7099)
- 9 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to support Sikh communities in tackling (a) threats and (b) other hate crimes.
[Transferred] (7100)
- 10 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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.
[Transferred] (7101)
- 11N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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.
[Transferred] (6792)

- 12 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure the security of DNA data held by (a) the NHS Genomic Medicine Service and (b) private providers of NHS healthcare; and whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential for cyber attacks by foreign state-linked companies. (7190)
- 13N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure the prosecution of individuals working for service companies which support evasion of sanctions by Russia.
[Transferred] (6842)
- 14N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, 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.
[Transferred] (6799)
- 15 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he 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.
[Transferred] (7067)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 19 December

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps to ensure that representatives of the environmental horticulture industry are included in her Department's Domestic Advisory Group. (7207)
- 2 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has had recent discussions with (a) L3Harris on and (b) other UK-based companies using the open general export license for exports for the Joint Strike Fighter F-35 Lightning II in the period since 7 October 2023. (7188)
- 3 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that additional funding for pay rises for support staff in further education colleges will be used for that purpose. (7204)
- 4 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to help ensure that increases in Further Education funding are used to (a) address recruitment and retention and (b) support colleges' abilities to deliver on skills policy. (7205)

- 5 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding has been allocated by the Education and Skills Funding Agency in Feltham and Heston constituency in each year since 2017. (7197)
- 6 **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding has been allocated by the Education and Skills Funding Agency in Blackpool South constituency in each year since 2017. (7198)
- 7 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help reduce the number of secondary schools teachers retiring early. (7187)
- 8 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of implementing a three-month trial for planned border control posts from 30 April 2024 that enables the operation of a dual BCP and place of destination inspection system. (7206)
- 9 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Food (Promotion and Placement) (England) Regulations 2021 on restricting the placement of energy drinks in supermarkets. (7212)
- 10 **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the planned deadline of January 2024 for Environment Agency Regulatory Position Statement 197. (7189)
- 11 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities of 20 November 2023, Official Report, column 28, when the area teams informed local authorities that their levelling-up bids would be successful ahead of Government announcements. (7201)
- 12 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, for what reason Levelling Up Fund Round Three was not opened on a competitive basis; and when his Department (a) informed local authorities of its approach to, (b) selected the projects to be awarded funding under and (c) announced which projects would be awarded funding under Round Three. (7202)
- 13 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the total cost to local authorities of preparing bids for levelling up funded projects. (7203)
- 14 **Alun Cairns** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 4876 and with reference to the report noted in the Answer of 27

- November 2023 to Question 2866 on Land Registry: Blockchain, whether her Department is taking steps to implement blockchain technologies in areas not related to cryptoassets for finance. (7195)
- 15 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the impact of the cancellation of Phase 2 of HS2 on existing rolling stock contracts for high-speed trains at the (a) Hitachi Newton Aycliffe, (b) Alstom Derby and (c) Alstom Crewe factories. (7218)
- 16 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is planning to reform the slot allocation process to support air cargo operators. (7191)
- 17 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is developing new regulations on night flying. (7192)
- 18N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will publish a further equalities impact assessment for the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill relating to third party data gathering.
[Transferred] (6994)
- 19 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the implications for her Department's policies of the Public Services Committee report entitled Homecare Medicines Services: an opportunity lost, published on 16 November 2023. (7158)
- 20 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Public Services Committee report entitled Homecare Medicines Services: an opportunity lost, published on 16 November 2023, whether her Department will review the regulatory regime for homecare medicines services. (7159)
- 21 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of excluding ADHD spend from Mental Health Investment Standard money and Mental Health service development funding on (a) waiting lists and (b) ICB core funding. (7233)
- 22 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the article entitled Mink farming poses risks for future viral pandemics published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences on 19 July 2023. (7231)
- 23 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of the costs of social care are funded by the adult social care precept charged by local authorities. (7234)
- 24 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the additional £1 billion per year for community mental health services has been spent; and if she will make an assessment of the impact of that funding on care pathways for people living with bipolar disorder. (7186)

- 25 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will respond to the letter from the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians of 8 December 2023. (7217)
- 26 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in the Government of Bahrain on the detainment of Sayed Ahmed al-Abar. (7208)
- 27 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help ensure that humanitarian aid reaches those in need in Sudan. (7194)
- 28N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, 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.
[Transferred] (7146)
- 29 **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the eligibility of arms export licenses to Israel since the start of the conflict in Gaza. (7230)
- 30 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has sought legal advice on the compatibility of the planned increase to the minimum income requirement with Article 8 of the Human Rights Act. (7200)
- 31 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of a statutory obligation requiring the fire and rescue service to respond to major flooding and other extreme weather events. (7209)
- 32 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his department has had discussions with representatives of the Fire Brigades Union on the Firefighters' Manifesto published on 1 November 2023. (7210)
- 33 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department plans to increase funding for the fire and rescue service. (7211)
- 34 **Karl McCartney** (Lincoln): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Libyan armed forces personnel trained at Basingbourn barracks in 2014 were convicted of what crimes. (7193)

- 35 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to Written Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5046 on Migrants: Health Services and Housing, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of data sharing between stakeholders and local authorities; and what plans he has to improve it. (7228)
- 36N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of how many dogs were experimented on in Great Britain in each year since 2010.
[Transferred] (7045)
- 37 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many civil servants he plans to have employ in his Department in each of the next three financial years. (7160)
- 38 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many qualified pilots were employed by the RAF in each year since 2019. (7161)
- 39 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many RAF aircraft were unable to fly in each month since January 2023; and for what reasons. (7162)
- 40 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many RAF aircraft were operational in each month since January 2023. (7163)
- 41 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many RAF pilots were (a) recruited and (b) fully trained in each year since 2019. (7164)
- 42 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of time an RAF aircraft was unable to fly due to it needing to be repaired was in each year since 2019. (7165)
- 43 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many referrals for post-traumatic stress disorder for (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) RAF personnel were made in each year since 2019. (7166)
- 44 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on (a) marketing and (b) advertising in each financial year since 2019-20. (7167)
- 45 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on administration in each financial year since 2019-20. (7168)
- 46 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the categories are of expenses which can be claimed by staff in his Department. (7169)

- 47 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of how many Ministry of Defence Police Officers will be employed by his Department in (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26. (7174)
- 48 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Ministry of Defence Police officers were employed by his Department in each financial year since 2019-20. (7175)
- 49 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget for the Ministry of Defence Police was in each financial year since 2019-20. (7176)
- 50 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what annual budget he has allocated to the Ministry of Defence Police in (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26. (7177)
- 51 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many civil servants in his Department were in the redeployment pool in each year since 2019. (7179)
- 52 **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 November 2023 to Question 1249 on USA: Military Bases, how many US military personnel are stationed at (a) RAF Alconbury, (b) RAF Molesworth, (c) RAF Croughton, (d) RAF Fairford, (e) RAF Lakenheath, (f) RAF Menwith Hill and (g) RAF Mildenhall. (7229)
- 53 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will hold discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the adequacy of Northern Ireland's transport budget. (7232)
- 54 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the decline of free to use ATMs in Rotherham on residents. (7199)

Questions for Answer on Monday 8 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many GLO Scheme cases have received full and final payments as of 15 December 2023. (7183)
- 2N **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answers of 8 December 2023 to Question 2996 and 11 December 2023 to Question 5290, for what reason the information could only be provided on 8 December 2023. (7220)

- 3N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many (a) traffic lights, (b) CCTV cameras and (c) telecare systems rely on the Public Switched Telephone Network. (7184)
- 4N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion of (a) railway signals, (b) motorway signs and (c) cash machines that rely on the public switched telephone network. (7185)
- 5N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people usually resident in the UK travelled to the UK via (a) sea, (b) tunnel and (c) air in each year between 2013 and 2022. (7227)
- 6N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much funding was provided (a) in total and (b) per-person for each employment programme operated by his Department in the Borough of Barnsley in each of the last three financial years. (7196)
- 7N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the UK National Screening Committee plans to publish a review of its recommendations on screening for osteoporosis in postmenopausal women. (7182)
- 8N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to implement (a) a 9.00pm watershed ban on TV junk food advertising and (b) ban paid-for advertising of less healthy foods on online media. (7216)
- 9N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of the population of Nigeria on the UK's aid budget in the next 10 years. (7180)
- 10N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent progress the Financial Sanctions Implementation Office has made on the dispersal of the proceeds from the sale of Chelsea FC. (7181)
- 11N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many mechanical incidents have been reported on the Parliamentary estate in each of the last 3 years. (7213)
- 12N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many times has pest control been called onto the Parliamentary estate in each of the last 3 years. (7214)
- 13N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many plumbing incidents have been reported on the Parliamentary estate in each of the last 3 years. (7215)

- 14N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on supporting legacy IT systems in each financial year since 2019-20. (7170)
- 15N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) laptops and PCs, (b) mobile phones and (c) other technological devices were issued by his Department in each year since 2019. (7171)
- 16N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) laptops and PCs, (b) mobile phones and (c) other technological devices issued by his Department were reported (i) lost, (ii) stolen and (iii) damaged in each year since 2019. (7172)
- 17N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) laptops and PCs, (b) mobile phones and (c) other technological devices issued by his Department were deemed unrepairable in each year since 2019. (7173)
- 18N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of service of staff who left employment with his Department was at each job grade in each year since 2019. (7178)
- 19N **Matt Rodda** (Reading East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answers of 29 November 2023 to Question 3658 and 11 December 2023 to Question 5608, for what reason the information could only be provided on 29 November 2023. (7219)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 11 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an estimate of the number of households that will be subject to the benefit cap due to (a) increases in the local housing allowance and (b) the uprating of benefits in 2024-25. (7221)
- 2N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an estimate of the number of households that will be subject to the benefit cap due to proposed changes to the work capability assessment descriptors in 2025-26. (7222)
- 3N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Sanctioned disengaged claimants management information April 2019 to August 2023, published on 12 December 2023, how many and what proportion of claimants

with a universal credit nil award who were disengaged for six months or more were receiving housing benefit as a result of living in (a) temporary accommodation and (b) supported accommodation in August 2023. (7223)

4N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what guidance his Department issues to universal credit claimants living in (a) temporary and (b) supported accommodation that receive benefit sanctions. (7224)

5N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department holds data on the (a) outcome and (b) reasoning behind Tribunal verdicts relating to personal independence payment claims; and whether his Department takes steps to use Tribunal verdicts to improve its processes. (7225)

6N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to Question 5041 on Pensions: with reference to the Pension Schemes Act 2015 (Transitional Provisions and Appropriate Independent Advice) 2015 Post Implementation Review, published on 4 April 2023, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the disproportionate response to low-risk pension transfers noted in the last paragraph of that Review. (7226)

7N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department plans to open the second stage of Pathway Three of the Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme.
[Transferred] (7007)