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Questions tabled on Monday 15 January 2024

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 16 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether her Department issues guidance to the hospitality sector on the statutory entitlement of visually impaired people to access premises with their guide dogs. (9323) [Transferred]
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 17 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Attorney General, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Crown Prosecution Service in (a) prosecuting cases and (b) providing (i) information, (ii) assistance and (iii) support to victims. (9594)
- 2 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, when she expects the Government Legal Department to publish its gender pay gap report for the financial year 2022-23. (9468)
- 3 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which Ministers have represented the UK at the World Economic Forum in Davos in each year since 2015. (9392)

- 4 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to help ensure that all those affected by contaminated blood receive appropriate compensation; and what is his planned timetable for finalising the compensation framework. (9429)
- 5 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will have discussions with Royal Mail on the potential impact of the reduction in opening hours at Royal Mail customer service points on Royal Mail's ability to meet its (a) universal service obligation and (b) quality of service targets. (9679)
- 6 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many subpostmasters in (a) Preston, (b) Lancashire and (c) the North West were (i) wrongfully convicted and (ii) quit as a result of the flawed Horizon accounting system. (9424)
- 7 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the timeline is for ensuring all victims of the Horizon scandal receive the compensation they are due; and what steps her Department is taking to ensure all wrongfully convicted victims are compensated. (9425)
- 8 **Sir Brandon Lewis** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of failures by the Horizon software on sub-postmasters who (a) found unexplained accounting losses that were not investigated by Post Office Limited (b) made up those losses from their own funds. (9501)
- 9 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the value of trade between the UK and Palau was in (a) 2023 and (b) 2020. (9444)
- 10 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the contract awarded by her Department to People Places Lives Ltd on 20 December 2023 under procurement reference 356323/1297062, if she will publish the deliverables specified in Schedule 2 of that contract. (9470)
- 11 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to help establish partnerships with (a) private sector and (b) academic institutions to increase skills training in the creative industries. (9603)
- 12 **Keir Mather** (Selby and Ainsty): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of offering financial compensation to people affected by the collapse of BetIndex. (9719)
- 13 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many games studios have been supported by the UK Games Fund since its inception. (9509)

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- 14 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many games studios have benefited from Video Games Tax Relief since its introduction. (9510)
- 15 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the impact of Video Games Tax Relief on inward investment into the UK video games industry. (9511)
- 16 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure schools provide a safe and supportive environment for transgender students. (9604)
- 17 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the average cost to parents of childcare for a (a) a two year old and (b) a three and four year old child for 25 hours per week in Kingswood constituency. (9584)
- 18 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of childcare places in Kingswood constituency. (9585)
- 19 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of childcare providers who have closed in Kingswood constituency in each of the last five years. (9586)
- 20 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding has been allocated by the Education and Skills Funding Agency in South Holland and the Deepings constituency in each year since 2019. (9390)
- 21 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average funding allocation per pupil was in mainstream schools in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire in the 2023-24 financial year; and what the projected funding allocation per pupil in such schools is for the 2024-25 financial year. (9391)
- 22 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the guidance entitled Introduction: Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health education, published in September 2021, on the effectiveness of RSE in schools. (9553)
- 23 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of support available for children with allergies in pre-school nurseries in the West Midlands. (9388)
- 24 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the level of persistent school absence rates in the last 12 months. (9619)

- 25 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help tackle persistent school absences. (9620)
- 26 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to identify the number of children that are home schooled. (9621)
- 27 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 7744 on Engineering and Nuclear Physics: Higher Education, what estimate she has made of the number and proportion of the (a) undergraduate and (b) postgraduate students who were enrolled in Nuclear and Particle Physics in the 2021-22 academic year that were international students. (9389)
- 28 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many students took undergraduate degrees in Games and Animation in the academic year 2022-23. (9507)
- 29 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Answer of 30 March 2023 to Question 174445 on Schools: Inspections, whether she has taken steps to prevent schools monitoring website traffic to predict the timing of an Ofsted inspection. (9665)
- 30 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she plans to take to help households with rising energy costs in the next 12 months. (9601)
- 31 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to help support low-income households with rising energy costs. (9602)
- 32 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of using non-fungible tokens in the issuing of North Sea licences. (9489)
- 33 **Sir Brandon Lewis** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to support community heat networks. (9500)
- 34 **Mr Jonathan Lord** (Woking): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to page 26 of the research paper by Chatham House entitled BECCS deployment: the risks of policies forging ahead, published in October 2021, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of that paper's findings on the carbon payback period of a mature tree; and whether her Department has made an estimate of the carbon payback period for unabated wood burning. (9506)

- 35 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what data her Department holds on the number and proportion of smart meters operating in (a) smart and (b) non-smart mode. (9662)
- 36 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterparts in countries most affected by climate change on the adequacy of measures agreed at COP28; and what steps he plans to take to engage with those countries in future. (9552)
- 37 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to her Department's review of the UK's membership of the Energy Charter Treaty, what discussions her Department has had with other signatories and contracting parties to that Treaty who are seeking to withdraw from it. (9684)
- 38 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment her Department has made of the potential implications of the provisions of the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill for membership of the Energy Charter Treaty. (9685)
- 39 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many Bevin Boys were conscripted from Rother Valley constituency. (9707)
- 40 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what information her Department holds on which collieries in (a) Rother Valley constituency and (b) the UK had Bevin Boys as part of their workforce. (9708)
- 41 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to help ensure London has a safe and sustainable water supply; and what steps he is taking to help minimise the environmental impact of London's water supply. (9670)
- 42 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of private jets on trends in the levels of (a) air pollution and (b) CO2 emissions. (9671)
- 43 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to (a) improve the welfare of farmed salmon and (b) reduce the environmental impact of salmon farms. (9673)
- 44 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to tackle the (a) cropping of dogs ears and (b) importation of dogs with cropped ears. (9678)

- 45 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a national register for trained service dogs. (9682)
- 46 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of effectiveness of the Government's Resilience Framework in help to reduce flooding in high-risk areas. (9606)
- 47 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to reform the funding of internal drainage board levies. (9399)
- 48 **Danny Kruger** (Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, further to the Answer of 27 March 2023 to Question 170767, what plans he has to make available financial support for increasing public access to the countryside under Environmental Land Management schemes. (9704)
- 49 **Sir Brandon Lewis** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will undertake a review of the adequacy of the level of financial support it makes available to people who have lost properties due to coastal erosion. (9498)
- 50 **Sir Brandon Lewis** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of dredging on water levels in the Broads water system. (9499)
- 51 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to take steps to remedy metal contamination of bed sediments in the Upper Mersey catchment that result from (a) industry and (b) urban development. (9693)
- 52 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many pollutant discharges into the River Mersey have been reported to the Environment Agency in each of the past five years. (9694)
- 53 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce the environmental impact of disposable vaping products. (9535)
- 54 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he last met with representatives from the vaping industry. (9536)
- 55 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to promote the proper disposal of disposable vaping products. (9537)

- 56 **Mark Pawsey** (Rugby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his Department's planned timescale is for the (a) consultation and (b) review of F gas regulations. (9502)
- 57 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to ban the use of bottom-towed fishing gear in marine protected areas on a whole-site basis. (9706)
- 58 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to include method of slaughter as an option in his recent consultation on consumer products food labelling. (9496)
- 59 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what information his Department holds on the causes of low levels of home ownership amongst young people in London. (9674)
- 60 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent steps the Government has taken to help (a) address funding shortfalls in local council budgets and (b) prevent local councils declaring bankruptcy. (9680)
- 61 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve the (a) affordability and (b) availability of housing for first-time buyers. (9595)
- 62 **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's call for views on new local authority capital flexibilities, published on 19 December 2023, if he will publish a list of the investment properties valued at an estimated £2.32 billion. (9712)
- 63 **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's call for views on new local authority capital flexibilities published on 19 December 2023, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the listed options in that publication on sales of local authority assets that are not classified under IAS 40. (9713)
- 64 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to increase funding for Internal Drainage Boards in the 2024/2025 local government finance settlement. (9398)
- 65 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has plans to increase access to shared ownership properties in the South East. (9575)
- 66 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of the Riverside town centre development on levels of economic regeneration in Shrewsbury. (9483)

- 67 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of using non-fungible tokens in the issuing of (a) birth certificates and (b) marriage licences. (9484)
- 68 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of using non-fungible tokens in the administration of (a) general elections, (b) local elections and (c) land registration. (9485)
- 69 **Rachel Maclean** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the number and proportion of new homes that were completed by small and medium-sized housebuilders in each year since 1997. (9628)
- 70 **Rachel Maclean** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the recommendations of the APPG on SME House Builders in its report on Access to Finance in the SME Housebuilding Sector, published in July 2023, if he will (a) encourage local authorities to grant permission in principle, (b) relax requirements for affordable housing, (c) target the Atlas planning squad at small sites and (d) take other steps to bring forward more small sites for housebuilding. (9723)
- 71 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2023 to UIN 6351 on Local Government: Debt Collection, with reference to increases in the cost of living, if his Department will take steps to update the guidance entitled Council tax collection: best practice guidance for local authorities, published on 16 August 2021. (9692)
- 72 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent discussions he has had with the Cabinet Office on the number of veterans made homeless in the last 12 months. (9610)
- 73 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to improve the availability of high-quality affordable housing for veterans. (9611)
- 74 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8376 on Council Tax: Asylum, if he will take steps to ensure that (a) refugees and (b) asylum seekers who do not hold a Homes for Ukraine immigration permission are disregarded when determining whether a discount should be applied to the council tax for their accommodation. (9461)

- 75 **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the number (a) police stations, (b) fire stations, (c) hospitals, (d) ambulance stations, (e) residential care homes, (f) children's homes and (g) social services homes that have a flood risk vulnerability classification of "Highly Vulnerable". (9520)
- 76 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will take steps to help ensure that public (a) footpaths and (b) rights of way are accessible. (9455)
- 77 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many residential buildings have registered with the Cladding Safety Scheme in (a) Romford and (b) Havering. (9456)
- 78 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether the rent review tribunals proposed in the Renters Reform Bill will use sector specific data for deciding the level of market rent for specialist housing for older people. (9626)
- 79 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of a Government scheme to fund internet connectivity improvements in housing estates with copper wires. (9627)
- 80 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent steps his Department has taken to help increase the affordability of bus travel. (9683)
- 81 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the proportion of roads managed by local highways authorities that were classified as roads on which maintenance should be considered in each year since 2015. (9554)
- 82 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost to the public purse was for (a) national and (b) local highway maintenance in each financial year since 2010-11; and how much funding has been allocated for (i) national and (ii) local highway maintenance for the (A) 2023-24 and (B) 2024-25 financial years. (9555)
- 83 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 26 of the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 13 October 2023, how the funding to fix potholes will be allocated for (a) national highways and (b) local highways; what his Department's timescales are for allocating this funding; and by what date he expects the funding to be spent. (9556)
- 84 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the planned electrification of the Hope Valley line between Sheffield and Manchester has entered the Rail Networks Enhancements Pipeline; what estimate he has made of the project's final cost; and when he plans the project will be complete. (9557)

- 85 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, in what stage of the Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment process the planned electrification of the Hope Valley line between Sheffield and Manchester is; when he expects that stage to be complete; and what the likelihood is of the project's entry to the next stage. (9558)
- 86 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the (a) Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline status and (b) Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment stage of the Northern Powerhouse Rail project between Bradford and Manchester is; and when Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment approval was received. (9559)
- 87 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) final cost to the public purse and (b) completion date of the Northern Powerhouse Rail project between Bradford and Manchester. (9560)
- 88 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the planned electrification on the Hull-Leeds, Sheffield-Hull and Sheffield-Leeds routes has entered Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline;) what the project's Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment stage is; when approval was granted to enter that stage; and whether entry to the next stage will be granted. (9561)
- 89 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) total cost and (b) estimated date of completion for the planned electrification of the (a) Hull-Leeds, (b) Sheffield-Hull and (c) Sheffield-Leeds train routes. (9562)
- 90 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Energy Coast Line Upgrades between Carlisle, Workington and Barrow have entered the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline; what the project's Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment stage is; when approval was granted to enter that stage; and whether entry to the next stage will be granted. (9563)
- 91 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the restoration project of the Don Valley Line between Sheffield and Stocksbridge has entered the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline; at what Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment stage the project is; when approval was granted; and what the likelihood is of the project entering the next stage. (9564)
- 92 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, what recent estimate he has made of the (a) cost of and (b) completion date for the restoration of the Don Valley Line between Sheffield and Stocksbridge. (9565)

- 93 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, what recent estimate he has made of the (a) cost of and (b) completion date for the upgrade of Haxby Station. (9566)
- 94 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, what recent estimate he has made of the (a) cost of and (b) completion date for the upgrade of Waverley Station. (9567)
- 95 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if his Department will publish the Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment status of planned upgrades to Ferryhill Station. (9568)
- 96 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) final cost and (b) completion date of the Midlands Rail hub. (9569)
- 97 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) final cost and (b) completion date of the proposed reopening of the Beeching Lines. (9570)
- 98 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) final cost and (b) completion date of the proposed Euston Quarter development. (9571)
- 99 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) final cost and (b) completion date of the electrification of the North Wales mainline. (9572)
- 100 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will have discussions with Shropshire Council on the potential impact of the North West Relief Road on (a) levels of (i) congestion in Shrewsbury town centre and (ii) emissions and (b) journey times within Shrewsbury. (9480)
- 101 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the impact of industrial action on the number of rail cancellations between Shrewsbury and (a) Birmingham and (b) London in 2023. (9481)
- 102 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of using non-fungible tokens in the issuing of driving licences. (9482)
- 103 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate he has made of the number of public charge points for electric vehicles there will be by 2030. (9686)

- 104 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much grant money has been given to (a) the Mayor of London and (b) London boroughs for (i) ULEZ and (ii) active travel schemes. (9364)
- 105 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of vehicles in the car fleet for (a) Ministers and (b) senior officials are pure electric cars. (9365)
- 106 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made a comparative estimate of (a) initial capital costs and (b) annual running costs of (i) pure electric vehicles, (ii) petrol cars and (ii) diesel cars in the Government car fleet. (9366)
- 107 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of acoustic cameras; and whether he plans to increase the usage of such cameras. (9457)
- 108 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will require MOT tests to use decibel meters to ensure that exhaust noise levels are legally compliant. (9458)
- 109 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the contract awarded by his Department to KPMG LLP on 12 December 2023 under procurement reference TROP0094, if he will publish the (a) services to be delivered under that contract and (b) purpose of that work. (9467)
- 110 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment the Government has made of the impact of increases in the cost of living on people with disabilities; and what recent steps his Department has taken to increase cost of living support for people with disabilities. (9676)
- 111 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of (a) financial and (b) social assistance support available for single pensioners. (9605)
- 112 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the UK's commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 1, what progress his Department has made on reducing the number of people living in poverty by more than half by 2030. (9592)
- 113 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using Non-Fungible Tokens in the administration of benefits. (9490)
- 114 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to ensure that people who are unable to (a) attend appointments at their local Jobcentre and (b) meet the requirements for receiving benefits as a result of underlying health conditions issues are not sanctioned. (9551)

- 115N **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Prime Minister's oral contribution at Prime Minister's Questions on 10 January 2024, Official Report, column 297, on what evidential basis he said that the number of people living in poverty has reduced by 1.7 million since 2010. [Transferred] (9350)
- 116 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of patients waited more than 15 weeks for an initial dementia assessment in 2023; what is the average waiting time for an initial dementia assessment; and what steps she is taking to improve those waiting times. (9518)
- 117 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps she has taken to help ensure that chronic lymphocytic leukaemia patients on active monitoring have the support they need for their (a) mental and (b) physical well-being. (9677)
- 118 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps she has taken to improve equality of access to NHS ear wax removal services. (9681)
- 119 **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people entered the NHS midwifery workforce through (a) undergraduate training, (b) an apprenticeship, (c) a postgraduate conversion, (d) a return to midwifery programme and (e) international recruitment in the most recent period for which data are available; and if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of each such route on the size of the midwifery workforce in each of the (i) last and (ii) next five years. (9702)
- 120 **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of flexible working arrangements for midwives. (9703)
- 121 **Steve Brine** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress her Department has made on identifying the key reasons why people (a) may not be offered and (b) decline the offer of a HIV test in sexual health clinics. (9503)
- 122 **Steve Brine** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Towards Zero - An action plan towards ending HIV transmission, AIDS and HIV-related deaths in England - 2022 to 2025, updated on 21 December 2021, what recent progress has been made on (a) reviewing existing late diagnosis protocols and (b) strengthening the protocols prior to a national roll out. (9504)
- 123 **Steve Brine** (Winchester): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress her Department has made on understanding the circumstances surrounding HIV acquisitions in 2023. (9505)

- 124 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number of NHS trusts in (a) London and (b) England that offer MRI scans for the detection of lobular breast cancer. (9524)
- 125 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has she made of the adequacy of diagnosis rates for lobular breast cancer. (9525)
- 126 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many applications for research grant funds for studies into lobular breast cancer have been submitted to the National Institute for Health and Care Research in the last 24 months. (9526)
- 127 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to engage with accredited (a) counsellors and (b) psychotherapists to reduce waiting times for mental health services. [R] (9530)
- 128 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Prime Minister's answer of 27 November 2023 to Question 3132 on Prime Minister: Correspondence, when she plans to respond to the correspondence from an East Londonderry constituent of 16 June 2023 on water fluoridation policy that was re-delivered to the Prime Minister's parliamentary office in-person by the hon. Member for East Londonderry on 29 November 2023. [Transferred] (9340)
- 129 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve NHS care for people with migraines; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) increasing the availability of headache specialists in the NHS, (b) improving the provision of (i) training and resources for GPs and (ii) guidance for other health professionals on migraines and (c) increasing the role of pharmacies for providing primary care for people with migraines. (9647)
- 130 **Dehenna Davison** (Bishop Auckland): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to ensure that integrated care boards make an assessment of the adequacy of their (a) workforce planning and (b) other services for meeting the needs of their populations who are affected by migraines. (9648)
- 131 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has plans to (a) allocate additional funding and (b) increase staff recruitment for NHS England in winter 2023-24. (9596)
- 132 **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 improve vaccination rates for measles for children in England. (9394)

- 133 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate her Department has made of the number of closures of community pharmacies in the current Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework period. (9432)
- 134 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has carried out analysis on the long-term financial viability of community pharmacies. (9433)
- 135 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to increase services offered by community pharmacies. (9434)
- 136 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans does her Department have to increase public awareness of the Pharmacy First scheme. (9435)
- 137 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help local authorities tackle substance misuse. (9576)
- 138 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential role of non-fungible tokens in the issuing of professional certificates on health and care professional registers. (9478)
- 139 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of NHS ear syringing treatment in the West Midlands. (9384)
- 140 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of trends in average waiting times to access (a) community paediatric services, (b) occupational therapy and (c) speech and language therapy in the last three years. (9374)
- 141 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 22 December 2023 to Question 5140 on Miscarriage: Bereavement Counselling, how many of the National Health Service trusts that have committed to adopting the National Bereavement Care Pathway standards have fully implemented them; and what criteria will be used to monitor the compliance of those trusts with those standards. (9696)
- 142 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact on transgender people of delays for specialist gender identity services. (9609)
- 143 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help prevent tooth decay in children. (9612)

- 144 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help encourage the consumption of healthy foods by children. (9613)
- 145 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce the consumption of junk food among children. (9614)
- 146 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential relationship between junk food advertising and trends in the levels of junk food consumption by children. (9615)
- 147 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of pediatric waiting times. (9616)
- 148 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of regional inequalities in child health. (9617)
- 149 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to promote child dental health. (9618)
- 150 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether it is her Department's policy to reduce the availability of disposable vapes. (9531)
- 151 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce the prevalence of vaping among people who have never smoked tobacco. (9532)
- 152 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she last met representatives of the vaping industry. (9533)
- 153 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to support research into the potential impact of vaping on health. (9534)
- 154 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help increase the (a) accessibility of smear tests for working women and (b) coverage of cervical cancer screening in Coventry North West constituency; how many smear tests were provided by the NHS in Coventry North West constituency in each year since 2015; and what steps she is taking to help improve cancer survival rates. (9668)
- 155 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help patients see their preferred doctor at GP surgeries. (9492)

- 156 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help support people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. (9445)
- 157 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of people who have received organ transplants in Romford constituency in each year since 2020. (9452)
- 158 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of medicinal cannabis treatments provided by the NHS; and whether she has plans to increase the number of treatments available. (9453)
- 159 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent steps the Government has taken to help improve access to healthcare for older people in the Global South. (9672)
- 160 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): 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 potential impact of Israel's dual use policy on getting aid into Gaza. (9574)
- 161 **Sir Oliver Heald** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to UK International Development's white paper entitled International development in a contested world: ending extreme poverty and tackling climate change, published in November 2023, if his Department will publish a plan to deliver the policy commitments in that white paper. (9371)
- 162 **Sir Oliver Heald** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to ensure maximum value for money in overseas development assistance spending decisions. (9372)
- 163 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Israel on the importance of upholding international law. (9426)
- 164 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help prevent regional conflict following strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen. (9427)
- 165 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (9428)
- 166 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department has taken to help tackle anti-Christian violence in Nigeria in the Christmas 2023 period. (9641)

- 167 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has had discussions with its Nicaraguan counterparts on the arrests of Catholic priests. (9642)
- 168 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help promote the freedom of religion or belief in Nicaragua. (9643)
- 169 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he is taking steps to monitor the (a) potential impact and (b) transparency of spending of aid to Pakistan. (9644)
- 170 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has received reports on the loss of life as a result of the recent mine landslide in Tanzania; and whether his Department is taking steps to support the Government of Tanzania with its response to the landslide. (9645)
- 171 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department is taking steps to provide humanitarian in response to recent flooding in Congo-Brazzaville. (9646)
- 172 **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many discussions he had with his counterpart in the People's Republic of China in the final quarter of 2023. (9376)
- 173 **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he has taken to help prevent risk of conflict in the Taiwan Strait. (9377)
- 174 **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he has taken to collaborate with the People's Republic of China on climate change. (9379)
- 175 **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many ministerial there have been to the People's Republic of China in the last twelve months. (9380)
- 176 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he discussed a timeline for the release of Alaa Abd el-Fattah at his meeting with the Egyptian President on 20 December 2023. (9494)
- 177 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what proportion of UK aid sent to Gaza since 7 October 2023 has entered Gaza as of 15 January 2024. (9495)
- 178 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, which UK flagged vessels have been attacked by the Houthis since 7 October 2023. (9661)

- 179 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Accepting foreign awards: UK rules, last updated on 24 November 2021, on how many occasions permission was (a) sought, (b) granted and (c) denied in respect of foreign awards being conferred to members of the Government by (i) Saudi Arabia, (ii) the United Arab Emirates, (iii) Qatar, (iv) Bahrain, (v) Kuwait and (vi) Oman between 2014 and 2024. (9663)
- 180 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, on how many occasions (a) Saudi Arabia, (b) the United Arab Emirates, (c) Qatar, (d) Bahrain, (e) Kuwait and (f) Oman gave awards to members of the Government (i) without seeking permission from the Government and (ii) regardless of permission being denied between 2014 and 2024. (9664)
- 181 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will hold discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of arranging for Palestinians in Gaza who are in need of urgent healthcare to (a) be brought to the UK and (b) access healthcare on the NHS. (9546)
- 182 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help prevent regional escalation in the Middle East. (9622)
- 183 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches civilians in Gaza. (9623)
- 184 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make representations to his Israeli counterpart on implementing a new humanitarian pause in the conflict in Gaza. (9624)
- 185 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what information his Department holds on restrictions that have been placed on the types of aid that are permitted to enter Gaza by Israel. (9625)
- 186 **Ian Paisley** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of anti-Christian sentiment in Laos. (9516)
- 187 **Ian Paisley** (North Antrim): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Nigerian counterpart on the attacks on Christians in Plateau State on 24 December 2023. (9517)

- 188 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he has had discussions with the Commonwealth secretariat on the potential merits of observing the upcoming general election in Pakistan. (9493)
- 189 **Ms Anum Qaisar** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many meetings he has had with the Israeli Ambassador. [R] (9714)
- 190 **Ms Anum Qaisar** (Airdrie and Shotts): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment his Department has made of the scale of damage to UK-funded projects in Gaza since 7 October 2023. [R] (9715)
- 191 **Mr Ben Bradshaw** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with which civil society organisations the Defending Democracy Taskforce has held recent discussions. (9381)
- 192 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the UN's special rapporteur on modern slavery's comments on the UK's seasonal worker scheme. (9608)
- 193 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Government polices in providing housing stability for refugees. (9599)
- 194 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he plans to take to help (a) Afghan and (b) Ukrainian refugees avoid homelessness in winter 2023-24. (9600)
- 195 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether calls to his Department's MP Enquiry line team have been outsourced. (9573)
- 196 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels used to provide housing for asylum seekers on 1 January 2024 were contracted out to Serco. (9393)
- 197 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Legacy backlog cleared as plan to stop the boats delivers, published on 2 January 2024, how many of the 112,000 were granted permanent right to remain in the UK. (9395)
- 198 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels used to provide housing for asylum seekers on 1 January 2024 were contracted out to Mears Group. (9396)

- 199 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on what date the threshold for family visas will be raised to £34,500. (9397)
- 200 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to increase the allocation of funding for the police in Hampshire. (9577)
- 201 **Rachel Maclean** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the grounds for appeal were of each of the asylum seekers due to be removed to Rwanda on 14 June 2022. (9629)
- 202 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has received recent representations on the UK's membership of the European Convention on Human Rights. (9547)
- 203 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help support victims of illegal money lenders. (9550)
- 204 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 3995 on VFS Global, what steps his Department is taking to monitor the administration of the UK visa appointment system by VFS Global. (9695)
- 205 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the statutory guidance entitled Prevent duty guidance: for higher education institutions in England and Wales (2015), updated on 31 December 2023, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of that guidance on (a) academic research, (b) the number of students applying to higher education institutions, (c) students' experience in higher education, (d) freedom of speech and (e) people with protected characteristics. (9649)
- 206 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help tackle the sale of unlicensed drugs online. (9448)
- 207 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to tackle bike thefts in (a) London and (b) Havering. (9449)
- 208 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle (a) pickpocketing and (b) illegal street gambling in London. (9451)
- 209 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the importance of the Shortage Occupation List to the UK video games industry. (9512)

- 210 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the impact of spending on technical consultancy services on his Department since 2010. (9405)
- 211 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the impact of spending on strategy consultancy services on his Department since 2010. (9406)
- 212 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the impact of spending on organisation and change management consultancy services on his Department since 2010. (9407)
- 213 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Protector programme. (9410)
- 214 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Warrior Capability Sustainment programme. (9412)
- 215 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Wedgetail programme. (9413)
- 216 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the F-35 Lightning programme. (9414)
- 217 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Crowsnest programme. (9415)
- 218 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Fleet Solid Support Ships programme. (9416)
- 219 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) RAF and (b) other pilots qualified from UK training programmes in each year since 2010. (9417)
- 220 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Ukrainian personnel have been trained under Operation Interflex since its inception. (9418)
- 221 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the training period provided to Ukrainian personnel under Operation Interflex. (9419)

- 222 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Joint Crypt Key Programme programme. (9421)
- 223 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the MENSA programme. (9422)
- 224 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the PEGASUS programme. (9423)
- 225 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any UK assets in Oman have assisted (a) UK and (b) US airstrikes in Yemen this month. (9660)
- 226 **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has (a) had discussions with his US counterpart on and (b) put in place mechanisms for civilian harm tracking in relation to UK-US military operations. (9544)
- 227 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when social value considerations will be included in all single source procurement contracts. (9633)
- 228 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has considered the potential merits of introducing the FN EVOLYS 7.62 mm ultralight machine gun for use by the armed forces. (9634)
- 229 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it remains his policy to launch the new accommodation offer for armed forces personnel on 11 March. (9638)
- 230 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation's Families First Newsletter published on 14 December 2023, how many of the 1000 void homes undergoing repair and maintenance have been completed. (9639)
- 231 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the UK's gender-based violence commitments under the Arms Trade Treaty, what due diligence his Department has carried out on the use of its (a) arms and (b) other military equipment,. (9654)
- 232 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of defence support for the Falkland Islands. (9446)
- 233 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to help reduce court backlogs. (9675)

- 234 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisons have a drug recovery wing. (9529)
- 235 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5745 on Ministry of Justice: Communication, if he will publish the (a) policies, (b) procedures and (c) service standards for (i) his Department, (ii) HM Courts and Tribunals Service and (iii) the Judicial Office; and if he will publish provide contact details for raising concerns over compliance with each. (9430)
- 236 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2023 to Question 6413 on Government Legal Department, what the composition is of (a) his Department's Legal Advisers and (b) the Government Legal Department Litigation Group; and what (i) their legal qualifications and (ii) the professional standards to which they are required to adhere are. (9431)
- 237 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been prosecuted under human trafficking laws in each year since 2010. (9450)
- 238 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 11 January 2024 to Question 8379 on Ministry of Justice: Tribunals, whether the contingent liability of the judicial pension claim set out in the bottom row of the table in that Answer represents the costs of a single potential payment to one individual. (9469)
- 239 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether his Department is taking steps to help ensure the survival of curlews in Northern Ireland. (9447)
- 240 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment the Government has made of the potential impact of a central bank digital currency on (a) national security and (b) digital exclusion. (9722)
- 241 **Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which computer systems used by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs have been supplied by Fujitsu since 2000. (9513)
- 242 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the National Institute of Economic and Social Research Discussion Paper No. 549 entitled The Economic and Social Impacts of Lifting Work Restrictions on People Seeking Asylum, published on 25 June 2023, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of allowing asylum seekers to work. (9538)
- 243 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had recent discussions with the FCA on the effectiveness of its consumer duty in upholding standards of financial services for customers. (9699)

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- 244 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had discussions with relevant stakeholders on the potential merits of using non-fungible tokens to replace paper identification required to (a) open a bank account and (b) access (i) loans, (ii) mortgages, (iii) credit cards, (iv) investment opportunities and (v) other financial instruments. (9488)
- 245 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of the economic contribution of domestic medicinal cannabis production. (9454)
- 246 **Justin Tomlinson** (North Swindon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the impact of the Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme on investment into early-stage British owned businesses. (9508)
- 247 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether he has had discussions with the Welsh Government on the impact of increased rental costs on renters in Wales. (9597)
- 248 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether he has had discussions with the Welsh Government on the impact of increased rental costs on tenants in Wales. (9598)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 18 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 11 January 2024 to Question 8608, Aiding and Abetting, if she will direct the Crown Prosecution Service to clarify in future guidance that joint enterprise only applies where persons intentionally assist or encourage another to commit a crime. (9697)
- 2N **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 11 January 2024 to Question 8608 on Aiding and Abetting, what consideration the Crown Prosecution Service gives to a suspect's level of (a) intention to assist or encourage and (b) contribution to the commission of an offence when making charging decisions using joint enterprise laws. (9698)
- 3N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many of the contracts awarded to Fujitsu since 2010 were put out to tender. (9607)
- 4N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make a comparative estimate of the cost to the public purse of holding a general election on (a) the same date as the local elections and (b) another date. (9718)

- 5N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to complete an algorithmic transparency report using the Algorithmic Transparency Recording Standard for the Artificial Intelligence Red Box ministers are piloting. (9578)
- 6N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the GOV.UK chat experiment. (9579)
- 7N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will list the 18 NHS acute trusts where Op RESTORE: The Veterans Physical Health and Wellbeing Service are located; and for what reason were the trusts selected. (9382)
- 8N **Sir Bernard Jenkin** (Harwich and North Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the decision to make a protective award to former employees of MADE.COM, what steps she is taking to help tackle the delays in processing redundancy payments by the Redundancy Payments Service. (9367)
- 9N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to (a) support clients of McClure Solicitors and (b) ensure former clients are aware of the firm's collapse and the potential consequences for their legal arrangements. (9542)
- 10N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had discussions with the Board of the Post Office on the provision of financial evidence to claimants of the Horizon shortfall scheme to assist with their claims for redress. (9475)
- 11N **Gareth Thomas** (Harrow West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people who paid into the British Shipbuilders pension fund are not receiving pension payments. (9373)
- 12N **Caroline Ansell** (Eastbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which schools in Eastbourne constituency have applied for a grant for senior mental health lead training. (9587)
- 13N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce school absences in Bournemouth. (9459)
- 14N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the average waiting time for an education, health and care plan in Kingswood constituency. (9580)
- 15N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of education, health and care plans are issued outside the 20 week timeframe in Kingswood constituency. (9581)

- 16N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of looked after children raised in Kingswood constituency who are placed (a) outside and (b) twenty miles or more from the local authority area. (9582)
- 17N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of care experienced sixteen and seventeen year olds who have been placed in unregistered accommodation in Kingswood constituency. (9583)
- 18N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure local authorities have sufficient resources to deliver specialist education services for (a) children and (b) young people with visual impairment. (9690)
- 19N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of state school pupils were of each ethnic group by local authority in each year since 1998; and how many and what proportion of state school pupils (a) had English as their first language, (b) did not have English as their first language and (c) were recorded as having their first language as unknown by local authority in each year since 1998. (9632)
- 20N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many people have started on the (a) low carbon heating technician apprenticeship scheme, (b) Home Decarbonisation Skills Training Scheme and (c) training funded by the Heat Training Grant since September 2023. (9369)
- 21N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many people have started on the (a) low carbon heating technician apprenticeship scheme, (b) Home Decarbonisation Skills Training Scheme and (c) training funded by the Heat Training Grant since September 2023, broken down by region. (9370)
- 22N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what financial support is available to businesses that have (a) been disrupted and (b) had stock damaged as a result of flooding. (9479)
- 23N **Chris Grayling** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the National Planning Policy Framework, published on 20 December 2023, what steps he is taking to help planning inspectors ensure existing green belt boundaries when considering draft local plans. (9442)

- 24N **Chris Grayling** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has issued guidance to planning inspectors on the applicability of Section 13 of the National Planning Policy Framework on Protecting the Green Belt if draft local plans have not made sufficient provision for new housing. (9443)
- 25N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has plans to help Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council with its budget shortfall for financial year 2024-25. (9691)
- 26N **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the impact that the new National Planning Policy Framework will have on decisions on planning (a) applications and (b) appeals already underway at the point when it was introduced. (9460)
- 27N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 12 September 2023 to Question 198296 on Driving Licences: USA, whether his Department has written to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators since December 2020. (9439)
- 28N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 26 October 2023 to Question 203762 on Buses: Driving, what (a) actions are required by his Department and (b) the planned timeline for delivery of those actions is. (9441)
- 29N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate his Department has made of the total cost of the electrification of the North Wales mainline. (9474)
- 30N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether jobcentres collect data on the (a) number, (b) age and (c) disabilities of children in households subject to Universal Credit sanctions. (9515)
- 31N **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate he has made of the number of workers that do not qualify for statutory sick pay because they earn less than the Lower Earnings Limit. (9711)
- 32N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to page 194 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, published on 4 July 2023, for what reason the former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in the Lords was awarded a severance payment on 31 December 2022 in the context of her age at the date she ceased to hold office. (9463)
- 33N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will provide £20 million of funding for research for the Lobular Moon Shot Project. (9705)

- 34N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans her Department has to make this winter's Covid-19 vaccine available for purchase. (9471)
- 35N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Hospitals Transformation Programme on the number of beds available for patients. (9477)
- 36N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of GP provision for the size of the population in Feltham and Heston. (9519)
- 37N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions she has had with (a) NICE and (b) pharmaceutical companies on the affordability of Kaftrio. (9687)
- 38N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people are undergoing dialysis treatment in Easington constituency. (9497)
- 39N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce waiting times for diagnosis of bipolar disorder. (9650)
- 40N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much his Department has spent on official development assistance for sexual and reproductive health and rights in each year since 2010. (9591)
- 41N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of supporting the case brought against Israel by South Africa at the International Court of Justice. (9630)
- 42N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he plans to pause discussions with Mauritius on the proposed transfer of the Chagos Islands to that country in the context of the military action taken in Yemen in response to maritime piracy. (9487)
- 43N **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the adequacy of aid to Ukraine. (9375)
- 44N **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): 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 increase in Chinese aerial incursions and military activity in the Taiwan Strait. (9378)

- 45N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, when he plans to respond to Questions 8440, 8441 and 8442 on Israel:Gaza tabled on 8 January 2024 by the hon. Member for Middlesbrough. (9521)
- 46N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to UK International Development's white paper entitled International development in a contested world: ending extreme poverty and tackling climate change, published in November 2023, if his Department will publish a plan to deliver the policy commitments in that white paper. (9688)
- 47N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Countering Illegal Migration during the debate on the Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024 of 10 January 2024, if it is his policy that the region of Jammu and Kashmir is part of India. (9666)
- 48N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 11 January to Question 8388 on Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Procurement, if he will take steps to either (a) ensure that hon. Members can log in to his Department's Jaggaer e-sourcing tool to access the information referred to in that Answer or (b) make alternative arrangements for hon. Members to access that information by other means. (9464)
- 49N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of tensions between India and China over the Maldives. (9588)
- 50N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he had made of the potential impact of the election of Lai Ching-te on regional stability. (9589)
- 51N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what number of anti-Semitic online hate crimes were reported on the True Vision website between (a) 7 October 2022 and 6 January 2023 and (b) 7 October 2023 and 6 January 2024. (9437)
- 52N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what alternative accommodation his Department is providing for asylum seekers being moved out of hotels. (9667)
- 53N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department carried out an equality impact assessment on the recent proposed changes to visa salary thresholds. (9539)

- 54N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed changes to visa salary thresholds on individuals living in (a) Scotland, (b) England, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland. (9540)
- 55N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had discussions with his Irish counterpart on trends in irregular migration flows via Irish ports in the last 12 months. (9541)
- 56N **Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is his planned timeline for the disposal of Kirkwoods Road playing fields; and what steps he has taken toward the disposal. (9436)
- 57N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Armed Forces personnel were deployed on NATO exercises in (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022 and (d) 2023. (9404)
- 58N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which programmes have benefited from external programme and project management consultancy spending by his Department since 2010. (9408)
- 59N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Armoured Cavalry programme. (9409)
- 60N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Morpheus programme. (9411)
- 61N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Ukrainian personnel will be trained as part of Operation Interflex in (a) 2024 and (b) 2025. (9420)
- 62N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the recent military action in Yemen on the level of national security risk associated with the proposed transfer of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. (9486)
- 63N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether HMS Diamond was in Yemen's territorial waters when it destroyed Houthi drones on 10 January 2024. (9655)
- 64N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether HMS Diamond has entered Yemen's territorial waters during Operation Prosperity Guardian. (9656)
- 65N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department made of the extent of likely collateral damage from airstrikes in Yemen on 11 January 2024. (9657)

- 66N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he made of the number of civilians living around Abbs airfield in Yemen before ordering airstrikes on that location. (9658)
- 67N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he made of the imminence of an attack from Abbs airfield on UK flagged vessels on 11 January 2024. (9659)
- 68N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the 2022 Political Declaration on strengthening the protection of civilians from the humanitarian consequences arising from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas, what steps he is taking to (a) prevent and (b) mitigate the potential impact on civilians of military strikes in Yemen. (9543)
- 69N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential risk to civilians of a closure of Hudaydah port. (9545)
- 70N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the number of service family accommodation properties that (a) reported a total loss of and (b) were left without heat or water for more than 24 hours in each month of (i) 2023 and (ii) 2022. (9635)
- 71N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) heating and (b) hot water issues were reported in service family accommodation properties in each month in 2022. (9636)
- 72N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) heating and (b) hot water issues were reported in service family accommodation properties in each month in 2023. (9637)
- 73N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral contribution by the Minister for Defence Procurement during the debate on Service Accommodation of 19 December 2023, Official Report, column 500WH, when he plans to write to the hon. Member for Mid Bedfordshire on Chicksands military base. (9720)
- 74N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what (a) plans his Department has and (b) the timetable is for the (i) closure and (ii) disposal of RAF Henlow. (9721)
- 75N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many former prisoners were given tents to live in when leaving prison in each year since 2010. (9590)
- 76N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the re-offending rate for individuals serving a custodial sentence for burglary is. (9527)

- 77N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many drug recovery programs were ran in prisons in (a) 2010, (b) 2018 and (c) 2023. (9528)
- 78N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 19 December 2023 to Question 7116 on Wetherby Young Offender Institution: Females, what his estimate is of the cost to the public purse of a child placed in youth custody in the new Oasis Restore Secure School. (9640)
- 79N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the potential role of Non-Fungible Tokens in tackling corruption in the administration of public finances. (9491)
- 80N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders were released on temporary licence for Christmas Day in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023, broken down by each offence committed. (9465)
- 81N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his Department's publication entitled Discretionary Friday/pre-Bank Holiday Release Scheme Policy Framework, last updated on 8 December 2023, how many offenders with scheduled release dates between 22 and 26 December 2023 were released on (a) 20 and (b) 21 December 2023 under the terms of that framework, by each offence committed by those offenders. (9466)
- 82N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will ask the Permanent Secretary of the Northern Ireland Department of Health to publish an update on the Report of the Expert Review of Records of Deceased Patients (Neurology). (9700)
- 83N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Answer of 17 October 2023 to Question 200203 on Financial Services: Environment Protection, when he plans to publish the next stage of the UK Green Taxonomy process. (9438)
- 84N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the technology used in HMRC's trader support service system; and if he will require the implementation of an urgent independent assessment of the performance of that technology since it was introduced. (9440)
- 85N **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information his Department holds on the number and proportion of workers that earn less than the Lower Earnings Limit. (9709)
- 86N **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many workers in Scotland do not qualify for statutory sick pay because they earn less than the Lower Earnings Limit. (9710)

- 87N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which Government Departments will contribute towards the recently announced £2.5 billion assistance package for Ukraine; how much each Department will (a) provide towards that total, (b) receive in extra sums granted by the Treasury to offset that contribution and (c) donate in terms of resources towards that total without reimbursement from the Treasury. (9368)
- 88N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 3.25 of the Autumn Statement 2023, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the potential impact of plans to strengthen the Universal Credit sanctions regime on the health and wellbeing of claimants. (9548)
- 89N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Autumn Statement 2023, whether he has held discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the potential impact of withdrawing free prescriptions from claimants subject to an open-ended sanction for over six months on their (a) health and (b) well-being. (9549)
- 90N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with the Payment Systems Regulator on ATM interchange fees. (9689)
- 91N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Government's draft legislative changes to part 15C of the Corporation Tax Act 2009 on (a) jobs and (b) new productions in the theatre sector; and if he will meet UK Theatre and the Society of London Theatre to discuss those changes. (9669)
- 92N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the severance payments for former ministers published on Page 132 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts for 2022/23, published on 20 July 2023, for what reason the former Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, the Rt hon. Member for Bexleyheath and Crayford, was awarded a payment on 26 October 2022, in the context of his age at the date he ceased to hold office. (9462)
- 93N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) the Secretary of State for Transport and (b) Network Rail on the potential impact of Control Period 7 funding on (i) rail services and (ii) the condition of rail infrastructure in Wales. (9472)
- 94N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) the Secretary of State for Transport, (b) Network Rail and (c) the Welsh government on the electrification of the North Wales Main Line. (9473)
- 95N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, when the Tata Steel/ Port Talbot Transition Board will next meet. (9476)

Questions for Answer on Friday 19 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much funding The New Craftsmen Ltd received from the Future Fund; and on what dates it received that funding. [Transferred] (9314)
- 2N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average of children in (a) reception and (b) year six was in each academic year since 2005/06 in state schools in England; what the average height was for each ethnic group in each academic year; and how many children were in each ethnic group in each academic year. (9631)
- 3N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what (a) meetings and (b) correspondence his Department had with (i) the Northern Ireland Office, (ii) the Northern Ireland Department for Infrastructure and (iii) Translink on the Union Connectivity Review Report between publication of that Report and the Government response. (9701)
- 4N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of the EU Commission's decision to lower the legal limits on nitrites in processed meat products; and whether she plans to bring in such restrictions. (9522)
- 5N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential health benefits of lowering the legal limits on nitrites in processed meat products. (9523)
- 6N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had recent discussions with the providers of abortion services that are outside safe access zones and are affected by protesters. (9383)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 22 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his Department's timescales are for (a) publishing the tender documents for the licenses for the Green Flag awards and (b) awarding those licenses. [R] (9400)
- 2N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken in response to the findings of its investigation into the cases of bluetongue virus in cattle in Kent. (9593)
- 3N **Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent (a) discussions he has had and (b) correspondence he has exchanged with the Deposit Protection Service on the decision to pay 0.78% interest on tenants' deposits held on account. (9514)
- 4N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his Department's timescales are for the introduction of a third fast train each hour between Sheffield and Manchester. (9401)
- 5N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the likely completion date of the electrification of the Midland Main Line to Sheffield. (9402)
- 6N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he expects the planned new rolling stock for the midland mainline to be available. (9403)
- 7N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the ability of low-income families to access the NHS's Healthy Start scheme. (9386)
- 8N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the effectiveness of social prescribing; and whether her Department issues guidance on which models provide the most effective treatment. (9387)
- 9N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of introducing risk assessments using (a) breast density assessment software and (b) other tools during initial breast cancer screening appointments. (9651)
- 10N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when her Department plans to adopt (a) 3D Mammography and (b) other new cancer screening technologies. (9652)

- 11N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of lowering the breast cancer screening age to 40. (9653)
- 12N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of waiting times for decisions on applications for British citizenship. (9717)
- 13N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of measures taken by the police to tackle nitrous oxide use in the West Midlands. (9385)
- 14N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much of the funding for the National Rural Crime Unit will be allocated to West Mercia Police. (9716)