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Questions tabled on Tuesday 16 January 2024

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 17 January

Questions for Written Answer

- Sir George Howarth (Knowsley): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2023 to Question 6413 on Government Legal Department, what the composition is of (a) her 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.

 [Transferred] (9431)
- 2 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the value of trade between the UK and Palau was in (a) 2023 and (b) 2020.[Transferred] (9444)
- 3 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether it is his Department's policy to reduce the availability of disposable vapes. [Transferred] (9531)
- 4 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to help ensure that public (a) footpaths and (b) rights of way are accessible. [Transferred] (9455)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling
 Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he plans to take to help (a) Afghan and
 (b) Ukrainian refugees avoid homelessness in winter 2023-24. [Transferred] (9600)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has received recent
 representations on the UK's membership of the European Convention on Human
 Rights.

 [Transferred] (9547)

- 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.

 [Transferred] (9552)
- 8 **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the UK's genderbased 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.

 [Transferred] (9654)
- Deidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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.
 [Transferred] (9538)
- Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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.

 [Transferred] (9484)
- 11 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to help support victims of illegal money lenders.

 [Transferred] (9550)
- Justin Tomlinson (North Swindon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many games studios have benefited from Video Games Tax Relief since its introduction.

 [Transferred] (9510)
- Justin Tomlinson (North Swindon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the impact of Video Games Tax Relief on inward investment into the UK video games industry.

 [Transferred] (9511)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 18 January

Questions for Written Answer

Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Attorney General, with reference to the Government Legal Department Business Plan 2023-24, published on 23 May 2023, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of using the Pilgrim Quarter development as a worksite for the Government Legal Department.

- 2 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse is of hanging an official portrait of His Majesty The King in public authorities in the UK. (9942)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to (a) find and (b) remove Chinese surveillance technology from national security infrastructure. (9826)
- 4N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the severance payments for former ministers published on Page 132 of HM Treasury'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.

 [Transferred] (9462)
- 5N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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.

 [Transferred] (9463)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will take steps to help encourage more trade between the UK and its neighbours. (9821)
- 7 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will publish the redacted Holocaust Memorial material subject to the freedom of information request by Dorian Gerhold in December 2018.
- Mark Logan (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to help ensure theaters (a) outside London and (b) in Bolton North East constituency receive equitable funding from Arts Council England.
- 9 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with (a) farming unions and (b) other organisations on tackling (i) loneliness and (ii) isolation for (A) widowed farmers and (B) other people who live alone in rural areas. (9837)
- 10 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what bursaries are available for teacher training in history. (9921)

- 11 Sarah Dyke (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the guidance entitled Free school meals: guidance for schools and local authorities, published on 31 January 2023, if she will publish revised guidance with information of the provision of free school meals for children with special educational needs and disabilities. (9975)
- Sarah Dyke (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of education, health and care plans include nutritional information; and what (a) funding and (b) other support she has made available to local authorities to support SEND children with nutritional needs. (9976)
- Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of children prescribed Elvanse who are (a) currently without medication and (b) excluded from school due to behavioural issues. (9843)
- 14 Mr Robin Walker (Worcester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of benefit to cost ratios of the National Tutoring Programme Programme in (a) primary schools and (b) secondary schools. (9807)
- Dr Thérèse Coffey (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2023 to Question 8973 on Wind Power: Bradwell-on-Sea, if she will direct National Grid to publish the study that informed its assessment of the suitability of Bradwell as a site for landfall and converter stations of offshore wind and interconnectors. (9808)
- 16 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the consistency of the (a) distribution of installed SMET2 meters and (b) level of wide area network coverage on the implementation of the smart energy savings competition.
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions she has had with energy companies on reducing the time taken for all households to receive the £600 payment to help households in Northern Ireland with their energy bills during winter 2022-2023. (9835)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will take steps to provide additional financial support to households in Northern Ireland that have high energy use for medical purposes in winter 2024-25.
- Sir Bill Wiggin (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the CPRE, the countryside charity's campaign entitled A rooftop revolution: turning possibility into reality, whether he plans to take steps to help ensure that (a) new car parks are built with solar photovoltaics as standard and (b) existing car parks are retrofitted with solar photovoltaics.

Sir Bill Wiggin (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she plans to provide further funding for the (a) upscaling of urban photovoltaics technologies and (b) connection of urban photovoltaics to the grid.

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- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with (a) Ofwat and (b)
 Thames Water on Thames Water's (i) financial and (ii) operational performance. (9834)
- 22N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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. [Transferred] (9437)
- 23N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 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.

 [Transferred] (9718)
- 24 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to support local authorities with finding homes for children with complex needs. (9939)
- Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to financially support community and voluntary organisations that support homeless people in City of Durham. (9940)
- 26 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling
 Up, Housing and Communities, what (a) financial and (b) other support his
 Department is providing to women's refuges in City of Durham constituency. (9941)
- 27 **Paul Girvan** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he will take steps to develop a national strategy on ending youth homelessness. (9917)
- 28 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department plans to publish the responses to the private parking code of practice call for evidence. (9798)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
 Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to incentivise
 the development of (a) GP surgeries and (b) other infrastructure in new housing
 developments.

 (9829)
- James Wild (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what progress his Department has made on clearing the backlog of local audits in England since the 2015-16 financial year. (9951)

- 31 Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to encourage women and girls' involvement in artificial intelligence. (9844)
- Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page six of her Department's policy paper entitled Research and development (R&D) people and culture strategy, published on 22 July 2021, what steps her Department is taking to ensure (a) leadership and (b) management skills are actively developed and supported in (i) talent programmes and (ii) grant holders' terms and conditions.
- 33 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page 8 of the Government's R&D People and Culture Strategy, published in July 2021, what progress she has made on working with funders and the research and innovation community to co-design a joined-up talent offer. (9814)
- 34 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department has taken in response to the recommendations of the UKRI Review of peer review, published on 3 July 2023. (9816)
- Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of permitted development rules on the commercial performance of telecommunications companies that have built networks under those rules. (9791)
- Andrew Western (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she plans to publish a revised Digital Inclusion Strategy. (9965)
- 37 Andrew Western (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make it her policy to ensure that everyone has the choice to access public services offline by phone, letter or faceto-face. (9966)
- Andrew Western (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make it her policy to introduce funding for public bodies to ensure that they are able to provide offline options for all service users.

 (9967)
- 39 Andrew Western (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to ensure that the Digital Inclusion Strategy takes account of people who are unable to get online. (9968)
- 40 **Scott Benton** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what support he is providing to regional airports for the costs of installing infrastructure to allow a transition to green fuel sources. (9953)

- 41 **Scott Benton** (Blackpool South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what capital funding his Department is making available to support the development of infrastructure at regional airports. (9954)
- 42 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with the Leader of the House on the timetable for legislating on national minimum standards for taxi and private hire vehicle licensing.

 (9922)
- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 71 of the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, whether the Wellington-Cullompton line has 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.

 (9879)
- 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 proposed reopening of the Wellington-Cullompton line. (9880)
- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 71 of the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, whether the new station at Tavistock has 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. (9881)
- 46 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 proposed development of the new station located in Tavistock connecting to Plymouth.
- 47 Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the the proposed electrification of the North Wales mainline, whether that project has entered the Rail network enhancements pipeline; what the project's Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment stage is as of 16 January 2024; when approval was granted to enter that stage; and whether entry to the next stage will be granted. (9883)
- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Euston Quarter development referred to in Network North, whether that project has entered the Rail network enhancements pipeline; what the project's Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment stage is as of 16 January 2024; when approval was granted to enter that stage; and whether entry to the next stage will be granted.

- 49 Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 25 of the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, whether the proposed reopening of Beeching lines has entered the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline; and what the current PACE status of that project is if this has entered the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline and the current PACE status of the project.
- 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 estimate he has made of the (a) final cost and (b) completion date of the proposed Ferryhill Station upgrades. (9886)
- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 25 of the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, whether the proposed Midlands Rail hub has 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. (9887)
- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 52 of the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, whether the proposed upgrade to Waverly station has 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. (9888)
- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the proposed improvements of the M6 Junction 15 South of Manchester to Birmingham have entered the Road Improvement Strategy (a) programme and (b) development stage; whether formal approvals have been granted; and whether they will progress into the next strategy phase.

 (9889)
- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate he has made of the (a) cost and (b) completion date of the proposed road improvements to the M6 Junction 15 South of Manchester to Birmingham. (9890)
- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate he has made of the (a) cost of and (b) completion date for the Kendal Access Road scheme. (9891)
- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Kendal Access Road scheme has entered the Road Improvement Strategy (a) programme and (b) development stage; whether formal approvals have been granted; and whether it will progress into the next strategy phase. (9892)
- 57 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) cost and (b) completion date of the proposed Kendal Access Road improvement scheme. (9893)

- Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the proposed Blyth relief road has entered the Road Improvement Strategy (a) programme and (b) development stage; whether formal approvals have been granted; and whether it will progress into the next strategy phase. (9894)
- 59 Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) cost and (b) completion date of the proposed Blyth relief road upgrades. (9895)
- 60 Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the A1-A19 Hickleton Bypass Road scheme has entered the Road Improvement Strategy (a) programme and (b) development stage; whether formal approvals have been granted; and whether it will progress into the next strategy phase.
- 61 Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the (a) cost and (b) completion date of the proposed A1-A19 Hickleton Bypass Road scheme. (9897)
- 62 Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the A38 Somerset road improvement scheme has entered the Road Improvement Strategy (a) programme and (b) development stage; whether formal approvals have been granted; and whether it will progress into the next strategy phase.
- 63 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has held discussions with the West Midlands Mayor on increasing the level of devolved powers for local bus services. (9733)
- 64 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the amount of additional rail capacity which will be available at the end of Network Rail's Control Period 7 funding settlement between 2024 and 2029. (9795)
- 65 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the rail industry's plans to review Ebbsfleet tunnel flooding that occurred on 29 December 2023. (9796)
- 66N Florence Eshalomi (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what information his Department holds on the number and proportion of workers that earn less than the Lower Earnings Limit.

 [Transferred] (9709)
- 67N Florence Eshalomi (Vauxhall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many workers in Scotland do not qualify for statutory sick pay because they earn less than the Lower Earnings Limit.

 [Transferred] (9710)
- 68 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are waiting for an Access to Work assessment as of 16 January 2023. (9901)

- 69 Vicky Foxcroft (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent progress his Department has made on publication of the Disability Action Plan. (9902)
- 70N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 3.25 of the Autumn Statement 2023, whether he has had recent discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the potential impact of plans to strengthen the Universal Credit sanctions regime on the health and wellbeing of claimants.

 [Transferred] (9548)
- 71N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (9549)
- 72 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of the eligibility criteria determining whether individuals should receive social security benefits.

 (9876)
- Jerome Mayhew (Broadland): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the total rate of (a) employment and (b) unemployment was of people aged 16 to 64 between February and April 2010. (9938)
- Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Fourth Report of the Public Accounts Committee of 2023–24 on The Department for Work & Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23, HC 290, published on 16 November 2023, for what reason his Department assumes that fraud will rise by five per cent each year. (9806)
- 75 Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many staff are employed to work on the access to work telephone helpline. (9929)
- 76 Andrew Western (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of removing the Household Support Fund on low-income pensioner households. (9969)
- 77 Andrew Western (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of eligible people claiming Pension Credit. (9970)
- 78 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many adverse events were registered with covid-19 vaccines from batch number 4120Z001 via the yellow card scheme; and whether more serious adverse events were registered with covid-19 vaccines from batch number 4120Z001 via the yellow card scheme than other batches of the Oxford-Astra Zeneca covid-19 vaccine.

- 79 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to improve (a) diagnosis and (b) outcomes for people with glioblastomas. (9920)
- Sarah Dyke (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of allowing children to be issued medical cannabis prescriptions on the NHS. (9974)
- Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's vaccination strategy, published on 13 December 2023, what assessment her Department has made of Integrated Care Boards' readiness to take on responsibility for commissioning vaccination services by April 2025.
- Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference the NHS England's vaccination strategy, published on 13 December 2023, what steps she (a) has taken and (b) plans to take to help ensure that NHS England is able to monitor (i) vaccine uptake and (ii) vaccine performance across England after vaccination commissioning and performance monitoring is delegated to Integrated Care Boards.
- Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's vaccination strategy, published on 13 December 2023, what guidance Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and NHS regional bodies will receive to ensure that vaccine monitoring is (a) comparable with other ICBs and (b) collated at a national level to monitor England's vaccine performance, after they become responsible for monitoring vaccine performance.

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- Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's vaccination strategy, published on 13 December 2023, what guidance her Department plans to provide to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) to ensure that vaccinators are trained to consider people with blood cancer who have received stem cell transplants when determining who has access to re-vaccination programmes, once ICBs become responsible for training vaccinators.
- Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NHS England's publication entitled NHS vaccination strategy, published on 13 December 2023, whether she plans to issue guidance to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) on the best practice for administering vaccinations for individuals with weakened immune systems. (9787)
- Sir George Howarth (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her Department's policies of trends in the level of demand for pharmacy services during winter 2023-24. (9751)

- 87 Dame Andrea Jenkyns (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of reasons for the the rise in excess deaths since 2020. (9900)
- Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her most recent estimate is of the number of children aged under 16 who are prescribed Elvanse but do not have access to it due to the shortage.

 (9842)
- Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data her Department holds on the number of children that have been waiting for medical procedures from the North West London Integrated Care Board longer than (a) 126 and (b) 365 days. (9845)
- 90 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of availability of clinicians to supervise (a) medical students and (b) newly qualified healthcare staff.

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- Pachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department takes to help ensure that clinical supervisers of (a) medical students and (b) newly qualified healthcare staff hold the relevant competencies to train those people.

 (9870)
- 92 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will (a) make an assessment of the availability of NHS dentists in York and (b) take steps with the Integrated Care Board to analyse and act upon the findings of that assessment. (9871)
- 93 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will publish the NHS dentistry recovery plan before 31 March 2024. (9872)
- 94 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of enabling pharmacists to undertake (a) blood tests and (b) ECGs as part of the Pharmacy First service.

 (9873)
- 95 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to enable all registered pharmacists to become independent prescribers. (9874)
- 96 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help ensure that newly qualified independent prescribers have clinical supervision. (9875)
- 97 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment has she made of the potential impact of local pharmacy closures on those pharmacies which remain open. (9877)

- 98 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many community pharmacies have closed in the last year for which data is available.

 (9878)
- 99N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will list the 18 NHS acute trusts where Op RESTORE: The Veterans Physical Health and Wellbeing Service are located; and for what reason those trusts were selected.

 [Transferred] (9382)
- 100 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the average time it takes for a child under the age of eighteen diagnosed with cancer to start treatment. (9930)
- Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to (a) improve access to and (b) reduce waiting times for counselling for children and young people. (9924)
- Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of funding (a) alternative therapy methods, (b) art therapy and (c) music therapy to help the mental wellbeing of children and young people. (9925)
- 103 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if her Department will take steps to reduce the waiting time for specialist electric wheelchairs for NHS patients. (9926)
- 104 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the time taken to receive specialist electric wheelchairs on NHS patients. (9927)
- 105 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the potential cost of Kaftrio for the NHS, in the context of the cost of Kaftrio in the EU market. (9817)
- 106 Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing pharmacy students to access the NHS Learning Support Fund. (9790)
- 107 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to provide additional funding to help prevent the closure of NHS dental services. (9824)
- 108 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has taken recent steps to provide new medications for treating psoriasis on the NHS. (9830)

- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has held recent discussions with (a) food and drink manufacturers and (b) high street retailers on taking steps to reduce the sugar content of iced coffee products. (9831)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NHS. (9832)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much compensation has been paid out by the vaccine damage payment scheme since Covid-19 was added to the scheme. (9962)
- **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many claimants have successfully been awarded compensation by the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme since Covid-19 was added to the scheme. (9963)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many applications for compensation have been (a) received, (b) accepted and (c) refused by the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme since Covid-19 was added to the scheme.
- Harriett Baldwin (West Worcestershire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what his Department's remaining
 budgeting is for supporting Marshall scholarships in the current spending review
 period.

 [R] (9809)
- **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department is providing emergency humanitarian assistance to help avert famine in Tigray. (9858)
- **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister of State,
 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if his Department will make
 representations to the Ethiopian Government to allow internally displaced
 Tigrayans to return. (9859)
- **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make representations to his counterpart in the Ethiopian Government on fully implementing the Pretoria Peace Agreement. (9860)
- **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has received legal advice on the UK's duty to prevent under the Genocide Convention for the conflict in Gaza. (9919)
- **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs report entitled Gaza: Fewer than 1 in 4 aid missions given green light, published on 16 January 2024. (9923)

- 120 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what diplomatic steps he is taking with
 his (a) Israeli counterpart and (b) the UN to help ensure the implementation of UN
 Security Council Resolution 2720. (9792)
- 121N Stewart Malcolm McDonald (Glasgow South): To ask the Minister of State,
 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made
 of the potential risk to civilians of a closure of Hudaydah port. [Transferred] (9545)
- **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2024 to Question 8417 on Bilateral Aid: Gender Based Violence, how much bilateral aid spending (a) his Department and (b) the predecessor Department, has used to address violence against women and girls in each year since 2010. (9802)
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterparts in the EU on the adequacy of the operation of the (a) Northern Ireland Protocol and (b) Windsor Framework in Northern Ireland. (9833)
- 124 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his
 counterparts in (a) Somaliland, (b) Somalia, (c) Ethiopia and (d) the African Union
 on the Memorandum of Understanding between Ethiopia and Somaliland. (9961)
- **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, when his Department plans to publish details of all departmental spending over £25,000 since May 2022. (9908)
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 13 December 2023 to Question 5408, if he will publish his Department's communications with the Hong Kong authorities on facilitating early drawdown of pension funds. (9847)
- **Sarah Dyke** (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will take steps to extend visas issued under the Ukraine Extension Scheme beyond the initial three-year period. (9973)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to tackle the sale of illegal tobacco. (9943)
- **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to tackle hate crime against LGBT+ people (a) nationally and (b) in Hull West and Hessle. (9918)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help prevent the conversion of handguns that are designed to fire blanks into guns which can fire live rounds. (9734)

- 131 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much and what proportion of the funding for the national rural crime unit will be allocated to Lincolnshire Police in each of the next five years.

 (9735)
- 132 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people awaiting a decision on an asylum application are currently accommodated in hotels in the UK. (9955)
- 133 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of notices given to asylum seekers to leave accommodation provided by his Department on trends in the level of demand for local government homelessness services.
- 134 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that recruitment to (a) police and (b) security services are promoted positively; and what discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Department of Justice on an effective approach to this issue.

(9828)

- 135 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Written Statement of 4 December 2023 entitled Update on the AUKUS Defence Partnership, HCWS89, how much his Department has spent on increasing its cyber capabilities since the announcement of the programme. (9753)
- 136 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8908, on Ministry of Defence: Bullying and Harassment, when he plans that the review into service complaints will conclude.

 (9754)
- 137 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8921 on Ministry of Defence: Bullying and Harassment, what steps his Department takes to monitor instances of unacceptable behaviour that result in matters being referred to the police.
- 138 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8680 on Ministry of Defence: Bullying and Harassment, whether his Department issues guidance to officials on determining what a high number is. (9759)
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 January 2024 to Question 7482 on Ministry of Defence: Equality, for how many hours a week his Department expects diversity and inclusion (a) advisers and (b) practitioners to undertake their role. (9760)

- 140 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 January 2024 to Question 7482 on Ministry of Defence: Equality, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of employing diversity and inclusion (a) advisers and (b) practitioners on a full time basis.
- 141 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2024 to Question 7285 on Ministry of Defence: Internet, what steps his Department takes to monitor the (a) number and (b) outcome of investigations into the online behaviour of people employed in his Department.
 (9762)
- 142 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 12 January 2024 to Question 7289 on Ministry of Defence: Staff, what steps his Department takes to monitor the number of diversity and inclusion (a) advisers and (b) practitioners employed by his Department.
- 143 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 5499 on Ministry of Defence: Apprentices, what steps his Department takes to monitor where apprenticeships are delivered. (9764)
- 144 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with which public affairs agencies his Department has had discussions in each financial year since 2019-20. (9765)
- 145 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 21 December 2023 to Question 7169 on Ministry of Defence: Allowances, how many claims for subsistence were made in each year since 2019.
- 146 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 21 December 2023 to Question 7169 on Ministry of Defence: Allowances, what the value was of subsistence claims in each year since 2019.
- 147 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2023 to Question 6435 on Ministry of Defence: Allowances, how much his Department recovered from fraudulent claims in each financial year since 2019-20. (9768)
- 148 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 8 of DE&S Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, published on 20 July 2023, HC 1528, when he expects the remaining new generation bomb disposal and search vehicles to be delivered to the Army. (9771)

- 149 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 8 of DE&S Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, published on 20 July 2023, HC 1528, when he expects Peregrine to be operational. (9772)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 7776 on Armed Forces: Recruitment, when the Royal Navy began operating a cash bounty scheme to incentivise serving personnel to refer non-serving personnel to join the Armed Forces.
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 7776 on Armed Forces: Recruitment, whether serving personnel in the (a) British Army receive a cash bounty for referring someone to join the Royal Navy and (b) Royal Navy receive a cash bounty for referring someone to join the British Army. (9739)
- 152 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much was spent on the refit of RFA Fort Victoria in 2022. (9741)
- 153 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he list the readiness of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary's ships and their target readiness days for 2024.
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's readiness days target is for (a) the Royal Navy and (b) Royal Fleet Auxiliaries ships. (9745)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the status of each of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Wave-class tankers is as of 16 January 2024. (9746)
- 156 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Fort Victoria is deployable as of 16 January 2024.

 (9747)
- 157 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the Royal Fleet Auxiliary's (a) staffing requirement is and (b) headcount as of 16 January 2024. (9748)
- 158 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) target and (b) actual number of personnel recruited into the Royal Fleet Auxiliary was in each year since 2010. (9749)
- 159 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on recruitment for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary in each year since 2010. (9750)
- 160 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his department has spent replacing lost military combat gear in each of the last five years. (9931)

- 161 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made on reducing vacant service family accommodation properties to 10%. (9935)
- Sarah Dyke (Somerton and Frome): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) witnesses and (b) complainants in domestic violence cases involving (i) lengthy court proceedings and (ii) pressure from the defendant to change or withdraw their statement. (9972)
- 163 **Sir George Howarth** (Knowsley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5765 on HM Courts and Tribunals Service: Standards, whether his Department is taking steps to help ensure that (a) HMCTS personnel are aware that complaints and feedback can be provided in person at HMCTS premises, (b) a remedy is provided to people who have been misinformed of this right by officials, and (c) HMCTS personnel facilitate in person complains and feedback at HMCTS premises.
- 164NCarol Monaghan (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he 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.

 [Transferred] (9542)
- 165 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many cases relating to the (a) mis-selling and (b) fraudulent advertising of pets took place in small claims courts in each year since 2018. (9949)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will take steps to increase the level of support available to victims of domestic abuse who are waiting for their trials to begin.
 (9822)
- 167 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to (a) help tackle and (b) vet HM Prison staff to ensure compliance with rules on the smuggling of contraband into prisons; and whether he has had recent discussions with his counterparts in the devolved Administrations on a UK-wide approach to this issue.
- 168NDaniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential role of Non-Fungible Tokens in tackling corruption in the administration of public finances.

 [Transferred] (9491)
- 169 Mark Logan (Bolton North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department is taking steps to help support Japanese companies to open bank accounts in the UK.

 [R] (9958)
- 170 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Growth Plan 2022, published on 23 September 2022, on levels of inflation in the following 12 months.

 (9956)

- 171 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on reducing the cost of diesel. (9823)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to help support mortgage holders with high interest rates; and whether he has had recent discussions with mortgage lenders on taking steps to support mortgage holders. (9825)

Questions for Answer on Friday 19 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Julian Knight (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department investigated the alleged leaking of confidential information to companies bidding for PPE contracts in 2020. (9856)
- 2N **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment criteria his Department used when awarding a contract for supply of PPE to ILC UK Ltd in 2020. (9857)
- 3N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to lengthen the time in which a complaint may be brought to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman. (9789)
- 4N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps is she taking to support the (a) life and (b) health science sector in Northern Ireland.
- 5N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the Work at Height Regulations 2005. (9838)
- 6N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the average waiting time for an EHC Plan in Blackpool South constituency. (9903)
- 7N 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 Blackpool South constituency. (9904)
- 8N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of children with SEND are (a) persistently and (b) severely absent from school in Blackpool South constituency. (9905)

- 9N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many looked after children from Blackpool South constituency are placed (a) outside and (b) 20 miles or more from the local authority area. (9906)
- 10N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many care experienced 16 and 17 year olds have been placed in unregistered accommodation in Blackpool South constituency. (9907)
- 11N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the cost to the public purse of the (a) construction, (b) demolition and (c) reconstruction of buildings constructed by Caledonian Modular at (i) Haygrove School, (ii) Sir Frederick Gibberd College (iii) and Buckton Fields Primary School. (9799)
- 12N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the total cost to the public purse of construction, demolition and reconstruction of school buildings constructed by Caledonian Modular and subsequently found to be structurally unsound.
- 13N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has taken steps to recover costs incurred to the public purse as a result of poor workmanship in cases of school buildings constructed by Caledonian Modular that were found to be structurally unsound. (9801)
- 14N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the earned income threshold of £7,400 for universal credit claimants under the Free School Lunches and Milk, and School and Early Years Finance (Amendments Relating to Universal Credit) (England) Regulations 2018 on the number of children who will be eligible for free school meals in (a) 2024 and (b) 2025.
- 15N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of children who previously received but are no longer eligible for free school meals as a result of their households reaching a net earned income threshold of £7,400 per annum under Universal Credit at the point of claim as of 9 January 2024; and whether her Department holds data on families with multiple children in which one or more child qualifies for free school meals but not the others.
- 16N Mr Gregory Campbell (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 5 July 2023 to Question 191886 on Animal Welfare: Veterinary Services, what the outcome was of the workforce modelling across the veterinary sector undertaken by the Royal Colleague of Veterinary Surgeons; and how many qualified vets will be needed by 2028 to respond to animal welfare issues.

- 17N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the number of families with children living in temporary accommodation in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midland and (c) England in each of the last three years.
- 18N Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many families with children were housed in temporary accommodation for more than (a) six months, (b) one year and (c) two years in (i) Coventry North East constituency, (ii) Coventry, (iii) the West Midlands and (iv) England in each of the last three years.
- 19N Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under- Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on 10 January 2024 in the Adjournment debate on Inter Faith Network for the UK, Official Report, column 418, when he plans to make a further announcement on the Inter Faith Network.
- 20N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
 Housing and Communities, what data on market rents in retirement communities
 the rent review tribunals proposed in the Renters Reform Bill will use. (9725)
- 21N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page seven of her Department's policy paper entitled Research and development (R&D) people and culture strategy, published on 22 July 2021, what steps her Department is taking to encourage adoption of the Résumé for Researchers CV.
- 22N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to tackle (a) bullying,
 (b) harassment and (c) discrimination in (i) her Department and (ii) research and STEM workplaces.
- 23N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the immigration system in meeting the objectives stated in the UK Science and Technology Framework, published on 6 March 2023. (9815)
- 24N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the financial impact of moving from Working

 Tax Credits to Universal Credit on recipient farmers. (9914)
- 25N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using alternative methods of calculating monthly Universal Credit rates for self-employed recipients with seasonal income and expenditure patterns. (9915)

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26N Ben Lake (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using annual income as the basis for Universal Credit rates for self-employed recipients with seasonal income and expenditure patterns.

(9916)

- 27N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if her Department will take steps to help support people with Dementia to complete the NHS continuing healthcare application. (9839)
- 28N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of dentists that advertise NHS services but are not able to provide them due to (a) levels of staffing and (b) financial reasons.

(9840)

29N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how she plans to review the effectiveness of changes to statutory regulations of healthcare professionals.

(9865)

- 30N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of having a single regulator with different registers. (9866)
- 31N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will conduct a review of the competencies of (a) anaesthesia associates and (b) physician associates, in the context of the clarification of the different competencies of registered doctors. (9867)
- 32N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she has taken to engage with the medical and surgical colleges on the proposed regulation of anaesthesia associates and physician associates. (9868)
- 33N Lisa Nandy (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of X-linked hypophosphatemia. (9803)
- 34N Lisa Nandy (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve the (a) diagnosis rate and (b) management of Tumour Induced Osteomalacia. (9804)
- 35N Lisa Nandy (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had discussions with NICE on their decision not to recommend using burosumab in the treatment of (a) X-linked hypophosphatemia and (b) related disorders in adults. (9805)
- 36N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of the use of Kaftrio in the NHS. (9818)

- 37N Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has had discussions with (a) HM Treasury and (b) the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence on the adoption of a discount rate of 1.5% when assessing the future (a) benefits and (b) costs of medicines to align with the guidance set out in the Green Book. (9852)
- 38N **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if the Foreign Secretary will meet the Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government at the World Economic Forum in Davos. (9774)
- 39N Wayne David (Caerphilly): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will raise the missile attack by Iran on Iraqi
 Kurdistan on 15 January 2023 at the United Nations Security Council. (9775)
- 40N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will meet with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance to discuss UK support for global child vaccination. (9864)
- 41N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with
 counterparts in Nigeria on violent persecution of Christians in that country. (9862)
- 42N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what support his Department is
 providing to organisations promoting freedom of religion or belief in Nigeria. (9863)
- 43N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January
 2024 to Question 8588 on Israel: Gaza, what assessment he has made of the
 relevance to the case brought against Israel at the International Court of Justice
 by the Republic of South Africa of the speech by the Israeli Prime Minister on 28
 October 2023.
- 44N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2024 to Question 8588 on Israel: Gaza, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the speech by the Israeli Prime Minister on 28 October 2023.
- 45N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 22 February to Question 146816 on Northern Ireland Protocol and Trader Support Service: Costs, what the status is of the Movement Assistance Scheme. (9778)
- 46N Andy Slaughter (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will have discussions with the Leader of the House on ensuring parliamentary time to (a) debate and (b) vote on the Government's treaty with Rwanda within the timeframe outlined in the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act. (9788)

- 47N Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will hold discussions with the Leader of the House on making time for a (a) debate and (b) vote on the Government's treaty with Rwanda before 31 January 2024. (9928)
- 48N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how often the House of Commons Commission reviews the terms and conditions of the travel subsidy setting out funding available for school trips to Parliament. (9797)
- 49N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many instances of property damage by pests were reported to parliamentary authorities in each of the last three years.

 (9911)
- 50N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how much has been spent on repairing damage caused by pests on the Estate in each of the last three years. (9912)
- 51N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8912 on Ministry of Defence: Bullying and Harassment, how many (a) bullying, (b) discrimination and (c) harassment complaints were recorded on MyHR in each year since 2019. (9756)
- 52N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8912 on Ministry of Defence: Bullying and Harassment, how many complaints are logged on the Defence Business Services case management system as bullying and harassment. (9757)
- 53N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8912 on Ministry of Defence: Bullying and Harassment, in what year each complaint on the Defence Business Services case management system as bullying and harassment was first logged.
- 54N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department uses equipment made by Fujitsu. (9769)
- 55N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has any contracts with Fujitsu. (9770)
- 56N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January to Question 7776 on Armed Forces:

 Recruitment, how many serving personnel have been awarded a cash bounty for referring someone to join the (a) British Army and (b) Royal Navy. (9736)
- 57N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 7776 on Armed Forces: Recruitment, how much funding have the (a) British Army and (b) Royal Navy allocated for bounty schemes for referring someone to join the Armed Forces. (9737)

- 58N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the current status of RFA Fort Victoria is. (9740)
- 59N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much has been paid to Cammell Laird for the upkeep of RFA Fort Victoria since the end of the ship's refit period in 2022. (9742)
- 60N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans for RFA Fort Victoria to participate in Exercise Steadfast Defender 2024. (9743)
- 61N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of trends in the level of (a) recruitment and (b) retention in the armed forces. (9841)
- 62N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 9109 on Ministry of Defence: Sexual Offences, how much has been paid by the (a) Army, b) Royal Navy and (c) Royal Air Force in (i) common law compensation claims that included an allegation of sexual abuse and (ii) out-of-court damages in each of the last five years. (9910)
- 63N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many incidents relating to the loss of (a) heating and (b) hot water were reported at (i) HMS Raleigh, (ii) Commando Training Centre Lympstone, (iii) HMS Sultan (iv) HMS Collingwood v) CHOM, YHOM, DOM and No1 Mess RAFC Cranwell, (vi) RAF Halton (vii) Catterick Garrison, (viii) RAF Cosford and (ix) Stonehouse Barracks in the last 12 months.
- 64N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what data his Department holds on the number of compensation payments that have been awarded to families living in service accommodation in the last 12 months; and what the total value was of these payments each month. (9933)
- 65N Zarah Sultana (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 13 July 2020 to Question 68798 on Yemen: Military Intervention, whether his Department maintains its Tracker database of alleged instances of breaches or violations of International Humanitarian Law. (9950)
- 66N Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies on libel cases of the decision of the High Court of Justice of Northern Ireland on Case 2024NIMaster1, delivered on 8 January 2024.
- 67N Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing protections for journalists under libel defamation law in Northern Ireland. (9959)

- 68N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the oral contribution of the Prime Minister during the oral statement on Defending the UK and Allies of 15 January 2024, Official Report, column 577, for what reason only forces from the UK and USA took part in the action in the Red Sea on 11 January 2024.
- 69N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Answer of 18 October 2023 to Question 201259 on v, when he expects to see the results of the Fair4AllFinance pilot in Northern Ireland. (9776)
- 70N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, What the cost to the public purse was of the Trader Support Service between August 2020 and January 2024. (9779)
- 71N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to establish a new compensation scheme for Equitable Life policyholders. (9810)
- 72N **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential risk to the UK financial services industry of the Financial Conduct Authority investigation into the LF Woodford Equity Income Fund.

Questions for Answer on Monday 22 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent discussions officials in his Department have had with representatives of (a) Thames Water and (b) local authorities in west London on Thames Waters' proposed planning application for the Teddington direct river abstraction. (9854)
- 2N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what the status is of the Building Safety Fund application made by Gallions Approach Limited for Drift Court, reference London_1595. (9727)
- 3N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact a change of directors at Gallions Approach Limited will have on its Building Safety Fund application for Drift Court, reference London_1595. (9728)

- 4N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 9003 on Broadband: Voucher Schemes, of the applications received by Building Digital UK since December 2022 how many have been (a) made by and (b) granted to businesses and individuals in Wales.
- 5N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help prevent the online sale of prescription drugs without a prescription. (9913)
- 6N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January
 2023 to Question 9028 on Gaza: Humanitarian Aid, can he provide a full list of the
 UK aid supplies for Gaza that have been refused entry by the Israeli authorities
 since 7 October 2023. (9909)
- 7N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many single living accommodation bed spaces his Department owns as of 16 January 2024; and of those, how many and what proportion are located in the UK.

 (9934)
- 8N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of service family accommodation properties (a) are vacant and (b) meet the Decent Homes Standard as of 16 January 2024. (9936)
- 9N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many open work orders for repairs there were for (a) Service Family Accommodation and (b) Single Living Accommodation as of 16 January 2024. (9937)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

- 1 Mr Alistair Carmichael (Orkney and Shetland): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of the use of SMEs in the delivery of levelling up infrastructure projects. (901063)
- 2 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): If he will target levelling up funding at the most economically deprived communities. (901064)
- 3 **Samantha Dixon** (City of Chester): What steps he is taking to increase the provision of social rented housing. (901065)
- 4 Mark Eastwood (Dewsbury): What steps his Department is taking to ensure effective accountability of regional mayors. (901066)
- 5 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): What recent assessment he has made of the impact of voter identification requirements on election turnout. (901067)

- **Richard Foord** (Tiverton and Honiton): What assessment he has made of the causes of council budget deficits. (901068)
- **Maggie Throup** (Erewash): What steps he is taking to protect public green spaces. (901069)
- **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): What assessment he has made of the potential merits of a four-day working week for local authority employees. (901070)
- **Sir David Evennett** (Bexleyheath and Crayford): What steps he is taking to help first-time buyers. (901071)
- 10 Amy Callaghan (East Dunbartonshire): Whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill on freedom of speech. (901072)
- **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): What steps he is taking to reform the leasehold system. (901073)
- **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): What steps he is taking to increase social housing stock. (901074)
- **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): If he will take steps to increase the availability of social housing in the North West. (901075)
- **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): What steps he is taking to promote transparency in local government. (901076)
- **Clive Efford** (Eltham): What steps he is taking to reform the private rented sector. (901077)
- 16 Andrew Selous (South West Bedfordshire): What assessment he has made of the reliability of information on associated infrastructure provided to buyers by housing developers. (901078)
- **Steven Bonnar** (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): What his policy is on the future of the Levelling Up Fund. (901079)
- **Nigel Mills** (Amber Valley): What steps his Department is taking to ensure effective accountability of regional mayors. (901080)
- **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): What assessment he has made of the role of neighbourhood planning in the National Planning Policy Framework. (901081)
- **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): What steps he is taking to help ensure that local communities can participate in decisions on what is built in their neighbourhood.

 (901082)
- **Jason McCartney** (Colne Valley): What plans he has to tackle poorly performing housing management companies. (901083)
- 22 Mark Menzies (Fylde): What steps he plans to take to reform the leasehold system.
 (901084)

23	John Penrose (Weston-super-Mare): If he will make an assessment of the poten	tial
	merits of a permitted development right for urban homeowners to increase the	eir
	property to four storeys where that complies with the local authority's design	
	code.	(901085)

24 **Trudy Harrison** (Copeland): What steps his Department is taking to help end homelessness. (901086)

Wera Hobhouse (Bath): What assessment he has made of the causes of council budget deficits. (901087)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 23 January

Ouestions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she plans to review legislation on the sale of fireworks. (9731)
- 2N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had discussions with her counterpart in the Scottish Government on the effectiveness of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 in tackling (a) anti-social behaviour and (b) animal welfare concerns.

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- 3N Dr Dan Poulter (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the National Grid has had discussions with RAF Wattisham on the Norwich to Tilbury pylon proposals. (9793)
- Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what the average length of time is for a successful nationally significant infrastructure project planning application to be granted approval. (9853)
- Mr John Baron (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when she plans to respond to correspondence from the hon. Member for Basildon and Billericay dated (a) 1 September, (b) 26 October, (c) 9 November, (d) 30 November, (e) 1 December 2023 and (f) 16 January 2024, case reference JB42595. (9773)
- 6N Steve McCabe (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to (a) recruit and (b) retain GPs. (9729)
- 7N Steve McCabe (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of GPs in Birmingham, Selly Oak constituency. (9730)
- Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the (a) methods and (b) processes used by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence on access to medicines for patients with rarer diseases since January 2022; and whether this assessment will be reflected in the next Rare Diseases Action Plan for England. (9850)
- 9N Daniel Zeichner (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had discussions with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence on the case for a rarity modifier in its standard technology appraisal programme as part of its modular updates to its methods and processes.
- 10N **Dr Dan Poulter** (Central Suffolk and North Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with the National Grid on the proposed pylons from Norwich to Tilbury. (9794)
- 11N Ruth Cadbury (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what training prison officers receive on violence against women and girls. (9855)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 24 January

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Scotland

- 1 Mary Glindon (North Tyneside): Whether he has had recent discussions with the Advocate General for Scotland on the prosecution of postmasters using evidence from the Horizon IT system. (901048)
- 2 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for the oil and gas industry in Scotland. (901049)
- 3 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the future of levelling up in Scotland. (901050)
- 4 Karin Smyth (Bristol South): Whether he has had discussions with the Scottish Government on funding for nursing bursaries for those studying in Scotland. (901051)
- Douglas Chapman (Dunfermline and West Fife): Whether he has made a recent assessment of the impact of import and export requirements following the UK's exit from the EU on Scottish businesses.

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- 6 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): What recent steps his Department has taken to help support the Scottish economy. (901053)
- 7 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): Whether he is taking steps to promote cooperation between businesses in Scotland and Northern Ireland. (901054)
- 8 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on promoting Scotland overseas. (901055)
- 9 Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on ambulance waiting times in Scotland. (901056)
- 10 **Douglas Ross** (Moray): What assessment he has made of the impact of the Autumn Statement 2023 on the Scottish economy. (901057)
- 11 Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): Whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on bringing Afghan female medical students to Scotland. (901058)
- 12 Carol Monaghan (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he has made recent assessment of the impact of import and export requirements following the UK's exit from the EU on Scottish businesses. (901059)
- 13 Amy Callaghan (East Dunbartonshire): What recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the financial settlement for Scotland. (901060)
- 14 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the financial settlement for Scotland. (901061)
- David Duguid (Banff and Buchan): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for the seafood sector in Scotland. (901062)

Questions for Answer on Friday 26 January

Questions for Written Answer

1N Owen Thompson (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's policy is on the roles Commonwealth soldiers are eligible to apply for while serving in the British Army. (9899)