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Questions tabled on Thursday 18 January 2024

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Friday 19 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the Border Target Operating Model on the (a) flow and (b) security of goods. [Transferred] (10234)
- 2 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had recent discussions with industry stakeholders on (a) the border target operating model and (b) the potential impact of that model on (i) trade and (ii) customs operations. [Transferred] (10235)
- 3 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the border target operating model on the (a) flow and (b) security of goods. [Transferred] (10236)
- 4 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make it his policy to help ensure that people who are not online have the choice of accessing public services (a) by phone, (b) by letter and (c) face-to-face. [Transferred] (10150)
- 5 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make it his policy to introduce funding for public bodies to help ensure the provision of offline options for service users. [Transferred] (10151)
- 6 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 November 2023 to Question 1832 on Honours: Northern Ireland, if he will (a) make it his policy to (i) update the statues of the Most

Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick and (ii) make the Order available to residents of the whole island of Ireland and (b) make an assessment of the potential impact of that policy on the state of the Union.

[Transferred] (10049)

- 7N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 22 February 2023 to Question 146816 on Northern Ireland Protocol and Trader Support Service: Costs, what the status is of the Movement Assistance Scheme. [Transferred] (9778)
- 8 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure the safety of imported food under the Border Target Operating Model. [Transferred] (9995)
- 9 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to work with relevant authorities in improving storm resilience and recovery efforts in (a) England and (b) Romford constituency. [Transferred] (10047)
- 10 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when (a) he, (b) Ministers in his Department and (c) officials in his Department last met the architect named as leading the design team for the new national landmark next to the Houses of Parliament in the press notice issued by the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation and the Cabinet Office published on 24 October 2017. [Transferred] (9987)
- 11 **Philip Dunne** (Ludlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an estimate of the number of applications under the Section 13 process in the Renters Reform Bill in each of the first 3 years after its passage. [R] [Transferred] (10065)
- 12 **Philip Dunne** (Ludlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will publish the Justice Impact Test for the Renters Reform Bill. [R] [Transferred] (10066)
- 13 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential economic impact of the South Yorkshire Investment Zone on Rother Valley constituency. [Transferred] (10327)
- 14 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the impact of the South Yorkshire Investment Zone on the creation of skilled jobs and businesses in Rother Valley Constituency. [Transferred] (10328)
- 15 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what information his Department holds on the economic output of (a) Rother Valley constituency (b) South Yorkshire, and (c) the UK every year since 1994. [Transferred] (10329)

- 16 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the economic impact of the South Yorkshire Investment Zone on the local economy of Rother Valley.
[Transferred] (10334)
- 17 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether an Indian Police Service officer was expelled from London in 2023.
[Transferred] (10219)
- 18 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what his Department's plans are for promoting the celebration of Commonwealth Day 2024 across the United Kingdom.
[Transferred] (10052)
- 19 **Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, which Ministers in his Government are responsible for reviewing the (a) law and (b) practice relating to the provision of support for children whose parents separate or divorce.
[Transferred] (9984)

Questions for Answer on Monday 22 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he plans to take to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of lighting a D-Day 80 Lamp Light of Peace.
(10417)
- 2N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the regional breakdown within Northern Ireland is of the Investment Fund for Northern Ireland loaned to small businesses from the Investment Fund for Northern Ireland.
[Transferred] (10032)
- 3 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to the Netherlands in the last two years.
(10511)
- 4 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to China in the last two years.
(10512)
- 5 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Ireland in the last two years.
(10513)
- 6 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Belgium in the last two years.
(10514)

- 7 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to help increase exports to Italy in the last two years. (10515)
- 8 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 21 December 2023 to Question 6822 on Companies: Registration, when the broader powers given to the Registrar under the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 will come into effect; and whether her Department will provide additional resources to the Registrar to ensure it is able to use these powers. (10460)
- 9 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate her Department has made of the potential increase in the average price of goods following the redirection of ships around the Cape of Good Hope. (10419)
- 10N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to his Department's planned update to the statutory guidance on Promoting the Health and Wellbeing of Looked After Children, if he will include a (a) specific focus on mental health services for that group as part of that update and (b) strategy for delivering those services in a culturally sensitive manner. [Transferred] (10002)
- 11 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the average cost of childcare for a (a) two and (b) three and four-year-old child for 25 hours a week in Blackpool North and Cleveleys constituency. (10495)
- 12 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce school absenteeism in Lancashire. (10380)
- 13 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support adults to reach GCSE level English and Maths. (10483)
- 14 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will help provide free adult (a) literacy and (b) numeracy education. (10484)
- 15 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding her Department has provided for adult (a) literacy and (b) numeracy education in further education colleges in each of the last 10 years. (10485)
- 16 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing young adults who are not engaging with school to attend placements with employers. (10486)
- 17 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what target her Department has set for the level of private equity finance to be raised for Sizewell C; how much equity has been committed

- (a) in total and (b) by EDF; what deadline there is for the conclusion of the private equity-raising process; and whether her Department has set a maximum level of equity that it will commit to this project. (10477)
- 18 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the energy mix in (a) Newport West and (b) Wales. (10536)
- 19 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the cost to the public purse was of the boiler upgrade scheme in the last 12 months for which data is available. (10421)
- 20 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help support the movement of unaffected livestock while restrictions for Bluetongue disease are in place. (10470)
- 21 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the cost is of (a) purchase of and (b) construction works on Sevington Internal Border Facility. (10516)
- 22 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the average daily operational costs for Sevington Internal Border Facility were in 2023; and what the average daily costs for (a) site security staff, (b) site operational staff, (c) running on-site equipment and machinery, (d) services and amenities, (e) maintenance and (f) all other costs were in 2023. (10517)
- 23 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the budget is to (a) retro-fix the site of, (b) bring to operational (i) standards and (ii) capacity and (c) complete works at Sevington Internal Border Facility. (10518)
- 24 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the maximum number of physical checks that can be undertaken at the Sevington Products of Animal Origin Border Control Point in a 24-hour period. (10519)
- 25 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many port health staff (a) will be required at Sevington inland border facility and (b) are employed by Ashford Border Control. (10520)
- 26 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of port health staff at Ashford Border Control are completing sanitary and phytosanitary checks. (10521)

- 27 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the operating hours each (a) day and (b) week for the products of animal origin border control point in the Sevington Internal Border Facility. (10522)
- 28 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what enforcement action the Environment Agency will take to prevent environmental contamination from Trenchard Scrapyard in Four Marks, Hampshire. (10533)
- 29 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether Trenchard Scrapyard in Four Marks, Hampshire is compliant with the required Environment Agency permits and conditions; and what steps are being taken to ensure compliance. (10534)
- 30 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what meetings have taken place between Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council and the Environment Agency on Trenchard Scrapyard in Four Marks, Hampshire. (10535)
- 31 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help increase prosecutions for fly tipping. (10559)
- 32 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the Environment Agency on increasing the number of flood defence projects. (10420)
- 33 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to tackle the spread of ash dieback. (10422)
- 34 **Mark Eastwood** (Dewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that private car park operators (a) display clear signage, (b) impose proportionate fine costs and (c) do not impose additional hidden fees. (10560)
- 35 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many Afghan refugees are (a) registered as homeless and (b) accommodated in temporary local authority accommodation. (10366)
- 36 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department takes to consult tenants on developments in the regulated housing sector. (10370)
- 37 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what guidance his Department issues to the regulated housing sector on consultation with tenants. (10371)

- 38 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of funding an independent body to represent the interests of tenants in the regulated housing sector. (10372)
- 39 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to tackle overcrowding in Bolton South East constituency. (10441)
- 40 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has had recent discussions with the London Borough of Havering on tackling mould in council accommodation in Romford constituency. (10410)
- 41 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he is taking steps with the London Borough of Havering to provide (a) shelter, (b) warmth and (c) nutrition to homeless people in Romford constituency. (10411)
- 42N **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the impediments are to the removal of non-consensual intimate images posted online. [Transferred] (10099)
- 43N **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to require website providers to remove intimate online images that have been published without consent. [Transferred] (10100)
- 44 **Chloe Smith** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she has taken to encourage investment in research into (a) tests and (b) treatments for less survivable cancers. (10438)
- 45 **Chloe Smith** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on levels of funding for research on potential tests and treatments for less survivable cancers. (10439)
- 46 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with rail company operators on the reasons for which there are differences in the cost of (a) online and (b) ticket machine ticket purchases. (10552)
- 47 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department will make an assessment of the disparities in pricing between (a) online retailers of train tickets and (b) station based ticket machines. (10553)
- 48 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make it his policy to include (a) information on and (b) opt-in forms for (i) organ, (ii) stem cell and (iii) blood donation with DVLA application forms. (10557)

- 49 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much his Department provided in operating subsidies to each train operating company in each year since 2010. (10478)
- 50 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what (a) supervision there is and (b) checks there are of operators and vessels transporting North Sea oil for refining. (10550)
- 51 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish data held by his Department on the ownership and flag status of ships transporting (a) Forties Pipeline oil and (b) UK North Sea oil generally for refining overseas. (10551)
- 52 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will hold discussions with car insurance providers on the impact of their policies on writing-off cars on trends in the level of car insurance policies. (10369)
- 53 **Gavin Newlands** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has had discussions with the Isle of Man Government on employment practices on Isle of Man Steam Packet Company passenger ships that use UK ports. (10461)
- 54 **Gavin Newlands** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with Avanti West Coast on their internal communications strategy since 10 January 2024. (10462)
- 55 **Gavin Newlands** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions have taken place between his Department, Royal Mail Group Ltd, and rolling stock leasing companies on future rail freight capacity for (a) parcels and (b) letter traffic. (10464)
- 56 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that electric vehicle charging stations are accessible to disabled motorists. (10558)
- 57 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on the number of job centre clients that have been assisted by an armed forces champion in the Gower constituency in the last 12 months. (10502)
- 58 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he has taken to work with local authorities to ensure that residents in council accommodation are supported during periods of cold weather in Romford constituency. (10412)
- 59 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will confirm whether (a) Simon Blagden declared his relationship with Larkspur International to the UK Health Security Agency

- (UKHSA) before his appointment to its advisory board, (b) UKHSA vetted Larkspur International before his appointment and (c) he supplied UKHSA with a list of Larkspur's clients. (10401)
- 60 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to support pharmacies seeking to provide Pharmacy First. (10487)
- 61 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to increase pharmacy access to medical notes in the context of the provision of Pharmacy First services. (10488)
- 62 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to tackle the number of hospital admissions due to incorrect medication prescriptions. (10489)
- 63 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she undertake a review of consistency in the use of NHS protected job titles. (10490)
- 64 **Keir Mather** (Selby and Ainsty): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to increase the availability of the shingles vaccine. (10577)
- 65 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to increase staff (a) recruitment and (b) retention in the adult social care sector. (10440)
- 66 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for treatments for (a) breast, (b) ovarian and (c) prostate cancer. (10442)
- 67 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to prevent the selling of prescription drugs online without requiring a prescription. (10418)
- 68 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the clinical lead proposal form relating to abiraterone acetate as a treatment for advanced high risk non-metastatic prostate cancer was (a) completed and (b) sent to the Clinical Effectiveness Team (NHS England) under section A1.4 of Methods: National clinical policies. (10501)
- 69 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Fleetwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Written Statement of 17 January 2024 on Women's Health Strategy update, HCWS192, whether the National Institute for Health and Care Research challenge fund will fund research into anti-epilepsy medicines safe for use in pregnancy. (10469)

- 70 **Chloe Smith** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of an action plan for the less survivable cancers. (10434)
- 71 **Chloe Smith** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions she has had with international counterparts on their approach to the less survivable cancers. (10435)
- 72 **Chloe Smith** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she plans to take to tackle less survivable cancers in the Major Conditions Strategy. (10436)
- 73 **Chloe Smith** (Norwich North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the rollout of community diagnostic centres on the time taken to diagnose less survivable cancers. (10437)
- 74 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made with the Chancellor of the Exchequer of the potential impact of removing VAT from factor 30+ sunscreen on the level of incidence of skin cancer. (10499)
- 75 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, when his Department plans to respond to the Eighth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Session 2022-23 on Tilting Horizons: the Integrated Review and the Indo-Pacific, HC 172, published on 30 August 2023; and if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the recommendations in the Open Doors 2024 World Watch List. (10455)
- 76 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his Indian counterpart on allegations of intimidation against British Sikhs by agents of the Indian government. (10504)
- 77 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of alleged foreign interventions targeting the British Sikh community on UK-India relations. (10508)
- 78 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) his Israeli counterpart and (b) international agencies on taking steps to help ensure the (i) safe use and (ii) protection of medical facilities in Gaza. (10566)
- 79 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the civil war in Sudan on regional stability. (10523)

- 80 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his counterparts (a) in Sudan and (b) internationally on de-escalating tensions in Sudan. (10524)
- 81 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the political situation in Somalia on peace in the region. (10525)
- 82 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his counterparts (a) in Somalia and (b) internationally on de-escalating tensions in Somalia. (10526)
- 83 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the political situation in Libya on regional stability. (10527)
- 84 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his counterparts (a) in Libya and (b) internationally on de-escalating tensions in Libya. (10528)
- 85 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Libya's climate vulnerability on peace and stability in that country. (10529)
- 86 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he plans to take to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. (10416)
- 87 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the impact of Saudi Arabia's omission from Operation Prosperity Guardian on the UK's relation with that country. (10423)
- 88 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what estimate he has made of the number of missiles that have been provided to the Houthis by the Islamic Republic of Iran since 2014. (10424)
- 89 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, on how many occasions the Secretary of State has met their counterparts in the Gulf to discuss Yemen in each year since 2020. (10425)

- 90 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of Qatari financial support to the Houthis on their ability to launch the recent attacks on UK and NATO naval vessels. (10426)
- 91 **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many holders of physical biometric residence permits have been given access to an online UK Visas and Immigration account. (10471)
- 92 **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his target is for the number of online UK Visas and Immigration accounts to be registered for holders of physical biometric residence permits by the end of June 2024. (10472)
- 93 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to (a) assess and (b) ensure the safety of members of the Sikh community issued with Osman notices. (10503)
- 94 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the potential risks to British Sikh activists of international incidents involving members of the Sikh community. (10505)
- 95 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help ensure the safety of British citizens involved in international political movements. (10506)
- 96 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what processes are in place to evaluate the credibility of threats leading to the issuing of Osman warnings in the Sikh community. (10507)
- 97 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to liaise with the Sikh community over safety concerns. (10509)
- 98 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will review the (a) support and (b) protection measures available to (i) individuals and (ii) families who have received Osman warnings. (10510)
- 99 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to increase (a) charge rates and (b) support for victims of crime in (i) Newport West and (ii) Wales. (10540)
- 100 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of hate crime targeted at LGBT+ people in (a) Wales and (b) Newport West constituency. (10542)

- 101 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of Afghan refugees arrived in the UK (a) from Pakistan and (b) by other routes in each month since November 2023. (10368)
- 102 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will hold discussions with (a) HSBC and (b) Standard Chartered on taking steps to publish all communications between their organisations and the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Authority in the last three years. (10409)
- 103 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Army personnel there have been on average in each year since 2000. (10473)
- 104 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Navy personnel there have been on average in each year since 2000. (10474)
- 105 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Royal Air Force personnel there have been on average in each year since 2000. (10475)
- 106 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of Defence Equipment and Support staff were women in each year since 2019. (10382)
- 107 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 9 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, what estimate he has made of the date by which the leadership development programmes for those (a) with a declared disability and (b) from an ethnic minority will be operational. (10384)
- 108 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 9 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, how many sessions entitled Let's Talk About Behaviours did (a) executives and (b) senior leaders lead in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (10385)
- 109 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 11 of the Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, for which three key themes did DE&S not record a positive shift in its latest People Survey. (10386)
- 110 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 11 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, what steps he has taken to encourage staff to voice concerns. (10387)
- 111 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 15 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Project Delivery function. (10388)

- 112 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 18 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, whether a decision has been made on the location of the two net zero pilot sites. (10390)
- 113 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 18 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, how many staff members have undertaken training in forensic accounting as of 18 January 2024. (10391)
- 114 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 18 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, what recent progress has been made on the automation of key control processes. (10392)
- 115 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 18 of the Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, whether the review of the DE&S operating model has been completed. (10394)
- 116 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 25 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, what steps he has taken to maximise the use of professional expertise to better inform decision-making. (10396)
- 117 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 25 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Account 2022-23, what steps he has taken to simplify and accelerate internal initiatives. (10397)
- 118 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 25 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Account 2022-23, what recent progress has been made on the creation of the three control centres. (10398)
- 119 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 40 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, what the 16 sub-targets were; and of those, which (a) were and (b) were not met. (10399)
- 120 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 47 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, how many (a) experience sessions, (b) masterclasses and (c) communication campaigns there were to raise awareness of new policies and guidance. (10400)

- 121 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Merlin database held by the Atomic Weapons Establishment is among the files routinely checked when nuclear veterans make a Data Subject Access Request. (10376)
- 122 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when documentation relevant to nuclear test veterans' litigation was first stored on the Merlin database held by the Atomic Weapons Establishment. (10377)
- 123 **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Afghans are accommodated in (a) camps and (b) other sites operated by his Department. (10367)
- 124 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the letter deposited in the House of Commons, committed on 27 December 2023, paper reference DEP2024-0002, for what reason the sum of figures in columns headed 2018 to 2023 do not equal the totals under each of those columns; and for what reason the number of grade two personnel in the column headed 2023, as at 29 Nov 2023 is significantly lower than previous years. (10530)
- 125 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he plans to take to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. (10413)
- 126 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make it his policy to increase the presence of Royal Air Force assets at RAF Akrotiri. (10414)
- 127 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to (a) maintain and (b) improve amphibious assault capabilities. (10415)
- 128N**Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many pet owners (a) have been convicted of and (b) served prison sentences for offences against their pets under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 in the last two years. [Transferred] (10034)
- 129 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the press release entitled Government payments for communities affected by flooding, published on 6 January 2024, what the value of the Barnett Consequential is following the financial support for households flooded as a result of recent storms. (10476)
- 130N**Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to HMRC's policy paper entitled Clarifications of the rules for cultural tax reliefs, updated on 22 November 2023, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed changes to section 1217FA of the Corporation Tax Act 2009 on (a) immersive and (b) experiential experimental work. [Transferred] (10159)

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- 131 **Gavin Newlands** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 15 November 2023 to Question 260 on Cycle to Work Scheme: Fees and Charges, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of administration fees charged by providers of services operated under the Cycle to Work scheme on independent cycle shops. (10463)
- 132 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal support his Department is providing to help increase the number of skilled jobs in Rother Valley in the next (a) year, (b) 5 years and (c) ten years. (10569)
- 133 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the process for (a) finalising and (b) publishing pay review body remit letters is; and which Departments have a role in that process. (10578)
- 134 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on which dates his Department's pay review body remit letters were (a) circulated and (b) published in each year since 2010. (10561)
- 135 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the deadline is for when Departments should provide submissions to public sector pay review bodies for the 2024-25 financial year. (10562)
- 136 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish the (a) commencement letters and (b) date each public sector pay review body was requested to publish its recommendation report for each year since 2010. (10563)
- 137 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what recent discussions he has had with his Cabinet colleagues on the cost of living in (a) Newport West constituency and (b) Wales. (10537)
- 138 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether he has had recent discussions with the Trussell Trust on (a) the cost of living and (b) food poverty in (i) Newport West and (ii) Wales. (10538)
- 139 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on (a) the cost of living and (b) food poverty in (i) Newport West and (ii) Wales. (10539)
- 140 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what recent discussions he has had with the Home Secretary on the time taken to process claims to the Windrush Compensation Scheme from people in Wales. (10541)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 23 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what data his Department holds on (a) the progress of each Department in confirming the presence or absence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete in public buildings and (b) which Departments have completed this work. (10405)
- 2N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many new arrivals from Afghanistan have been placed in bridging hotels since September 2023. (10363)
- 3N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to page 85 of the Department for International Trade's annual report and accounts for 2021-22, HC501, published on 18 July 2022, what the distance travelled on domestic flights was that resulted in the emission total of 26.81 tCO₂e in 2021-22. (10429)
- 4N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the number and proportion of children with SEND who are (a) persistently and (b) severely absent from school in Blackpool North and Cleveleys constituency. (10492)
- 5N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of looked-after children who were raised in Blackpool North and Cleveleys constituency who have been placed (a) outside and (b) 20 miles or more from the local authority area. (10493)
- 6N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of care-experienced 16 and 17-year-olds who have been placed in unregistered accommodation in Blackpool North and Cleveleys constituency. (10494)
- 7N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of childcare places in Blackpool North and Cleveleys constituency. (10496)
- 8N **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 the Blackpool North and Cleveleys constituency in each of the last five years. (10497)
- 9N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she is taking steps to (a) monitor and (b) assess the financial health of universities. (10479)
- 10N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent assessment of the most significant challenge to the financial health of universities. (10480)

- 11N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps with relevant stakeholders to help support postgraduate international students find employment in the UK on completion of their studies. (10481)
- 12N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the news stories entitled Changes to student visa route will reduce net migration, published on 23 May 2023, and Home Secretary unveils plan to cut net migration, published on 4 December 2023, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to international student visas on the (a) number and (b) experience of people from developing countries coming to the UK to study. (10482)
- 13N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an estimate of how many existing homes which qualify for (a) home insulation and (b) energy efficiency grants have not requested them. (10406)
- 14N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much refined fuel by volume has been exported from the UK in each year since 2010. (10545)
- 15N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much refined fuel by volume has been imported to the UK in each year since 2010. (10546)
- 16N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the level of carbon emissions attributable to (a) the maritime sector and (b) the import and export of oil in each year since 2010. (10547)
- 17N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what data her Department holds on the (a) location of sites and (b) estimated UK capacity in each of the next five years for refining North Sea oil. (10548)
- 18N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate she has made of the (a) volume and (b) proportion of oil that is brought ashore by the Forties Pipeline System and transhipped overseas for refining in each year since 2010. (10549)
- 19N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the number of birds of prey (a) killed and (b) injured by wind turbines in each of the last five years. (10568)
- 20N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 January 2024 to Question 9220 on Floods: Rotherham, how much funding has been allocated to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council via the Flood Recovery Framework since Storm Babet. (10457)

- 21N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 January 2024 to Question 8421 on Tree Planting: Finance, for what reason the statistics for planting of trees in Forestry Commission Key Performance Indicators, updated on 9 August 2023 are provisional for 2022/23; what the changes are in the revisions of previous years in that release; and for what reason the statistics are released on an annual basis. (10449)
- 22N **Julie Elliott** (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Fifty-first Report of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2022-23 on Tackling Defra's ageing digital services, HC 737, published on 10 May 2023, what steps his Department has taken to replace legacy computer systems since the publication of that report. [Transferred] (10129)
- 23N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what budget has been allocated to Official Development Assistance (ODA) R&D for the 2024-25 financial year; and whether the Government plans to announce funding programmes in addition to the International Science Partnerships Fund to make ODA R&D funding available to researchers. (10454)
- 24N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the number of EV charging points there will be at the end of (a) 2024 and (b) 2030. (10403)
- 25N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his policies of the decision by BA to increase the minimum connection time at Heathrow Airport to 75 minutes. (10404)
- 26N **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will grant an immediate emergency exemption of at least six months to allow West Coast Rail company to make a new application for a new exemption certificate. (10433)
- 27N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he is taking steps to increase access to affordable public transport options for people aged between 16 and 24 in Newcastle. (10453)
- 28N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have been convicted for offences relating to the fraudulent encashment of state pension payments which were for deceased recipients in each of the last five years. (10402)
- 29N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January to Question 8940, what accounts for the difference between the (a) number and (b) value of transactions of less than £500 reported in (i) that Answer and (ii) the equivalent figures for calendar year 2021 provided in the Answer of 19 December 2022 to Question 107067. (10431)

- 30N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if his Department will take steps to ensure that women who are (a) self-employed and (b) earn less than £10,000 per year have access to workplace pensions. (10459)
- 31N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had recent discussions with her counterpart in the Welsh government on the regulation of (a) physician associates and (b) anaesthesia associates. (10443)
- 32N **Mrs Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of pancreatic cancers were diagnosed at an early stage in the most recent year for which information is available. (10572)
- 33N **Mrs Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to increase the rate of diagnosis of pancreatic cancers at an early stage. (10573)
- 34N **Mrs Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help ensure that cancer waiting time targets are met in (a) Birmingham Erdington constituency and (b) England. (10574)
- 35N **Mrs Paulette Hamilton** (Birmingham, Erdington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of publishing a dedicated cancer strategy. (10575)
- 36N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is he taking to increase the number of people living with diabetes who receive all their NICE recommended care processes. (10448)
- 37N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5383, what steps her Department is taking to ensure quality improvement across (a) NHS England, (b) Integrated Health and Care Boards and (c) NHS Hospital Trusts. (10452)
- 38N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of changes to the law of blasphemy in Denmark. (10554)
- 39N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of changes in the level of antisemitism in Australia since the beginning of the Israel-Hamas conflict. (10555)
- 40N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has visa arrangements in place to permit registered stem cell donors entry to the UK for the purpose of donating. (10556)

- 41N **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress the Government has made on establishing a National Crime Laboratory. (10564)
- 42N **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding the Government allocated to establishing a National Crime Laboratory in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (10565)
- 43N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether an Indian Research and Analysis Wing agent was expelled from London in 2023. (10500)
- 44N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will publish his Department's timescales for the public consultation on the sections of the Draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill that relate to the proposed standard tier. (10456)
- 45N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 16 January 2024 to Question 9201 on Biometric Residence Permits, how many and what proportion of applicants have been waiting more than 28 days following a decision for a biometric residence permit production request. (10432)
- 46N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 9 January 2024 to Question 8727 on Community Protection Notices, what information does his Department hold on the use of Community Protection Warnings by (a) the Police, (b) Local Authorities and (c) other local agencies. (10444)
- 47N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January to Question 8390 on Home Office: Electronic Purchasing Card Solution, what the cost to the public purse was of expenditure by his Department's Communications Directorate from 1 January 2022 to 17 January 2024 on (a) the (i) purchase and (ii) hire of small drones used for the production of video content and (b) training in the use of drone filming equipment. (10428)
- 48N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average length of time was between notification of discharge and actual discharge for the (a) Army, (b) Navy and (c) Royal Air Force in each year since 2019. (10381)
- 49N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 9 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, how many women have completed the four leadership development training programmes designed specifically for women with high potential as of 18 January 2024. (10383)

- 50N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 18 of the Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, how much has been spent on the refurbishment of the office accommodation as of 18 January 2024. (10389)
- 51N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 18 of the Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, how many staff members have utilised the DE&S Whistleblowing and Raising a Concern Policy in each year since 2019. (10393)
- 52N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 25 of the Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23, what steps he has taken to ensure DE&S are an intelligent, market-informed supplier. (10395)
- 53N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what representations he has received on (a) the sourcing of bearskin hats from Canada and (b) the method by which those bears are killed. (10468)
- 54N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the (a) annual cost to his Department of, (b) number of records held on and (c) purpose of the Merlin database held by the Atomic Weapons Establishment. (10373)
- 55N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many officials of (a) his Department and (b) the Atomic Weapons Establishment have the security clearance required to access the Merlin database held by the Atomic Weapons Establishment. (10374)
- 56N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what level of security clearance is required to access the Merlin database held by the Atomic Weapons Establishment. (10375)
- 57N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the Merlin database of the Atomic Weapons Establishment was established. (10378)
- 58N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Defence People and Families during the debate on Nuclear Test Veterans: Medical Records on 28 November 2023, Official Report, column 247WH, when he plans that the Minister will (a) start and (b) complete his examination of the 150 files. (10379)
- 59N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2023 to Question 6769 on Ministry of Defence: Written Questions, when he plans to respond to Question 4952 on Defence: Buildings tabled by the Rt hon. Member for North Durham on 4 December 2023 for Answer on 7 December 2023. (10407)

- 60N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2024 to Question 9179 on HMS Prince of Wales, who is conducting investigations into the illegal salvage of the wreck of HMS Prince of Wales; and when he expects those investigations to conclude. (10408)
- 61N **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to issue a response to the Defence Safety Authority's report entitled fatal accident involving a Scimitar Fighting Vehicle on Salisbury Plain Training Area 15 October 2021, published on 23 November 2023. (10491)
- 62N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will list all commercial contracts his Department has with external contractors in the maritime industry including what the (a) value and (b) full-time equivalent staffing is for each contract. (10445)
- 63N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department stipulates employment conditions on private companies that supply merchant navy seafarers to deliver public sector contracts. (10446)
- 64N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how his Department calculates labour costs for the contracts it puts out to tender in the maritime sector. (10447)
- 65N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which types of RAF aircraft are authorised to carry special nuclear materials over UK territory; and which types of RAF aircraft are authorised by the US administration to carry such materials over US territory. (10544)
- 66N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 10 January 2024 to Question 7905 on Welfare Tax Credits, for what reason the awards of tax credit are deemed provisional; and for what reason the information is published annually. (10450)
- 67N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many tax credit recipients there are in Suffolk Coastal constituency; and how many tax credit recipients have undergone managed migration to Universal Credit. (10451)
- 68N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January to Question 8709, what the latest figure available is for the number of government procurement cards held by people to make purchases against his Department's budget. (10430)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 24 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any Afghan refugees were (a) placed in and (b) returned to bridging hotels in the period since September 2023. (10362)
- 2N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people from Afghanistan are living in bridging hotels. (10364)
- 3N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what is the (a) earliest date and (b) longest continuous period that anyone from Afghanistan has been accommodated in a bridging hotel. (10365)
- 4N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will take steps to purchase the Wylfa site land from Hitachi. (10465)
- 5N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if her Department will undertake a valuation of the land Hitachi owns at Wylfa. (10466)
- 6N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will take steps to acquire the Intellectual Property for the proposed advanced boiling water reactor development at Wylfa from Hitachi. (10467)
- 7N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the impact of trial trenching requirements on (a) the delivery of new low-carbon generation projects and (b) associated costs for renewable energy developers. (10357)
- 8N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of different electricity generation technologies on archaeological sites; and whether she has plans to ensure that such factors are taken into account in trial trenching requirements. (10358)
- 9N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will consider the potential merits of delaying trial trenching for ground-mounted solar projects until after consent has been granted. (10359)
- 10N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will publish (a) the estimated cost to the public purse of contracts for difference payments to electricity generators in financial year 2022-23 and (b) the actual (i) cost and (ii) savings to the public purse of contracts for difference payments to electricity generators in financial year 2022-23. (10360)

- 11N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she is taking steps to help increase the number of skilled electricians able to support the (a) installation and (b) maintenance of low-carbon technologies. (10361)
- 12N **Andrew Western** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will publish the names of people who attended the AI Summit 2023 on behalf of (a) organisations and (b) governments. (10576)
- 13N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Home Affairs on the potential impact of the draft non-statutory guidance on abortion clinic safe access zones on (a) patients and (b) medical professionals. (10498)
- 14N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of the Army's recruitment advert on the online video game Fortnite. (10531)
- 15N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the use of first person shooter games to advertise armed forces recruitment campaigns. (10532)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Richard Thomson** (Gordon): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 24 January. (901168)
- 2 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): (901169)
- 3 **Paul Holmes** (Eastleigh): (901170)
- 4 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): (901171)
- 5 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): (901172)
- 6 **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): (901173)
- 7 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): (901174)
- 8 **Ms Anum Qaisar** (Airdrie and Shotts): (901175)
- 9 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): (901176)
- 10 **Tom Hunt** (Ipswich): (901177)
- 11 **Mrs Sheryll Murray** (South East Cornwall): (901178)
- 12 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): (901179)
- 13 **James Sunderland** (Bracknell): (901180)

- 14 **Mr Jonathan Lord** (Woking): (901181)
- 15 **Mark Menzies** (Fylde): (901182)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 25 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce the number of birds of prey (a) injured and (b) killed by wind turbines. (10567)
- 2N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was between submissions and decisions by the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme for (a) general claims and (b) mandatory reversals in each year between 2019 and 2023. (10570)
- 3N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme (a) claims and (b) mandatory reversals were successful in each year between 2019 and 2023. (10571)
- 4N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the suitability of faux bear fur for the King's Guard's caps. (10427)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- 1 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): What recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on steps to help support the decarbonisation of energy-intensive industries. (901133)
- 2 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): What steps her Department is taking to reduce the number of regulations applying to winemakers. (901134)
- 3 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): What steps she is taking with the Chancellor of the Exchequer to help increase access to finance for SMEs. (901135)
- 4 **George Freeman** (Mid Norfolk): What steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology to help increase inward investment into the science and technology sector. (901136)
- 5 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): What assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of operating costs for small and medium-sized enterprises. (901137)

- 6 **Joanna Cherry** (Edinburgh South West): If she will take steps to ensure that the proposed trade deal with India includes legal commitments on upholding human rights. (901138)
- 7 **Priti Patel** (Witham): If she will make an assessment of trends in the number of businesses based in Essex. (901139)
- 8 **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): What steps her Department is taking to help protect supply chains in the context of the Houthi attacks in the Persian Gulf. (901140)
- 9 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What steps her Department is taking to support businesses in rural areas. (901141)
- 10 **Mr Rob Roberts** (Delyn): Whether she has had recent discussions with the Welsh government on the adequacy of Government support for small businesses in north Wales. (901142)
- 11 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): What recent steps her Department has taken to help increase foreign direct investment into north Northamptonshire. (901143)
- 12 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): When she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to exonerate the remaining sub-postmasters with criminal convictions relating to the failure of the Post Office Horizon system. (901144)
- 13 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): What recent assessment she has made of the principal barriers to trade for importers. (901145)
- 14 **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): What steps her Department is taking to encourage sub-postmasters who were affected by the failure of the Post Office Horizon system to claim compensation. (901146)
- 15 **Mary Robinson** (Cheadle): What steps her Department is taking to encourage sub-postmasters who were affected by the failure of the Post Office Horizon system to claim compensation. (901147)
- 16 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle late payments to small and medium-sized businesses. (901148)
- 17 **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): Whether she has had recent discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on taking fiscal steps to help support the steel industry. (901149)
- 18 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): If she will take steps to include measures on protecting seafarers' employment rights in future trade deals. (901150)
- 19 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): What steps she is taking to help support the growth of cooperatives and social enterprises. (901151)
- 20 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): What steps her Department is taking to ensure that regulators support economic growth. (901152)
- 21 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): What steps she is taking to help maintain primary steelmaking capacity. (901153)

- 22 **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): What recent assessment her Department has made of the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the EU on recruitment in the construction sector. (901154)
- 23 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): What steps her Department is taking to help protect supply chains in the context of the disruption to trade in the Red Sea. (901155)
- 24 **Scott Benton** (Blackpool South): What steps she is taking to increase trade with Saudi Arabia. (901156)
- 25 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): If he will make an assessment of the potential merits of strengthening the enforcement powers of the Groceries Code Adjudicator. (901157)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- T1 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities. (901158)
- T2 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): (901159)
- T3 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): (901160)
- T4 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): (901161)
- T5 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): (901162)
- T6 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): (901163)
- T7 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): (901164)
- T8 **Priti Patel** (Witham): (901165)
- T9 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): (901166)
- T10 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): (901167)

Questions for Answer on Monday 29 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kirsty Blackman** (Aberdeen North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of trends in the number of requests to receive an official portrait of His Majesty The King by public authorities in (a) Scotland, (b) England, (c) Wales and (d) Northern Ireland. (10458)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 30 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 24 February 2016 to Question 27158 on Radioactive Materials: Transport, how many flights were undertaken between the United States and the UK by Royal Air Force aircraft carrying Defence Nuclear Materials between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2023. (10543)