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Questions tabled on Monday 22 January 2024

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 23 January

Questions for Written Answer

- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the decision by Girlguiding UK to cease operations in British Overseas Territories; and whether her Department is providing support to those territories as a result of that decision.

 [Transferred] (10602)
- 2N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether an Indian Research and Analysis Wing agent was expelled from London in 2023. [Transferred] (10500)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what his planned timetable is for the publication of the consultation on the Green Taxonomy.

 [Transferred] (10611)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 24 January

Questions for Written Answer

Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the cost to the public purse was of the use of translators in the civil service since 2013. (10706)

- 2N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what procurement rules apply to a (a) devolved and (b) commissioning authority seeking to tender for the construction of lifeline ferries. [Transferred] (10672)
- Keir Mather (Selby and Ainsty): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his oral contribution of 18 January 2024, Official Report, column 1003, what recent comparative assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of steps being taken to understand the risks associated with (a) cyber security and (b) red-rated computer systems in (i) the UK and (ii) other countries.

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- 4 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department takes to assess risk in relation to the inclusion of Investor State Dispute Settlement clauses in trade deals. (10879)
- Bambos Charalambous (Enfield, Southgate): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring employers to publish salary information when advertising job opportunities. (10863)
- Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Justice on the (a) transparency and (b) regulation of private prosecutions following the failure of the Post Office Horizon system. (10891)
- 7 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 12 January 2024 to Question 7392 on Military Aid: Israel, when offensive military equipment was last provided to Israel.

 (10892)
- 8 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what she is taking to help ensure that new parents are able to take the (a) maternity and (b) paternity leave that they are entitled to in the context of the rising cost of living. (10956)
- 9 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many responses her Department received to its letter of June 2023 to football league and competition organisers on guidance relating to the safety of barriers and fences in stadiums. (10906)
- 10 Matt Vickers (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to increase participation of young girls in competitive sports (a) at and (b) outside school. (10955)
- 11 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing the Adams Bend test in schools. (10901)

- 12 Andy Carter (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help improve decision making by local authorities on special educational provision for children. (10944)
- Andy Carter (Warrington South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Warrington Borough Council to help (a) support families with disabled children and (b) reduce the time taken to process education, health and care plans.
- 14 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to introduce bereavement training for teachers. (10917)
- 15 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department provides on bereavement support for children in educational settings. (10919)
- 16 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department holds information on the number of children that have identified as transgender in schools in each year since 2010. (10703)
- 17 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the cost to the public purse was of the translation of school materials into non-English languages in each year since 2010. (10704)
- 18 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the cost to the public purse was of providing language translators in schools in each year since 2013. (10705)
- 19N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy that property developers are required to provide apprenticeships.

 [Transferred] (10635)
- 20 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure SEND support funding is accessible to children of armed forces personnel. (10894)
- 21 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish a list of local authorities with sufficient childcare places to deliver (a) 15 hours of funded childcare for two-year-olds from April 2024 and (b) 30 hours of funded childcare for two-year-olds from September 2024.
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will hold discussions with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and the Department of Education in Northern Ireland on the potential merits of teaching agriculture in schools in Northern Ireland. (10812)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had recent discussions with the Department of Education in Northern Ireland on the adequacy of funding for SEND in schools in Northern Ireland. (10813)

- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department plans to require all students undertaking the Advanced British Standard to study religious education until the age of 18. (10815)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, for what reason Religious Education has not been included in the consultation document for the Advanced British Standard. (10816)
- 26 Matt Vickers (Stockton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure that students from the UK have access to places at UK universities. (10954)
- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to table 9.1 of her Department's publication entitled Initial teacher training applications for courses starting in the 2024 to 2025 academic year, published on 22 January 2024, how many candidates there were for each secondary subject by (a) region, (b) nation and (c) other geographical breakdown available.
- Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to support the (a) development of and (b) private investment in marine energy technologies; and whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of the announcement of Horizon Europe Programme funding for the EURO-TIDES multiturbine tidal energy project. (10852)
- 29 Martyn Day (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 19 September 2023 to Question 199302 on Biofuels: Vegetable Oils, what recent progress her Department has made on publishing its planned consultation on the use of hydrotreated vegetable oil for domestic fuel use. (10859)
- 30 Chris Green (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending incentives for communities to host onshore wind projects to (a) nuclear and (b) other low-carbon generation projects. (10830)
- 31 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of impact of the provisions in the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill on the environment. (10896)
- 32 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill on the UK's ability to deliver on its commitments in the Climate Change Act 2022. (10897)
- Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions she has had with (a) environmental organisations and (b) charities on the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill. (10898)

Stephen Morgan (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to implement the recommendations of the Climate Change Committee's report entitled 2023 Progress Report to Parliament, published 28 June 2023. (10900)

- Gavin Newlands (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of green deal mis-selling by Home Energy and Lifestyle Management Limited. (10840)
- Sir Bill Wiggin (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to introduce a discount for domestic electricity use where that electricity is used to power a hear pump. (10745)
- Sir Bill Wiggin (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of support provided to decarbonise heat in rural communities; and whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential policy options available to help increase off-grid rollout of heat pumps. (10746)
- Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether Ofgem has held recent discussions with relevant stakeholders in Northern Ireland on its duties under section 202 of the Energy Act 2023. (10784)
- Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions she has had with Ofgem on the criteria for the third cap and floor window for electricity interconnectors. (10785)
- 40 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of strengthening the Hunting Act 2004. (10882)
- 41 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his animal welfare policies of the use of snares. (10883)
- 42 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to implement Section 8 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006. (10884)
- Dr Thérèse Coffey (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for what reason the Biodiversity Gain Site Register Regulations 2024 will come into force on 12 February 2024, in the context of their approval by both Houses in January 2024. (10791)
- Judith Cummins (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to publish a summary of the outcome of the consultation entitled Changes to the rules on bringing pets into Great Britain. (10829)

- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the challenges faced by local authorities to properly dispose of disposable vapes. (10924)
- 46 Emma Hardy (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate she has made of the average daily number of documentary checks that will be undertaken at Sevington Border Control Point in the next 12 months; and how many and what proportion of these will (a) be physical checks on (i) imported food and (ii) feed commodities and (b) arrive from the (A) Port of Dover and (B) Channel Tunnel. (10877)
- **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has plans to fund flood mitigation measures in Shrewsbury in the next financial year. (10776)
- **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage accurate reporting of sewage pollution by water companies. (10890)
- **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of pesticide regulation by the (a) Health and Safety Executive and (b) Expert Committee on Pesticides. (10754)
- **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to (a) produce centralised guidance and (b) provide training for (i) land managers, (ii) planning authorities and (iii) practitioners on how to create and manage wetlands for flood resilience. (10742)
- **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a Natural Flood Management accreditation scheme to set standards for best practice. (10743)
- **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of ring-fencing funding within the Flood Defence Grant-in-Aid scheme for natural flood management. (10744)
- Mike Amesbury (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to support residents of buildings with unsafe cladding. (10902)
- Mike Amesbury (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
 Housing and Communities, what recent discussions he has had with (a) the
 Financial Conduct Authority and (b) the Association of British Insurers on (i) the
 insurance pooling scheme for building safety and (ii) when the details of the
 scheme will be published.

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- Mike Amesbury (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the building safety fund. (10904)
- Peter Gibson (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
 Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to support Local
 Authorities with the (a) collection and (b) disposal of disposable vapes. (10923)
- 57 **Chris Grayling** (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 18 January 2024 to Question 9443 on Local Plans: Green Belt, what steps he is taking to ensure that planning inspectors apply the provisions of the new National Planning Policy Framework in their decisions. (10739)
- 58 Chris Grayling (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, for what reasons can a planning inspector overrule a local council's housing plan. (10740)
- Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what information his Department holds on whether Historic England has responded to the proposal to develop the Riverside centre in Shrewsbury.

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- 60 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many applications for new onshore wind farms have been submitted in the last year. (10899)
- 61 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department plans to review the (a) incentives and (b) constraints on the affordability of homes for first time home buyers.

 (10805)
- 62 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has had meetings with the Office for Life Sciences since 1 January 2023. (10807)
- Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will introduce a low interest deposit scheme for people seeking to enter entry level rental accommodation in the private sector. (10781)
- 64 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment has she made of the feasibility of adopting he Scottish Government's approach to applying digital imprints to election content posted by unregistered third parties. (10802)
- Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will take steps to ensure that female patients are included in (a) medical research and (b) clinical trials for (i) dementia and (ii) early on-set Alzheimer's disease funded by her Department. (10837)

- **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to require local authorities to adopt unadopted roads that are (a) in a state of disrepair and (b) subject to public right of way. (10828)
- Allan Dorans (Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with the Financial Conduct Authority on the regulation of car insurance premiums. (10912)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding his Department has allocated to Darlington Borough Council for (a) pothole and (b) other road repairs in each year since 2019. (10918)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the £139 million investment in Darlington railway station on (a) Darlington and (b) the North East. (10920)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is monitoring the adequacy of (a) pothole and (b) other road repairs by local authorities in the North East. (10928)
- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the use of the Capability Fund by local authorities to implement cycle (a) loan and (b) share schemes since July 2021. (10728)
- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish his response to his Department's consultation on Managing pavement parking, published on 31 August 2020. (10729)
- **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish the findings of his Department's review of low-traffic neighbourhoods. (10730)
- **Stephen Hammond** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a standardised tender process for local authorities to install electric vehicle charging points. (10782)
- **Stephen Hammond** (Wimbledon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the electric vehicle (a) chargepoint and (b) infrastructure grant to include the installation of cross-pavement cable gullies. (10783)
- Gavin Newlands (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on which train operating companies have engaged external contractors for revenue protection (a) on trains and (b) at stations.

- Gavin Newlands (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress he has made implementing the nine-point plan for seafarers published on 6 July 2022. (10839)
- 78 Dawn Butler (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on the number of people with syndactyly that are in receipt of the Personal Independence Payment. (10752)
- 79 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 11 January 2023 to Question 7225 on Personal Independence Payment: Appeals, if he will publish the (a) number of personal independence payment claims overturned by Tribunal split into different primary reasons and (b) feedback provided by his Department's Presenting Officers for each of the last three years.
- 80 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has had discussions with the British Medical Association on preparatory work for legislation for the Work Capability Assessments. (10958)
- Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 7902 on Social Security Benefits: Disability, if she will provide a breakdown of those figures by age; and how many and what proportion of people who left the group in that time period did so as a result of reaching state pension age. (10790)
- 82 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what his Department's policy is on the introduction of indexation for inflation for the Financial Assistance Scheme. (10833)
- 83 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to support recipients of the Financial Assistance Scheme with the cost of living. (10834)
- 84 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has had recent discussions with the Pensions Action Group on the Financial Assistance Scheme. (10835)
- Kirsten Oswald (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the Financial Assistance Scheme for individuals who lost occupational pensions because their sponsoring employer became insolvent. (10836)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of (a) PIP and (b) Employment and Support Allowance medical consultations. (10814)
- 87 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her planned timetable is to ensure free NHS car parking for those with greatest need. (10818)

Sir Graham Brady (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many approvals of open market rent for new GP surgeries have been issued by District Valuers in each of the last five years for which information is available.

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Andrew Bridgen (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the guidance by NICE entitled Covid-19 rapid guideline: managing symptoms (including at the end of life) in the community, NG163, published on 3 April 2020, which medical experts were consulted during the commissioning process.

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- **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 25 October 2023 to Question 202692 on Autism and Learning Disability: Community Care, what the allocation was to each Integrated Care Board for Community/ CYP key workers. (10794)
- **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans she has to update the Building the Right Support action plan. (10795)
- **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the (a) implementation of the Care Act 2014 for autistic adults and (b) extent to which statutory provisions for such adults under that Act are being met. (10796)
- **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure the national allocation of funding for adult social care reflects (a) the number of autistic adults and (b) their potential level of need. (10797)
- **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the prevalence of barriers to autistic people accessing social care. (10798)
- **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the cost of (a) confining autistic adults in mental health hospitals and (b) meeting needs in the community. (10799)
- **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to change funding incentives across health and social care to help ensure funding follows need for the right support in the community for autistic adults. (10800)
- **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions she has had with NHS England about reducing waiting times for children and young people's access to (a) community paediatric services, (b) occupational therapy and (c) speech and language therapy. (10801)

- **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the timescale for publishing (a) the UK National Screening Committee's review of evidence for screening and (b) updated guidance on treatment pathways for prostate cancer is. (10938)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Department for Education's press release entitled Major national drive to improve school attendance, published on 8 January 2024, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of this policy on children with long term conditions. (10915)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number of people with type 2 diabetes impacted by the GLP-1 shortage. (10916)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Units of Dental Activity have been delivered in Darlington Constituency in each year since 2006; and what the cost of that delivery was in each of those years.

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- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to support the detection of liver disease in Darlington constituency. (10925)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the rate of liver disease in (a) Darlington constituency and b) the North East. (10926)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the current waiting times for CAMHS for children in (a) Darlington, (b) the North East and (c) England; and what steps she is taking to reduce those waiting times. (10927)
- **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report entitled The Impact of Care Act Easements published by the University of Manchester and the NIHR Older People and Frailty Policy Research Unit in November 2022, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities in identifying hidden older carers within their communities. (10831)
- **Chris Green** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to tackle social work workforce (a) shortages and (b) recruitment. (10832)
- 107 Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the Department of Health in Northern Ireland on the use of (a) Lecanemab and (b) Donanemab in the treatment of dementia.

 (10953)

- 108 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse was of providing language translators in (a) hospitals and (b) health centres in each year since 2010.

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- 109 **Kate Kniveton** (Burton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dentists have been recruited in Burton and Uttoxeter since the launch of the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan. (10935)
- 110 **Kate Kniveton** (Burton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to increase the capacity of NHS dentists in Burton and Uttoxeter. (10936)
- 111 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take legislative steps to align (a) standards and (b) fitness to practice processes across all healthcare profession regulators. (10854)
- 112 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help support social care staff to progress in their (a) careers and (b) pay through the care workforce pathway. (10855)
- Holly Mumby-Croft (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that diabetes patients in (a) Scunthorpe and (b) England receive all 8 health checks recommended by Diabetes UK. (10961)
- 114 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of NHS blood donation appointments that have been cancelled due to staff shortages in each of the last 12 months.
- 115 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will publish legal advice received
 by the Government relating to the conflict in Gaza. (10878)
- 116 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent progress his Department
 has made on meeting the commitments made at the Oslo Conference for
 Protecting Children in Armed Conflict in June 2023. (10880)
- 117 Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the policy paper
 entitled International development in a contested world: ending extreme poverty
 and tackling climate change, a white paper on international development,
 published on 20 November 2023, what recent progress his Department has made
 on developing a new strategy on children in conflict. (10881)
- 118 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,

 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will take steps to help ensure
 access to education for children in Gaza. (10885)

- **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will take steps to help provide
 targeted psychosocial support for children in Gaza. (10886)
- 120 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 policies of advice received on Israel's compliance
 with international humanitarian law. (10889)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether (a) he and (b) officials in his Department have met representatives of Standing Together, the Israeli grassroots movement. (10930)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made representations to his Israeli counterpart on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's remarks of 20 January 2024 relating to his position on the creation of a Palestinian state. (10931)
- **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much aid was given to civil society organisations in Israel and Palestine whose explicit aims include working towards a two-state solution in each of the financial years (a) 2020-21, (b) 2021-22 and (c) 2022-23. (10932)
- **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Ukrainian counterpart on religious freedom in the context of the decision to prohibit the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. (10696)
- **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the viability of Hong Kong as an international financial centre. (10862)
- **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his counterpart in Azerbaijan on its proposal for a corridor through Armenia. (10695)
- **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has sought
 (a) internal and (b) external legal advice on the case brought against Israel at the
 International Court for Justice by the Republic of South Africa. (10934)
- 128 Andrew Percy (Brigg and Goole): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the
 potential impact of third-party countries involvement on the duration of the
 conflict in Sudan.

 (10787)

- 129 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, to ask the secretary of state for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development affairs, whether his Department has taken steps to support people affected by the fire of 7 January 2024 in a Rohingya refugee camp in southeastern Bangladesh. (10810)
- 130 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with his international counterparts on tackling Al-generated misinformation reportedly targeted at disrupting the internal democratic processes of Taiwan. (10811)
- Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2024 to Question 9608, what steps he is taking to improve conditions for migrant workers on the Seasonal Worker Scheme since May 2022. (10887)
- Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 22 January 2024 to Question 9608 on Agriculture: Seasonal Workers, what steps his Department has taken to investigate allegations of abusive practices relating to the Seasonal Worker Scheme since May 2022.
- Peter Gibson (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help tackle the sale of illegal vapes. (10922)
- 134 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many prisoners were referred to the Prevent programme in each year since 2015. (10770)
- 135 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people arrested for terrorism-related activity have been released under investigation in each year since 2014. (10771)
- 136 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to implement the recommendations of the Law Commission report entitled Hate crime laws: Final report, HC 942, published in December 2021, through the Criminal Justice Bill. (10895)
- 137 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data his Department holds on the average length of time asylum seekers were accommodated in (a) hostels and (b) hotels until a decision was made on their asylum application in the last 12 months. (10950)
- 138 Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will have discussions with business on the potential merits of putting information about domestic abuse on period products. (10860)

- **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how much has been spent on traffic marshals in each financial year from 2019-20 to 2022-2023; and what the estimated spend is for financial year 2023-24. (10792)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many soldiers were admitted to hospital for injuries sustained during training exercises in the UK in each year since 2010. (10707)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on reducing emissions in the armed forces since 2019. (10709)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) objectives and (b) timelines are of Defence Design. (10710)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's news story entitled Advanced future military laser achieves UK first, published on 19 January 2024, what the next steps are for the DragonFire development effort. (10712)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the Large Area Display for the Eurofighter Typhoon. (10713)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the seriousness of the damage sustained by (a) HMS Bangor and (b) HMS Chiddingfold. (10717)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential effect on operations of the collision of HMS Bangor and HMS Chiddingfold. (10719)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the out of service date is for the Royal Navy's fleet of Type 45 destroyers. (10720)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's news story entitled Navy Missile System used to destroy Red Sea drones to be upgraded, published on 21 January 2024, what the initial operating capability date is for the enhancements to the Type 45 destroyers Sea Viper missile system. (10721)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's news story entitled Navy Missile System used to destroy Red Sea drones to be upgraded, published on 21 January 2024, which will be the first Type 45 destroyer to receive the upgrades to its Sea Viper missile system.

- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the in service date is for the (a) Type 83 and (b) Future Air Dominance System. (10723)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the in service date is for the ECRS Mk2 radar for the Eurofighter Typhoon. (10724)
- **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the status is of the development of the Striker II helmet for the Eurofighter Typhoon. (10725)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the DE&S press release entitled DE&S negotiate contracts to put lasers in hands of British Army and Royal Navy, published on 14 Sept 2021, when his Department plans to undertake the first tests of a directed energy weapon onboard a Type 23 frigate.
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether there is a minimum number of vessels in a Royal Navy carrier battle group. (10755)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the last exercise was that included a full carrier battle group.

 (10756)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many regiments were active in the (a) Army and (b) Royal Marines in each year since 2010. (10757)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many regiments in the (a) Army and (b) Royal Marines have been disbanded since 2010. (10758)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) infantry, (b) artillery, (c) armoured and (d) support battalions there were in the Army on 1 January in each of the last eight years.
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of Royal Navy training exercises abandoned in each year since 2019. (10760)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of Army training exercises abandoned in each year since 2019. (10761)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of RAF training exercises abandoned in each year since 2019. (10762)

- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many military bases the UK maintained abroad in each year since 2015. (10763)
- **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, in how many international military training exercises UK personnel took part in each year since 2015. (10764)
- 164 Sarah Jones (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the headcount was of the Ranger Regiment on every 1 January since its creation. (10872)
- **Sarah Jones** (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) recruitment target and (b) actual number of joiners was to the Ranger Regiment for each year since its creation. (10873)
- 166 Sarah Jones (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish a list of all (a) vehicles and (b) heavy weapons that have been reported missing from his Department's facilities in each year since 2015. (10874)
- 167 Sarah Jones (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much of each ammunition type was lost from his Department's facilities in each year since 2015.

 (10875)
- 168 Sarah Jones (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much of each munition type was (a) lost and (b) stolen from his Department's facilities in each year since 2015. (10876)
- **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department is taking steps to help support the manufacture of military weapons in Ukraine. (10780)
- **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps to introduce a national protocol to provide consistent access to public services for Armed Forces families not based in one location. (10893)
- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisons have a drug free wing. (10825)
- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisons have a drug recovery wing. (10826)
- **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much was spent by the probation service on drug treatment programs in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (10827)
- **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will take steps to extend the time limit for Criminal injuries Compensation Claims for victims of sexual abuse.

 [R] (10914)

- 175 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders were on an escape list on 1 January in each year since 2015. (10765)
- 176 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people were referred to Pathfinder for possible radicalisation in prison in each year since the scheme was introduced. (10766)
- 177 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners were on temporary release on 14 February 2023; and what the (a) maximum and (b) mean number of days was that each prisoner was on temporary release. (10767)
- 178 Mrs Sharon Hodgson (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners were on temporary release on 14 February 2023 by (a) prison and (b) offence. (10768)
- 179 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners were on temporary release by (a) prison and (b) sentence length on 14 February 2023. (10769)
- 180 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much his Department has spent on communications in each year since 1997.

 (10853)
- 181 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing the level of ATM interchange fees in the context of trends in the level of the cost of (a) labour and (b) the distribution of non-branch ATMs. (10870)
- 182 Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will provide compensation for self-invested personal pension holders affected by Hartley Pensions entering administration. (10952)
- 183 Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the advisory market to support businesses claiming R&D tax relief. (10808)
- 184 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress he has made in reducing R&D tax credit fraud. (10809)
- Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of LGBT discrimination in the workplace; and what steps her Department is taking to mitigate such discrimination. (10851)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 25 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing paid fertility treatment leave. (10848)
- 2N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the transparency data entitled DCMS:

 Ministerial travel, 1 July to 30 September 2023, published on 15 December 2023, how much and what proportion of the £17,601.43 cost of the trip to Sydney between 17 August and 21 August 2023 was spent on air travel. (10970)
- Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the transparency data entitled DCMS:
 Ministerial travel, 1 July to 30 September 2023, published on 15 December 2023, how much and what proportion of the £8,046 cost of the trip to Sydney by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Sport, Gambling and Civil Society between 24 July and 2 August 2023 was spent on air travel.
- 4N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the transparency data entitled DCMS:

 Ministerial hospitality, 1 July to 30 September 2023, published on 15 December 2023, who gifted the tickets on 9 July 2023; and what the event was. (10972)
- 5N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what comparative estimate she has made of levels of (a) literacy and (b) numeracy with European countries in the last five years. (10737)
- 6N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she plans to review the Contracts for Difference scheme.
- 7N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what is Ofgem's estimated cost of the Sealink HVDC project. (10793)
- 8N Mohammad Yasin (Bedford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will review the fairness of the eligibility criteria for the activation of the Storm Henk Flood Recovery Framework for people who live in lead local flood authorities areas where fewer than 50 properties were flooded during that storm.
- 9N **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham, Hodge Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's online guidance on Freeports, last updated on 6 December 2023, whether (a) HMRC and

- (b) Border Force is responsible for conducting annual audits of security measures introduced by Freeport operators to mitigate physical, personnel and cyber security risks.

 (10735)
- 10N Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the potential effectiveness of the Disabled Facilities Grant. (10913)
- 11N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that individuals living overseas whose former UK address no longer exists are able to register to vote in the UK. (10845)
- 12N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce deprivation in the North East. (10804)
- 13N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when his Department plans to publish a formal response to the Pathway to net zero aviation: Developing the UK sustainable aviation fuel mandate consultation. (10856)
- 14N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to his Department's press release entitled New measures to support sustainable aviation fuel industry, published 4 September 2023, how many commercial sustainable aviation fuel plants are under construction. (10857)
- 15N Louise Haigh (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress his Department has made towards its aim of having at least five sustainable aviation fuel plants in production by 2025. (10858)
- 16N Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with Avanti West Coast on the reported content of an internal presentation referencing (a) the receipt of funds from the public purse and (b) conditions for the receipt of performance-related payments; and whether his Department has paid fees to Avanti to deliver services for which third-party suppliers and inspections have already been provided to deliver. (10774)
- 17N Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department holds information on external assessments made of the potential impact of the construction of the North West Relief Road on water supplies to Shrewsbury. (10775)
- 18N Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with representatives of car insurers on the affordability of car insurance renewals for older drivers. (10962)
- 19N Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a price cap on insurance premiums for elderly drivers. (10963)

- 20N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the (a) economic inactivity rate, (b) employment rate and (c) unemployment rate was for people aged 16 to 24 in the period between February and April 2010.

 (10959)
- 21N **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to support people with hidden disabilities. (10960)
- 22N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when he plans to respond to the letter of 4 August, 2023 from the hon. Member for Stockport on behalf of a constituent, reference NM21431, on his Department's criteria for the calculation of carers' allowance. (10951)
- 23N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of compensating women born in the 1950s affected by changes to state pension age legislation.

 (10968)
- 24N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his Department's publication, DWP's ministerial overseas travel, July to September 2023, published on 14 December 2023, how much of the £4,295.27 spent on his visit to India from 18 to 23 July 2023 was spent on air travel.
- 25N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to ensure that the payment of Universal Credit is adjusted in 2024 to take into account the 53-week rent year.

 (10699)
- 26N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of social housing tenants in rent arrears due to 53 rent payment weeks in 2024. (10700)
- 27N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy that social housing tenants receiving universal credit have eligible housing costs paid for 53 rent weeks in 2024. (10701)
- 28N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to (a) increase stocks and (b) prevent shortages of triamcinolone hexacetonide injections. (10803)
- 29N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with the General Medical Council on the provision of mental health support for patients who have sought a private diagnosis.

 (10727)
- 30N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve the early detection of mouth cancer in the North East. (10788)

- 31N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average height was for state school pupils in (a) reception and (b) year six in each academic year since 2005-06 in England; what the average height was for state school pupils in each ethnic group in those academic years in that period; and how many state school pupils were in each ethnic group in those academic years in that period. (10907)
- 32N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure that the Major Conditions Strategy provides a care and treatment pathway for patients living with (a) complex conditions and (b) dementia. (10697)
- 33N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State,
 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment
 of the potential impact of transferring sovereignty over the Chagos Islands to
 Mauritius on diplomatic relations with the US. (10778)
- 34N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Minister of State,
 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has
 had with his counterpart in Azerbaijan on that country's dispute with Armenia;
 and whether he is taking steps to support peace in the region. (10693)
- 35N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the potential for international negotiations to support peace in Armenia.

 (10694)
- 36N Andy McDonald (Middlesbrough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January
 2024 to Question 8441 on Israel: Gaza, whether he has sought legal advice on the
 (a) absence of intention to commit genocide on the part of the Israeli leadership
 and (b) threshold for engaging signatories to the Genocide Convention to comply
 with their duties under Articles I and VII.

 (10819)
- 37N Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the conformity of adding India to the list of Safe States with the duties laid out in section 80AA(4) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 on LGBTQI+ people seeking asylum.
- 38N Angela Crawley (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the conformity of adding Georgia to the list of Safe States with the duties laid out in section 80AA(4) of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 on LGBTQI+ people seeking asylum.

- 39N Theresa Villiers (Chipping Barnet): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had discussions with the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police on the use of posters in UK airports requesting information on alleged war crimes in Gaza.

 [R] (10753)
- 40N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he plans to have with his European counterparts on preparing for potential Russian aggression in Europe in the next five years. (10738)
- 41N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of consultancy spending for his Department's Main Building for (a) 2023/24 and (b) 2024/25. (10711)
- 42N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the current status is of each of the Royal Navy's Type 45 destroyers. (10714)
- 43N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 January 2024 to Question 9747 on RFA Fort Victoria, how long the planned maintenance period for RFA Fort Victoria is. (10715)
- 44N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has made an estimate of the cost of remedial works to
 (a) HMS Bangor and (b) HMS Chiddingfold. (10716)
- 45N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department made of the causes of the incident in which HMS Chiddingfold collided with HMS Bangor. (10718)
- 46N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 3 October 2023 to Question 197591 on Defence:

 Buildings, when his Department commissioned surveys on buildings that may have been constructed using Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete. (10747)
- 47N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 3 October 2023 to Question 197591 on Defence:

 Buildings, how many surveys have been completed. (10748)
- 48N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 3 October 2023 to Question 197591 on Defence:

 Buildings, what progress the Office for Government Property has made collating information on the Defence Estate. (10749)
- 49N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the out-of-service date is for the Royal Navy's Type 45 destroyers. (10750)
- 50N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of transferring sovereignty over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius on the US contribution to the military balance of power in the Indo-Pacific region. (10779)

- 51N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether UK assets in Bahrain have assisted (a) UK and (b) US airstrikes in Yemen since 11 January 2024. (10933)
- 52N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 January to Question 9933 on Armed Forces: Housing, if he will provide a regional breakdown for the figures provided.

 (10908)
- 53N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many complaints relating to single living accommodation were reported to his Department in each year since 2010; and how many complaints relating to service family accommodation were reported to his Department in 2023.
- 54N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 23 May 2022 to Question 1550 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many pest control requests in Service Family Accommodation there were in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (10910)
- 55N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 4547 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many calls related to (a) damp and (b) mould in armed forces accommodation the National Service Centre received in December 2023. (10911)
- 56N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's policy is on the use of RAF airfields by private planes. (10786)
- 57N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 January 2024 to Question 9726 on Red Sea: Shipping, whether he had discussions with his international counterparts on the potential merits of countries other than (a) the UK and (b) the US taking part in military action in the Red Sea on 12 January 2024.
- 58N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will publish the number of probation officers per grade that left the probation service in (a) 2023 and (b) 2022. (10821)
- 59N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will publish the number of vacancies per region in the probation service at the end of 2023. (10822)
- 60N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the number of sick days taken by probation officers in 2023. (10823)
- 61N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the number of probation officers with more than four years service that resigned from the probation service in 2023. (10824)

- 62N Mr Alistair Carmichael (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make representations to (a) HSBC and (b) other UK-based pension providers to accept early withdrawal requests from Hong Kongers on the British National (Overseas) visa scheme who intend to obtain an indefinite leave to remain in the UK.
- 63N James Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2023 to Question 6933 on National Insurance Contributions: Software, whether an updated version of HMRC's Basic PAYE Tools was available to download from gov.uk by 6 January 2024. (10946)
- 64N James Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2023 to Question 6933 on National Insurance Contributions: Software, if he will make an estimate of (a) how many (i) payroll software developers and (ii) employers were unable to make the necessary changes to implement the changes to National Insurance contributions announced at the Autumn Statement 2023 on time and (b) how much resulting customer refunds will be.
- 65N James Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2023 to Question 6933 on National Insurance Contributions: Software, if he will make an estimate of how many and what proportion of employers have implemented the changes to National Insurance contributions announced in the Autumn Statement 2023. (10948)
- 66N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to introduce a new help-to-buy ISA. (10806)
- 67N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 19 January 2024 to Question 8948 on Treasury: Electronic Purchasing Card Solution and with reference to the Answer of 19 December 2022 to Question 107065 on Treasury: Electronic Purchasing Card Solution, for what reason he did not provide the figures requested. (10772)
- 68N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his oral answer of 19 December 2023 on Reducing Taxes, Official Report, Column 1220, when he plans to write to the hon. Member for Halton. (10733)
- 69N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether the Tata Steel and Port Talbot Transition Board has met monthly. (10841)
- 70N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, if he will publish the minutes of the Tata Steel and Port Talbot Transition Board meetings in (a) October and (b) November 2023. (10842)
- 71N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, if he will publish the minutes of future meetings of the Tata Steel and Port Talbot Transition Board. (10843)

72N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, if he will publish the terms of reference of the Tata Steel and Port Talbot Transition Board.

(10844)

- 73N **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of fertility treatment on workplace rights for LGBT families. (10849)
- 74N **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether her Department has made an assessment of the effectiveness of the Equality Act 2010 at supporting working LGBT families accessing fertility treatment.

Questions for Answer on Friday 26 January

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the National Security Council has received briefings on red-rated legacy computer systems used by Government departments in the last three years.

(10820)

- 2N **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many and what proportion of the Post Office Horizon Scandal GLO compensation claimants are represented by lawyers who have not signed up to the tariff of reasonable legal costs. (10957)
- 3N **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what proportion of applications for register updates to the HM Land Registry held on file as of 22 January 2024 were requested more than (a) six and (b) 12 months ago. (10867)
- 4N Anna Firth (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 8 January 2024 to Question 7460 on Chalkwell Station:

 Construction, for what reason the hon. Member for Southend West has not been notified when work on site is due to commence.
- 5N Anna Firth (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will attend a local transport summit in Southend West constituency. (10965)
- 6N Angus Brendan MacNeil (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 18 December 2023 to Question 6120 on Aviation: EU Law, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a derogation to regulation EU 261/2004 for twin otter aircraft (a)

- with a carrying capacity of 20 passengers or fewer and (b) that operate on public service obligation air routes with regard to timetable changes one month ahead of their expected flight, to increase flexibility and efficiency. (10773)
- 7N Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help ensure training of pharmacy staff for implementation of the Pharmacy First Service. (10731)
- 8N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the results of the Pharmacists' Defence Association survey on preparedness of pharmacists for Pharmacy First, published on 15 January 2024. (10732)

Questions for Answer on Monday 29 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Chris Grayling (Epsom and Ewell): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling
 Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 18 January 2023 to
 Question 9443 on Local Plans: Green Belt, whether he has powers to intervene
 should a planning inspector require a local authority to build housing on a
 designated green belt site. (10741)
- 2N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his department holds on the number and proportion of individuals in receipt of housing cost support at the shared accommodation rate with rent costs that (a) exceed and (b) are below the local housing allowance in each (i) rental market area and (ii) local authority area; and what estimate he has made of the median average gap between housing cost support and rent costs for individuals eligible for only the shared accommodation rate per (A) rental market area and (B) local authority area.
- 3N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the application process for the Ukraine Extension Scheme. (10702)
- 4N Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he has taken with his (a) French and (b) other EU counterparts to prepare for implementation of the EU Entry/Exit System.

 (10864)
- 5N Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department is planning an awareness campaign, on changes to UK-EU travel requirements associated with the EU's (a) Entry/Exit System and (b) European Travel Information and Authorisation System.

(10865)

- 6N Jamie Stone (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to seek bilateral Youth Mobility Scheme agreements with EU countries. (10866)
- 7N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on surveys to identify buildings on his Department's land in Scotland which may have been constructed with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. (10939)
- 8N Neale Hanvey (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has paid the National Trust for Scotland to lease St Kilda for the Deep Sea Range (a) in total and (b) in each year for which lease payments have been made. (10940)
- 9N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will estimate the cost of relocating the Deep Sea Range on St Kilda.

 (10941)
- 10N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much has been spent on the Dreadnought programme. (10942)
- 11N **Neale Hanvey** (Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of nuclear weapons infrastructure. (10943)
- 12N Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he is taking steps to update the Analysis of the National Infrastructure and Construction Pipeline 2021, published in August 2021. (10868)
- 13N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many major infrastructure projects in the Government Major Projects Portfolio have (a) received final approval since April 2021 and (b) had their summary business cases published. (10869)

Questions for Answer on Monday 5 February

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Streatham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has conducted forecasting on the potential for England to meet the Government target of reducing food waste by 50% by 2030. (10929)