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Questions tabled on Wednesday 24 January 2024

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 25 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (10749)
- 2 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to support Havering Council in efforts to enhance the River Rom's (a) environmental health, (b) maintenance of river-based infrastructure and (c) development of projects aimed at increasing the vibrancy of the River Rom as a community resource. [Transferred] (11002)
- 3 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of the powers available to Local Authorities to hold utility companies to account for defects left behind after excavation work on grassed areas and grass verges. [Transferred] (11161)
- 4 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what information his Department holds on the number of food banks (a) currently operating and (b) operating in 2010. [Transferred] (10982)
- 5 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of people in food poverty. [Transferred] (10983)

- 6 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in prison have epilepsy. [Transferred] (11157)
- 7 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the resources provided to the Food Standards Agency to assess food safety applications. [Transferred] (11130)
- 8 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the decision by (a) Guernsey, (b) Jersey and (c) the Isle of Man to withdraw the commitment to allow public access to registers of company beneficial ownership. [Transferred] (11012)
- 9 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps he is taking to help facilitate the entry of new lenders offering long-term fixed rate mortgages backed by institutional bonds to the market. [Transferred] (11153)

Questions for Answer on Friday 26 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department holds data on the number of public buildings in England that require asbestos removal as of 24 January 2024. (11248)
- 2 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Government has plans to commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the 1924 British Empire Exhibition. (11279)
- 3 **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to support parity of treatment for infected blood victims across the UK via the infected blood support schemes. (11364)
- 4 **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will bring forward amendments to the Victims and Prisoners Bill to ensure parity of treatment for infected blood victims across the UK. (11365)
- 5 **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his planned timetable is for interim compensation payments under the Infected Blood Payment Scheme; and if he will take steps to ensure that those payments will begin within the 2023-24 financial year. (11366)
- 6 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Fujitsu has brought a legal claim against his Department since 2016. (11449)

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- 7 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of Royal Mail's fulfilment of the Universal Service Obligation in South London in 2023. (11379)
- 8 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what rules and regulations apply to the operation of Bounce Back Loan Scheme agreements as of 24 January 2024; and whether lenders may (a) levy fees and (b) charge additional interest under the scheme. (11452)
- 9 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recourse is available to a business if they suspect that (a) a lender and (b) an organisation or person acting on behalf of a lender is not complying with the regulations of the Bounce Back Loan Scheme. (11453)
- 10 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in her Department in each of the last two years. (11386)
- 11 **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has sought legal advice on the potential implications of continued approval of arms export licences where (a) components and (b) arms are known to be going to conflict zones. (11368)
- 12 **Paul Bristow** (Peterborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to open a third phase of the youth investment fund. (11450)
- 13 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in her Department in each of the last two years. (11396)
- 14 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help conserve historic churches in (a) the UK and (b) Romford constituency. (11277)
- 15 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with her Irish counterpart on the potential merits of a joint bid to host the 2036 Summer Olympic Games. (11278)
- 16 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish a schedule of planned meetings between her Department and Hertfordshire County Council to monitor the progress of its Area Special Educational Needs and Disabilities service improvement plan. (11445)
- 17 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many special school places are available in England as of 24 January 2024, broken down by local education authority. (11447)
- 18 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding her Department provided to Stonewall in 2023. (11250)

- 19 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average annual net affect of student loan interest payments on the public purse was in each of the last five years. (11451)
- 20 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in her Department in each of the last two years. (11397)
- 21 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had recent discussions with headteachers on the effectiveness of one-to-one learning for pupils who need to catch up on time missed in school as a result of the covid-19 pandemic. (11381)
- 22 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the cost effectiveness of the National Tutoring Programme. (11382)
- 23 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to close the attainment gap for disadvantaged pupils in (a) primary and (b) secondary state schools in the long-term. (11383)
- 24 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the National Tutoring Programme in closing the attainment gap for disadvantaged pupils in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in England. (11384)
- 25 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of one-to-one learning for pupils who need to catch up on time missed in school as a result of the covid-19 pandemic. (11385)
- 26 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what her planned timetable is for making a decision on the UK's membership of the Energy Charter Treaty. (11418)
- 27 **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of households that are (a) dual fuel, (b) connected to mains gas only and (c) connected to mains electricity only. (11454)
- 28 **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the number of households connected to mains electricity only that are in fuel poverty. (11455)
- 29 **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the added cost of (a) environmental and (b) social obligations on (i) electricity and (ii) gas bills to the average household in 2023. (11456)

- 30 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of the UK joining the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance. (11295)
- 31 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 4125 on Energy Charter Treaty, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies on the UK's membership of Energy Charter Treaty of the recent discussions between the secretariat for the Energy Charter Treaty and OPEC on potential cooperation. (11296)
- 32 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 5 December 2023 to Question 4125 on Energy Charter Treaty, when her Department plans to conclude its review of the UK's membership of the Energy Charter Treaty. (11297)
- 33 **Jason McCartney** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department plans to provide financial support to people seeking to decarbonise their heating systems but who experience challenges in (a) installing a heat pump and (b) connecting to a heat network. (11304)
- 34 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in her Department in each of the last two years. (11395)
- 35 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) reduce food waste at farms and (b) support farmers to ensure that surplus food is redistributed. (11321)
- 36 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many times each water company breached their storm overflow permits in 2023. (11292)
- 37 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications for bathing water status have been (a) made, (b) granted, (c) and (d) pending decision since 1 January 2023. (11293)
- 38 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which bathing waters have been de-designated in each region since 2015. (11294)
- 39 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 10 July 2023 to Question 91768 on Pesticides, what his revised timetable is for publishing the updated National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides. (11300)

- 40 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to replace the cross-compliance regulations for rural payments which ceased to have effect on 31 December 2023. (11301)
- 41 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the environmental impact of the end of cross-compliance regulations for rural payments on (a) hedgerows, (b) soil cover and (c) watercourse buffer strips. (11302)
- 42 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for meetings between the European Commission and the supervisory bodies of the United Kingdom as required by Article 395 of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement; and how these bodies will be defined. (11303)
- 43 **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken with relevant authorities to improve storm (a) resilience and (b) recovery efforts in (i) the North West and (ii) St Helens. (11358)
- 44 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many of each shark species have been landed in (a) UK ports and (b) abroad by UK vessels in each of the last five years. (11312)
- 45 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the total allowable catch level in English ports was for each shark species in each of the last five years. (11313)
- 46 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11394)
- 47 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to publish the storm overflow action plans. (11432)
- 48 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of flood defences at Windsor Park; and if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allocating funding to strengthen those defences. (11335)
- 49 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will review the position of sustainable aviation fuel within the waste hierarchy. (11307)

- 50 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many (a) documentary checks on, (b) physical checks on, (c) foreign supplier verification checks on and (d) rejections of consignments imported with a catch certificate validated by China were undertaken under the Sea Fishing (Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing) Order 2009 in 2023. (11245)
- 51 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, , what recent progress the Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Action Alliance has made; and what representations the UK has made at the Alliance since the Our Ocean conference in Panama in March 2023. (11246)
- 52 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's data release entitled Estimating the prevalence and costs of external wall system life-safety fire risk in mid-rise residential buildings in England, published on 17 May 2022, how many buildings estimated to require work to alleviate external wall system life-safety fire risks will be remediated through the Cladding Safety Scheme. (11423)
- 53 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to paragraph 45 of the Government response to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee report on Cladding: Progress of Remediation, CP 281, published on 3 September 2020, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of taking into direct ownership the freehold of a building for which access to (a) assess and (b) provide remediation is being prevented. (11424)
- 54 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will publish for each developer in the self-remediation scheme the target date by which they have undertaken to complete the remediation of relevant buildings. (11425)
- 55 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the impact of not extending the statutory requirement for a Cladding External Wall System form for properties in buildings below 11 meters on (a) property sales and (b) safety risk to residents. (11348)
- 56 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford and Eccles): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential (a) costs and (b) merits of extending the statutory requirement for a Cladding External Wall System form to include all apartment block buildings below 11m in height. (11349)
- 57 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's consultation on Permitted development rights, which closed on 25 September 2023, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of extending permitted development rights in (a) national parks and (b) other protected landscapes to allow the conversion of (i) barns and (ii) other rural buildings for residential use

on the ability of national park authorities to support the statutory purpose of national parks to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area. (11298)

- 58 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many and what proportion of leaseholders are not eligible for financial support under Section 117 3(c) of the Building Safety Act 2022 because other leaseholders own part of the freehold. (11433)
- 59 **Gary Sambrook** (Birmingham, Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will publish the correspondence between Birmingham City Council and his Department requesting exceptional financial support by way of (a) increasing council tax above the threshold and (b) capitalisation directions to balance their budget for 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years. (11442)
- 60 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will have discussions with Leicester City Council on steps it is taking to reduce damp and mould in low income households in Leicester East constituency. (11458)
- 61 **Claudia Webbe** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the guidance entitled Adapting historic homes for energy efficiency: a review of the barriers, published on 3 January 2024, what steps his Department plans to take to (a) identify and (b) tackle ineffective (i) heating and (ii) insulation within homes. (11459)
- 62 **Andrew Western** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the potential cost to businesses of proposals to abolish the marriage value element of leasehold enfranchisement; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of these proposals on non-UK leaseholders. (11469)
- 63 **Andrew Western** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to legal advice given to the Law Commission in December 2019, whether his Department has received any recent advice on the compatability of the marriage value element of leasehold enfranchisement with Article 1 of the First Protocol (A1P1) to the ECHR. (11470)
- 64 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in her Department in each of the last two years. (11399)
- 65 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what guidance the Government provides on whether universities' support for spin-outs is considered a Government subsidy for the purposes of international treaties. (11324)

- 66 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what support Innovate UK provides to start-up businesses that are not associated with universities. (11325)
- 67 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) architectural and (b) safety requirements for L-Category vehicles on the transition of those vehicles to net zero emissions. (11314)
- 68 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5003 on Motor Vehicles: Exhaust Emissions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on the UK L-Category sector of the creation of a new vehicle category as a result of regulatory misalignment with international markets. (11315)
- 69 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 3453 on Motorcycles: Carbon Emissions, what progress he has made on delivering powered light vehicle action plan items (a) 1, (b) 4, (c) 5, (d) 7, (e) 8 and (f) 10. (11316)
- 70 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 28 November 2023 to Question 3453 on Motorcycles: Carbon Emissions, what support the Government has provided to the Powered Light Vehicle Community in the last 12 months. (11317)
- 71 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had discussions with the Heritage Railway Association on the (a) availability and (b) affordability of coal. (11441)
- 72 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, what the (a) rail network enhancements pipeline status and (b) project acceleration in a controlled environment stage is of the planned upgrades to Haxby Station; and when approval for this project was granted. (11370)
- 73 **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the extent to which (a) funding and (b) other commitments for the new West Yorkshire mass transit system referenced on page 25 of the policy paper entitled Network North, published on 4 October 2023, are additional to those committed to under the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements. (11371)
- 74 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his planned timetable is for the publication of the draft Rail Reform Bill. (11402)
- 75 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what guidance his Department issues to short sea ferry services on application of the threshold for providing a declaration of equivalence under Section 3 (1) of the Seafarers Wages Act 2023. (11308)

- 76 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11393)
- 77 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department plans to regulate the use of e-bicycles by commercial delivery drivers. (11273)
- 78 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential mental health impact of (a) disability tests and (b) sanctions. (11411)
- 79 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Government is taking to help ensure the mental well-being of people affected by welfare sanctions. (11413)
- 80 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11400)
- 81 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to support women who are physically unable to work to state pension age. (11330)
- 82 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will have discussions with the Health and Safety Executive on the adequacy of the (a) use of equipment and (b) other steps taken by silica-related industries to detect silica dust. (11337)
- 83 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will have discussions with the Health and Safety Executive on the safety of engineered stone production; and if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of banning the (a) production and (b) use of engineered stone. (11338)
- 84 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will commission research on potential links between engineered stone production and silicosis in workers. (11339)
- 85 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will have discussions with industry representatives on potential steps to detect respirable silica dust during the production of silica-containing products. (11340)
- 86 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of claims for (a) personal independence payments and (b) employment and support allowance being allowed for (i) mental and (ii) physical health conditions in the last five years. (11341)

- 87 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) support his Department provides to and (b) safeguarding measures are in place within the welfare system for people assessed to be at serious risk of suicide or self-harm; and whether he plans to take steps to strengthen that support. (11412)
- 88 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on steps being taken to help mitigate the potential mental health impact of (a) conditionality groups and (b) welfare sanctions on claimants. (11414)
- 89 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of sanctions for (a) minor infringements of welfare rules and (b) being late for jobcentre meetings on the mental health of people sanctioned. (11415)
- 90 **Vicky Ford** (Chelmsford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that there is adequate pharmacy provision. (11429)
- 91 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to tackle liver disease in the North East. (11440)
- 92 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will issue guidance to care settings on how to (a) support and (b) maintain contact between Parkinsons' patients and their family members and carers. (11403)
- 93 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of issuing carers' permits to support carers to (a) keep in contact with and (b) accompany patients in care settings. (11404)
- 94 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of commencing a long term programme to remove asbestos from all (a) schools and (b) hospitals. (11249)
- 95 **Rachel Maclean** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent steps the NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board has taken to (a) commission and (b) deliver services at the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch. (11427)
- 96 **Rachel Maclean** (Redditch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to ensure that Alexandra Hospital in Redditch publish updated information on the scope of its services. (11428)
- 97 **Jason McCartney** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to encourage people to attend lung screening appointments. (11305)

- 98 **Jason McCartney** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the proportion of people living in Yorkshire being reached by the targeted lung health checks. (11306)
- 99 **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate she has made of the rate of liver disease in (a) St Helens North constituency and (b) the North West. (11355)
- 100 **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was for child and adolescent mental health services in (a) St Helens North constituency and (b) the North West in the latest period for which data is available; and what steps she is taking to reduce those waiting times. (11356)
- 101 **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate her Department has made of the number of measles cases there are in (a) St Helens and (b) the North West. (11357)
- 102 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of ensuring that adequate training is provided to people with mobility scooters. (11420)
- 103 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing NHS patients who require a mobility (a) scooter and (b) other aids to choose the (i) provider and (ii) retailers of those aids. (11421)
- 104 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the impact of the removal of NHS public health functions agreement ring-fence funding on cancer screening programmes. (11310)
- 105 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to launch a national awareness campaign on breast screening. (11311)
- 106 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much the NHS spent on postage in the latest 12 month period for which data is available. (11431)
- 107 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in her Department in each of the last two years. (11392)
- 108 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will bring forward legislation to regulate the sale of aspirin. (11329)
- 109 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of trends in referral numbers to secondary care for gynaecological services in Northern Ireland. (11333)

- 110 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many operating theatre related fires have been reported in (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022 and (d) 2023. (11342)
- 111 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to update the National Standards for Safety in Invasive Procedures to improve the information held on surgical fires. (11343)
- 112 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of students studying dentistry in universities in England and Wales in the 2023-24 academic year. (11247)
- 113 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the impact of Houthi attacks in the Red Sea on (a) humanitarian supply deliveries and (b) sea-borne trade through Port Sudan. (11287)
- 114 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with the government of Ethiopia on (a) peace and security and (b) food security in the Tigray region. (11288)
- 115 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he is taking steps to assess the adequacy of UK sanctions in relation to the evidence of proxy companies detailed in the final report of the Panel of Experts, as considered by the Committee established pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1591 on 15 January 2024. (11289)
- 116 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what further steps he plans to take with international partners to support accountability for alleged violations of international humanitarian law and crimes against humanity detailed in the final report of the Panel of Experts as considered by the Committee established pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1591 on 15 January 2024. (11290)
- 117 **Ms Lyn Brown** (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to work with partners to address violations of the UN sanctions regime on Darfur detailed in the final report of the Panel of Experts as considered by the Committee established pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1591 on 15 January 2024. (11291)
- 118 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an estimate of the daily volume of aid required to pass through the Rafah crossing to meet the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (11443)
- 119 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has sought legal advice on the forcible removal of civilians from Occupied Palestinian Territories by Israel. (11444)

- 120 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has taken steps with international partners to address the incidence of forced marriage of young girls and women from religious minorities in Ethiopia; and whether he has had recent discussions with his Ethiopian counterpart on this issue. (11439)
- 121N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of reports of North Korea providing military support to Russia. [Transferred] (11036)
- 122 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent unintended impacts from sanctions on food imports to Yemen by (a) the private sector and (b) humanitarian organisations. (11283)
- 123 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11398)
- 124 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Libyan counterparts on compensation for UK victims of Libyan-sponsored IRA terrorism. (11276)
- 125 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his South Korean counterpart on relations with North Korea. (11328)
- 126 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of using the sanctions mechanisms provided for under UN Security Council Resolution 2231. (11331)
- 127 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of proscribing the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps on national security. (11332)
- 128 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the report published by the Roots Organisation for Human Rights and Violations Monitoring on xxx, on violence against ethno-religious tribes by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces in Darfur . (11334)
- 129 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with his Indonesian counterpart on authorising a visit to West Papua by (a) the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, (b) Special Rapporteurs and (c) mandate holders. (11422)

- 130 **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the (a) UK's arms exports licensing process and (b) role of the export control joint unit in the context of arms sent to (i) Israel, (ii) Saudi Arabia and (iii) nations alleged to have breached international humanitarian law. (11367)
- 131 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has considered the potential merits of extending visas issued under the (a) Ukraine Family Scheme, (b) Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme and (c) the Ukraine Extension Scheme; and whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact of such schemes on Government provision for (i) housing, (ii) education and (iii) employment. (11457)
- 132 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to ban zombie knives. (11378)
- 133 **Kim Leadbeater** (Batley and Spen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that individuals with family in the UK who switch to a SOC 6145 health worker visa are not separated from their dependents. (11467)
- 134 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many UK troops are deployed domestically as part of military aid to civilian authority requests. (11256)
- 135 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has any Challenger 1 main battle tanks in storage. (11257)
- 136 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on maintenance for the Warrior infantry fighting vehicle fleet in each year since 2010. (11258)
- 137 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department previously had a policy of cannibalising the Warrior infantry fighting vehicle fleet. (11259)
- 138 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Armed Forces Recruiting Programme since its inception. (11260)
- 139 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on external consultants for the Recruitment Partnership Project since its inception. (11261)
- 140 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the original timescale was for completion of deliveries of F-35s to the RAF. (11262)
- 141 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his Department expects deliveries of F-35s to the RAF to be completed. (11263)

- 142 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason his Department donated 14 Challenger 2 tanks to Ukraine; and for what reason his Department did not donate all Challenger 2 tanks not due to be upgraded to Challenger 3. (11234)
- 143 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any tanks other than Challenger 2 are in storage. (11235)
- 144 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Minefield Breaching Systems were donated to Ukraine between February 2022 and June 2023. (11236)
- 145 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of the (a) vehicle-mounted and (b) on-the person (i) mine clearing and (ii) explosive ordnance disposal equipment donated to Ukraine was for (A) clearance in unoccupied territory and (B) breaching Russian minefields. (11237)
- 146 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Trojan platforms were donated to Ukraine between February 2022 and June 2023. (11238)
- 147 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Python Minefield Breaching Systems (a) are in storage, (b) are in use and (c) were donated to Ukraine between February 2022 and June 2023. (11239)
- 148 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, Defence how many Aardvark AMCS Mk4 mine flail vehicles (a) are in storage, (b) are in use and (c) were donated to Ukraine between February 2022 and June 2023. (11240)
- 149 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many remotely operated minefield breaching systems his Department has provided to Ukraine (a) since 1 February 2022 and (b) before 1 June 2023. (11241)
- 150 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to donate more Minefield Breaching Systems to Ukraine. (11242)
- 151 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent discussions he has had with Veterans UK on veteran homelessness. (11336)
- 152 **Sarah Jones** (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders who went on to commit a serious further offence were classified as (a) high risk, (b) medium risk and (c) low risk in each year since 2010. (11409)
- 153 **Sarah Jones** (Croydon Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Prison Transfer Agreements were in place in each year since 2010. (11410)
- 154 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11401)

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- 155 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of increasing maximum student loan amounts in line with inflation. (11426)
- 156 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority on the adequacy of climate risk advice provided by investment consultants to (a) local authorities and (b) other third parties. (11299)
- 157 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether it is his Department's policy to introduce an excise tax on disposable vapes. (11350)
- 158 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the (a) sale and (b) taxation of disposable vapes. (11351)
- 159 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department plans to (a) equalise and (b) increase the Lifetime ISA and Help-to-Buy ISA property price thresholds. (11274)
- 160 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department plans to reduce the Lifetime ISA withdrawal penalty. (11275)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 29 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Ministers (a) were entitled to participate and (b) took part in the programme of eight masterclasses for new Ministers in the last 12 months. (11272)
- 2N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General during topical questions to the Cabinet Office on 18 January 2024, Official Report, column 1016, whether he will publish details of the psychological support in place for victims of infected blood. (11284)
- 3N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, who the (a) clinical, (b) legal and (c) care experts appointed to inform plans for delivering compensation to victims of the infected blood scandal are. (11285)

- 4N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many requests for meetings on the infected blood inquiry and recommendations he has received from (a) victims, (b) organisations representing victims and (c) victims' lawyers since 13 November 2023; and how many such meetings he (i) has had and (ii) plans to have. (11286)
- 5N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11390)
- 6N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent discussions he has had with his counterparts in the Scottish and Welsh governments on infected blood (a) compensation and (b) interim payments. (11359)
- 7N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to seek legislative consent for infected blood (a) compensation and (b) interim payments from the devolved administrations. (11360)
- 8N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make it his policy to provide (a) compensation and (b) interim payments to those who contracted Hepatitis B through infected blood. (11361)
- 9N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will convene a meeting with his counterparts in the devolved administrations to (a) discuss and (b) implement an infected blood compensation scheme. (11362)
- 10N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate she has made of the number of additional declarations that businesses will need to make following the implementation of the Border Target Operation Model. (11319)
- 11N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate she has made of the number of consignments which will be subjected to the Border Target Operation Model sanitary and phyto-sanitary controls in each of the next three years, broken down by each risk category. (11320)
- 12N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of 'Not for EU' labelling requirements on small and medium-sized food producers who (a) export to the European Union and (b) sell within the UK. (11466)
- 13N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions she has had with the European Union on potential amendments to the Windsor Framework to streamline the movement of goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (11281)
- 14N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of available childcare places per child in each region in England on 24 January 2024. (11374)

- 15N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the number of parents of 2-year-olds who have applied for the expanded childcare entitlement; and how many applications are yet to be processed. (11375)
- 16N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of apprenticeship starts were in each of the 30 apprenticeship funding bands in the 2022-23 academic year. (11344)
- 17N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of apprentices on a 12-month apprenticeship in the 2021-2022 academic year completed their endpoint assessment (a) on the date of, (b) one to three months after, (c) three to six months after and (d) more than six months after completing their apprenticeship. (11345)
- 18N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many SMEs have hosted more than 10 apprentices at any one time in each month since April 2023. (11346)
- 19N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the ability of the electrical power companies to respond to recent storm events. (11464)
- 20N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications his Department has received for certificates of exemption to keep an American Bully XL type dog in (a) Canterbury constituency and (b) England. (11406)
- 21N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether fluoride is added to the water supply anywhere in the UK. (11280)
- 22N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Farming Recovery Fund will be extended to all those affected by storms this winter. (11416)
- 23N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made assessment of the potential impact of inflation on formula milk. (11376)
- 24N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions his Department has had with the Competition and Markets Authority on the baby formula market. (11377)
- 25N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8848 on Local Plans: St Albans, whether his Department has been notified of (a) correspondence and (b) meetings on the local plan between St Albans District Council and the Planning Inspectorate in the last 12 months. (11446)

- 26N **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department are taking to address the shortage of social housing in (a) Preston, (b) Lancashire, and (c) the North West. (11265)
- 27N **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department will commit to providing more funding to local authorities to increase the availability of social-rented housing in (a) Preston, (b) Lancashire, and (c) the North West. (11266)
- 28N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11391)
- 29N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing funding to the five successful researchers from the latest 2023 funding round of the European Research Council Proof of Concept scheme to undertake work in UK research institutions. (11322)
- 30N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding the Government has provided to successful applicants to the European Research Council Proof of Concept scheme to carry out work in UK research institutions since November 2021. (11323)
- 31N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK Innovation Strategy, last updated on 14 November 2023, what progress she has made on establishing a new Innovation Missions Programme. (11326)
- 32N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK Innovation Strategy, last updated on 14 November 2023, how many Prosperity Partnerships have been launched as of 24 January 2024. (11327)
- 33N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to extend e-scooter rental trials to more areas. (11269)
- 34N **Richard Foord** (Tiverton and Honiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) rural and (b) cross-county border bus services. (11468)
- 35N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the ability of the rail industry to respond to recent storm events. (11463)
- 36N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, under what circumstances DVLA drivers' medical visual field and visual acuity testing will be administered free of charge. (11380)

- 37N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 19 January 2024 to Question 9914 on Universal Credit: Farmers, whether he has made an assessment of the potential financial impact of moving from Working Tax Credits to Universal Credit on recipient farmers in the last five years and if he will undertake an assessment in the next three months. (11408)
- 38N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to (a) monitor the progress of and (b) evaluate maternity and neonatal safety improvement schemes. (11465)
- 39N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential relationship between the availability of NHS dentistry appointments and patient access to bone-strengthening medication to treat cancer. (11405)
- 40N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department have taken to support the NHS to mitigate the impact of (a) flooding and (b) storms on the provision of healthcare. (11461)
- 41N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the risk of cardiac arrest among young people. (11462)
- 42N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the NHS public health functions agreement 2023 to 2024 will include a ring-fence in financial directions. (11309)
- 43N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many units of dental activity were (a) commissioned and (b) delivered in each integrated care board in each month since January 2017. (11430)
- 44N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what legal advice he has received on the risk that UK manufactured (a) arms and (b) components have been used during the conflict in Gaza. (11372)
- 45N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with (a) the United Nations and (b) UN agencies on the resumption of elections in Libya. (11282)
- 46N **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the fatal shooting of Ramzi Abu Sahlool. (11347)
- 47N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress his Department has made with the Executive Office of Northern Ireland in establishing a grant agreement for the successor arrangement to the Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership. (11271)

- 48N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the draft Immigration (Health Charge) Amendment Order 2023, what his planned timetable is for the implementation of the immigration health surcharge. (11460)
- 49N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average waiting time for a DBS check is in (a) Canterbury constituency, (b) Kent and (c) England. (11407)
- 50N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11389)
- 51N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what criteria are used for selecting people to be accommodated on the Bibby Stockholm. (11352)
- 52N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unaccompanied children seeking asylum were in Home Office hotel accommodation as of 24 January 2024. (11353)
- 53N **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data his Department holds on the (a) longest and (b) average length of time people are held in Brook House immigration removal centre. (11354)
- 54N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answers of 25 November 2022 to Question 93420, 1 December 2022 to Question 97406 and 19 October 2023 to Question 203428, by what date he expects the Atlas caseworking system will provide further information on the number of applicants having the No Recourse to Public Funds condition attached to their Leave to Remain. (11233)
- 55N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 48 of his Department's Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 published on 20 July 2023, what the cost to the taxpayer was of the mock health and safety prosecution trial event. (11267)
- 56N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 48 of his Department's Defence Equipment and Support Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 published on 20 July 2023, what the total budget was for DE&S World Environment and Safety Day. (11268)
- 57N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 10 of the Integrated Review Refresh 2023, CP 811, published by the Government in March 2023, how much of the £560 million announced in autumn 2022 for war stocks replenishment has been (a) allocated and (b) awarded to contractors. (11251)

- 58N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraph 11 of the Integrated Review Refresh 2023, CP 811, published by the Government in March 2023, how much of the £2 billion for replenishing stockpiles has been (a) allocated and (b) awarded to contractors. (11252)
- 59N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the number of Russian armed forces personnel (a) killed in action and (b) wounded in Ukraine since February 2022. (11253)
- 60N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the number of Russian (a) main battle tanks, (b) armoured vehicles, (c) fixed wing aircraft, (d) artillery pieces, (e) surface ships and (f) submarines destroyed in Ukraine since February 2022. (11254)
- 61N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what information his Department holds on the number of mercenaries in private military companies operating alongside Russian Armed Forces in Ukraine since February 2022. (11255)
- 62N **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the status is of all scimitar combat reconnaissance vehicles that are no longer in active service. (11369)
- 63N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11388)
- 64N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2024 to Question 9088 on Armed Forces Recruitment, and with refence to Army Jobs' recruitment collaboration with YouTubers through a Fortnite video game session on Twitch in January 2024, whether his Department paid the social media influences featured in the livestream cinematic trailer. (11434)
- 65N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will provide a breakdown of (a) single living accommodation and (b) service family accommodation occupancy by rank. (11435)
- 66N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of repair work in (a) service family accommodation and (b) single living accommodation in 2023. (11436)
- 67N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will provide an update on the progress of buying back ownership of the Annington Homes estate. (11437)
- 68N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2024 to Question 10351 on Armed Forces: Housing, if he will provide a breakdown of the number of military housing units treated for faults not listed in the previous question. (11438)

- 69N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2024 to Question 10673, whether his Department has logged alleged instances of breaches or violations of International Humanitarian Law by Israel in its military engagement in Gaza since October 2023. (11448)
- 70N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the average length of referral orders in the last five years. (11270)
- 71N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on infected blood compensation payments. (11363)
- 72N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the cost to the public purse was of his flight to attend the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2024. (11419)
- 73N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority on monthly car insurance premiums. (11417)
- 74N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether any refurbishments have been made to ministerial offices in his Department in each of the last two years. (11387)
- 75N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information his Department holds on the number of SMEs in the defence sector that have been denied (a) banking facilities and (b) other forms of finance because of environmental, social and governance policies since 2020. (11264)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 30 January

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his Department's publication entitled DWP's ministerial meetings, July to September 2023, published on 14 December 2023, if he will list the (a) organisations and (b) individuals who attended the departmental roundtable on 25 September 2023. (11318)
- 2N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the Defending Democracy Taskforce is taking to reduce the potential threat of artificial intelligence generated deepfakes being used in elections. (11373)
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Oral Questions to the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

- 1 **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): What recent diplomatic steps he has taken to help secure a sustainable ceasefire in Gaza. (901233)
- 2 **Mr Rob Roberts** (Delyn): Whether he is taking diplomatic steps to help reduce the risk of conflict in the West Philippine Sea. [R] (901234)
- 3 **Hannah Bardell** (Livingston): What recent discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on Israel's political objectives in Gaza. (901235)
- 4 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): What steps his Department is taking to support developing countries with climate change adaptation. (901236)
- 5 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): Whether he has had recent discussions with his international counterparts on a strategy to reduce debt in the developing world. (901237)
- 6 **Naz Shah** (Bradford West): What plans the Government has to recognise a Palestinian state. (901238)
- 7 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): What recent steps he has taken to help prevent an escalation of conflict in the Middle East. (901239)
- 8 **Mark Eastwood** (Dewsbury): What assessment he has made of the impact of the UK's non-military support to Ukraine over winter 2023-24 on the humanitarian situation in that country. (901240)
- 9 **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): What recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the state of relations between Iran and Pakistan. (901241)
- 10 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): What recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the human rights situation in Eritrea. (901242)
- 11 **David Linden** (Glasgow East): What recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of the recognition of a Palestinian state. (901243)
- 12 **Mrs Sheryll Murray** (South East Cornwall): What recent diplomatic support he has provided to Ukraine. (901244)
- 13 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): What recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of the recognition of a Palestinian state. (901245)
- 14 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): What diplomatic steps he is taking to help end the conflict in Israel and Gaza. (901246)
- 15 **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): What discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the situation of the Hazara community in Afghanistan. (901247)
- 16 **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): What recent assessment he has made of the strength of the UK's diplomatic relationship with China. (901248)

- 17 **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of levels of international support for South Africa's referral of Israel to the International Court of Justice. (901249)
- 18 **Judith Cummins** (Bradford South): What discussions he has had with his international counterparts on maintaining support for Ukraine. (901250)
- 19 **Craig Tracey** (North Warwickshire): What steps he is taking to help secure the release of hostages held by Hamas in Gaza. (901251)
- 20 **Richard Foord** (Tiverton and Honiton): What recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on the war in Ukraine. (901252)
- 21 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): What steps his Department is taking to help tackle violence against women and girls in conflict zones. (901253)
- 22 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): What recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Israel on the number of civilian deaths in Gaza. (901254)
- 23 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What steps he is taking to help secure the release of hostages held by Hamas in Gaza. (901255)
- 24 **Stephen Metcalfe** (South Basildon and East Thurrock): What steps his Department is taking to support progress towards a sustainable ceasefire in the conflict in Israel and Gaza. (901256)
- 25 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): What recent diplomatic steps he has taken to help secure a sustainable ceasefire in Gaza. (901257)

Topical Questions to the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

- T1 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901258)
 - T2 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): (901259)
 - T3 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): (901260)
 - T4 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): (901261)
 - T5 **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): (901262)
 - T6 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): (901263)
 - T7 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): (901264)
 - T8 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): (901265)
 - T9 **Sarah Dyke** (Somerton and Frome): (901266)
 - T10 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): (901267)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 6 February

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the impact of the withdrawal of ear syringing procedures by GPs on patient wellbeing in the West Midlands. (11243)
- 2N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the availability of continuous glucose monitoring for people with type-1 diabetes; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to increase access to that monitoring. (11244)