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## Questions tabled on Tuesday 20 February 2024

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  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Wednesday 21 February

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many excess winter deaths there were in each month from November 2023 to February 2024. [Transferred] (14656)
- 2 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much money from dormant funds has been transferred to (a) the National Lottery Community Fund and (b) non-profit organisations in the last 10 years. [Transferred] (14465)
- 3 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the value is of dormant funds transferred to (a) the National Lottery Community Fund and (b) other organisations in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (14466)
- 4 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what fiscal steps she is taking to support (a) training programmes, (b) apprenticeships and (c) other efforts to promote (i) job creation and (ii) skills development in Bury South constituency. [Transferred] (14743)
- 5 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make it his policy to require local authorities to have net zero climate plans and targets. [Transferred] (14538)

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- 6 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to promote (a) innovation and (b) research and development in (i) technology, (ii) green energy, (iii) healthcare and (iv) other key sectors of the economy. [Transferred] (14753)
- 7 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of levels of availability of replacement guide dogs on the blind and visually impaired community since the pandemic. [Transferred] (14644)
- 8 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of wait times for a replacement guide dog after the previous dog has retired on the blind and visually impaired community. [Transferred] (14645)
- 9 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of ending the Household Support Fund on 31 March 2024 on (a) the number of people experiencing destitution, (b) the NHS, (c) social care services, (d) homelessness services and (e) other public services. [Transferred] (14686)
- 10 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of trends in the level of demand for local crisis support. [Transferred] (14687)
- 11 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate his Department has made of the number of fixed speed enforcement cameras in (a) the UK, (b) England and (c) Greater London. [Transferred] (14535)
- 12 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will publish a rating of legal firms by their environmental social governance each year. [Transferred] (14470)
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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 22 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on how many civil servants have taken early retirement since 2020. (14793)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what data his Department holds on the public bodies that have provided grants to Stonewall since 1 January 2019. (14795)

- 3 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that the supply chains of UK solar companies do not include Uyghur slave labour. (14971)
- 4 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has taken steps to help increase domestic production of virgin and waste wood. (14986)
- 5 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to support leisure centres in rural areas. (14794)
- 6 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to support (a) tennis and (b) badminton courts in rural areas. (14796)
- 7 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of ending funding for the UK Council for International Student Affairs on the adequacy of support available to international students. (14852)
- 8 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the educational attainment of white working class boys. (14829)
- 9 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of pupils in (a) secondary and (b) primary education were in (i) independent and (ii) state schools per local authority in England in each year since 2010. (14939)
- 10 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of secondary and primary school pupils were in independent schools in each local authority in (a) England, (b) Wales, (c) Scotland and (d) Northern Ireland. (14940)
- 11 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the number of Higher Education institutions that have not adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism. (14842)
- 12 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the reasons for applicants for research places at Newcastle University waiting longer than five months for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme certificate. (14867)
- 13 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of the safety of school buildings in Northumberland; and what recent steps she has taken to help ensure the safety of those buildings. (14844)

- 14 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of the safety of school buildings in Somerset; and what recent steps she has taken to help ensure the safety of those buildings. (14845)
- 15 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of RAAC-related disruption on exam preparations for students in years 11 and 13. (14846)
- 16 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many pupils in years 11 and 13 are studying at (a) schools and (b) colleges affected by reinforced autoclave aerated concrete. (14847)
- 17 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that students studying for (a) GCSEs, (b) A-levels and (c) VTQs are not held back by disruption to their learning caused by RAAC. (14848)
- 18 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much her Department has spent on (a) producing and (b) delivering leaflets to households entitled Help for Households, Get help that fits your family, Childcare Choices. (14849)
- 19 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the cost to the public purse was of delivering government leaflets entitled Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family via (a) Royal Mail and (b) other delivery companies. (14850)
- 20 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the cost to the public purse was of advertising the upcoming extension to funded childcare hours. (14851)
- 21 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's guidance on mobile phones in schools, published on 19 February 2024, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the guidance on the number of children using mobile phones in school. (14964)
- 22 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what criteria her Department uses to support the development of new energy technologies. (14917)
- 23 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, for what reason her Department did not publish the risk assessments for the Carbon Budget Delivery Plan. (14921)
- 24 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to introduce the Clean Heat Market Mechanism. (14993)

- 25 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle levels of poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances in the River Mersey. (14918)
- 26 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what is the minimum acceptable distance between a leachate treatment plant and housing developments. (14961)
- 27 **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to estimate the potential (a) costs and (b) profits on large businesses of proposals to introduce mandatory food waste reporting. (14973)
- 28N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications have been received for the Timber in Construction Innovation Fund; and what assessment he has made of the impact of the Timber in Construction Innovation Fund on the volume of carbon stored in the built environment. (14825)
- 29 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many night licenses to cull deer were issued in the last three years. (14937)
- 30 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many deer have been culled under night licences issued in the last three years. (14938)
- 31 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether her Department plans to extend the funding period for the Rural England Prosperity Fund. (15001)
- 32 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what data his Department holds on the number and proportion of individuals housed under the Everyone In initiative who continued to be provided with accommodation after covid-19 restrictions were lifted. (14924)
- 33 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to tackle the impact of rough sleeping on (a) women, (b) LGBTQ+ individuals, (c) people with complex needs and (d) other marginalized and vulnerable groups. (14925)
- 34 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent steps his Department has taken to provide (a) supported housing, (b) wrap-around support services and (c) other long-term housing solutions for rough sleepers. (14926)
- 35 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking with (a) local authorities, (b) charities and (c) community organisations to develop strategies for (i) preventing and (ii) reducing rough sleeping. (14927)

- 36 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help support local authorities to provide appropriate temporary accommodation to (a) survivors of domestic abuse, (b) people with complex needs and (c) other vulnerable groups. (14928)
- 37 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to (a) provide access to (i) mental health support, (ii) social services and (iii) recreational activities for and (b) otherwise address the needs and vulnerabilities of homeless children. (14929)
- 38 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps her Department is taking to (a) minimise the time spent in temporary accommodation by homeless children and (b) support the transition of such children into long-term accommodation. (14930)
- 39 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the number of Ukrainian refugees presenting as homeless. (14931)
- 40 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent assessment he has made of adequacy of (a) funding and (b) support arrangements for Ukrainian refugees. (14932)
- 41 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what plans he has to monitor the potential impact of Royal Mail delays on the number of postal votes received after the deadline; and what information his Department holds on how many and what proportion of voting packs were received late in (a) local elections in May 2023 and (b) other elections in the last five years. (14836)
- 42 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make it a requirement for the number of voting packs received after an election deadline to be published; and what steps he is taking to protect the postal voting system from Royal Mail delays. (14837)
- 43 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the guidance sent by the Director of the Grant Delivery Directorate to councils on 10 November 2023, with the subject Flood Recovery Framework Schemes Operational Guidance - Business Recovery Grant, Storm Babet 19-25 October 2023, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) removing the reference to businesses that have made no efforts to seek appropriate insurance and (b) reopening that scheme. (14838)
- 44 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to ensure that disabled people have access to specialised homes in (a) the private sector and (b) social housing. (14909)

- 45 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many full-time equivalent staff in her Department work on public appointments. (14864)
- 46 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the report by the Local Government Association entitled The path to inclusive footways, published on 10 February 2024. (14935)
- 47 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to ensure that highways funding supports pavement accessibility. (14936)
- 48 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to ensure worker safety for those working (a) shifts and (b) unsociable hours. (14916)
- 49 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to close the gender pension gap. (14980)
- 50 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to meet its obligations under the International Labour Organisation Convention on Occupational Safety and Health 1981. (14874)
- 51 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to close the gender pension gap. (14968)
- 52 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help support disabled people financially whilst they await decisions on applications for the renewal of (a) Personal Independence Payments and (b) other benefits. (14872)
- 53 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure the adequacy of the level of accommodation provision for parents of babies in neonatal care. (14914)
- 54 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help improve treatment for individuals aged over 65 with low blood pressure in (a) Enfield North Constituency, (b) the London Borough of Enfield, and (c) London. (14975)
- 55 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help increase retention levels of junior doctors in (a) Enfield North Constituency, (b) the London Borough of Enfield, and (c) London. (14976)
- 56 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of whistleblowing procedures for health workers with concerns about patient safety. (14982)

- 57 **Mr Ranil Jayawardena** (North East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what criteria were used to determine the location of water fluoridation schemes. (14905)
- 58 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to tackle sexual abuse of female paramedics. (14981)
- 59 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to tackle sexual abuse of female paramedics. (14970)
- 60 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data her Department holds on the average waiting time for adults to receive a full diagnostic assessment for ADHD in each commissioning area. (14839)
- 61 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of appointments for adults to receive a full diagnostic assessment for ADHD in Chesterfield; and if she will take steps to reduce waiting times for this service. (14840)
- 62 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of providing additional funding to the devolved Administrations to help support young people with (a) bulimia, (b) anorexia and (c) other eating disorders. (14869)
- 63 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to replace aging equipment in the NHS. (14870)
- 64 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to train specialist staff in the timely (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of cancer. (14871)
- 65 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to support people living with motor neurone disease. (14853)
- 66 **Matt Warman** (Boston and Skegness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the cost to (a) the public purse and (b) social care providers of increasing pay for staff in the social care sector by 65p per hour. (14881)
- 67N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment the Government has made of the potential implications for the Government's policies of the statement on Gaza by the Prime Ministers of Australia, Canada and New Zealand issued on 15 February 2024. [Transferred] (14682)
- 68 **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 the advisory proceedings on the legal

consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory including East Jerusalem at the International Court of Justice.

(14919)

- 69 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he is taking diplomatic steps to help prevent the forced displacement of Palestinians from Gaza. (14920)
- 70 **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help stop breaches of international humanitarian law in Western Sahara. [R] (14783)
- 71 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) enabling Parliament to exercise oversight of sanctions policy and (b) imposing a duty on His Majesty's Government to lay an annual report before Parliament on sanctions and other related measures adopted on the basis of a relevant human rights purpose as defined by the Sanctions and Money Laundering Act 2018 Section 1(f). (14774)
- 72 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department plans to take to respond to the death of Alexei Navalny in Russian custody. (14820)
- 73 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the accuracy of reports that Russian soldiers have executed Ukrainian prisoners of war in Avdiivka. (14821)
- 74 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to help provide humanitarian support at the Rafah crossing. (14822)
- 75 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what support his Department is providing to Syria following the earthquake in that country last year. (14854)
- 76 **Alun Cairns** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make it his policy to ensure that the constraints placed on Departments by the Civil Service headcount cap will not have a negative impact on resourcing for the delivery of commitments made in the Economic Crime Plan. (14855)
- 77 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much his Department spent on press and public relations in each financial year since 2019-20. (14977)
- 78 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance his Department issues to police forces on responding to correspondence from Members of Parliament. (14978)

- 79 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he has taken to support his Department's staff who act as whistleblowers. (14979)
- 80 **Richard Drax** (South Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of claimed conversions to Christianity by people resident on the barge in Portland Port on their asylum applications. (14873)
- 81 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will have discussions with the Metropolitan Police on publishing data on the number of (a) speeding fines and (b) notices of intended prosecution for speeding since 1 December 2023 in the section of the A20 eastbound near Sidcup with a temporary speed limit. (14990)
- 82 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were caught attempting to enter the UK illegally through (a) airports and (b) airfields in each year since 2019. (14797)
- 83 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will hold discussions with police forces on removing non-crime hate incidents from people's records. (14798)
- 84 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of non-crime hate incidents have been recorded by police forces since the new code of practice was announced in March 2023. (14799)
- 85 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress his Department and the National Crime Agency have made on securing the £5.6 million forfeiture against assets held by Javanshir Feyziyev and his family; whether the location of these funds has been identified; and what plans his Department has for the (a) management and (b) disposal of these funds. (14773)
- 86 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2024 to Question 12970, what options he is considering. (14835)
- 87 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the breakdown is of Armed Forces capabilities deployed to Poland as part of NATO exercise Steadfast Defender 24. (14819)
- 88 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many members of the Armed Forces have been referred to the PREVENT Scheme for what reasons since 2019. (14805)
- 89 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many new recruits to the Reserves began basic training for the (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) RAF in each year since 2010. (14806)

- 90 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications to join the Reserves for the (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) RAF were made in each year since 2010. (14807)
- 91 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the maximum occupancy per housing unit is for people temporarily housed in Service Family Accommodation in the UK under the ARAP Scheme. (14808)
- 92 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to tackle pension irregularities in the Defence Fire Rescue Project. (14969)
- 93 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Air Power Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14941)
- 94 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Arctic Command and Control Effector and Sensor System Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14942)
- 95 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's CBRN Defence Training Range Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14943)
- 96 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Counter Battery Sensors Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14944)
- 97 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Cyber and Information Domain Coordination Center Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14945)
- 98 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Deployable Modular Underwater Intervention Capability Package Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14946)
- 99 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Essential Elements of European Escort Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14947)
- 100 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Cyber Academia and Innovation Hub Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14948)

- 101 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's EUFOR Crisis Response Operation Core Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14949)
- 102 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's European Global RPAS Insertion Architecture System Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14950)
- 103 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's European Medium Altitude Long Endurance Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems – MALE RPAS (Eurodrone) Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14951)
- 104 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's European Training Certification Centre for European Armies Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14952)
- 105 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Future Medium-size Tactical Cargo Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14953)
- 106 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Harbour and Maritime Surveillance Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14954)
- 107 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Integrated Multi-Layer Air and Missile Defence System Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14955)
- 108 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Joint EU Intelligence School Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14956)
- 109 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Maritime Unmanned Anti-Submarine System Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14957)
- 110 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Next Generation Small RPAS Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14958)
- 111 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's ROLE 2F Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14959)

- 112 **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of participating in the EU's Special Operations Forces Medical Training Centre Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (14960)
- 113 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the financial impact of outsourcing in prisons. (14915)
- 114 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce reoffending rates in (a) Bournemouth East constituency and (b) the South West. (14823)
- 115 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many cases of (a) rape and (b) serious sexual offences are outstanding 12 months after the accused was charged. (14841)
- 116 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make it his policy to expand the use of Nightingale courts. (14843)
- 117 **Dr Jamie Wallis** (Bridgend): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the need for debt enforcement companies to have (a) clear complaints procedures and (b) accessible avenues available for people trying to resolve a problem. (14962)
- 118 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will issue guidance to courts on ensuring adequate food and drink facilities for jurors. (14910)
- 119 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of raising the rates of travel mileage and fuel allowances; and what assessment he has made of the impact of those rates on the income of low-paid workers. (14933)
- 120 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, What recent steps his Department has taken to ensure that Equitable Life policyholders are reimbursed. (14967)
- 121 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the report by CAGE entitled Who would be affected by Capital Gains Tax reform, published February 2024. (14922)
- 122 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people receive tax free childcare in (a) Enfield North Constituency, (b) the London Borough of Enfield, and (c) London. (14974)
- 123 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make it his policy to reduce duty charged on draught beer and cider served in pubs and taprooms by 20 per cent. (14834)

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## Questions for Answer on Friday 23 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 19 February 2024 to Question 13508, what the (a) duration and (b) value of the contract awarded to ISS Mediclean Ltd for facilities management services at Darlington Economic Campus is. (14815)
- 2N **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November to Question 289 on Cabinet Office: Correspondence, when he plans to respond to the letter of 22 August 2023 from the Public and Commercial Services Union on the ruling in Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council v Willetts & Ors. [R] (14900)
- 3N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to promote public safety messages on (a) dangerous, (b) counterfeit products and (c) e-bikes. (14882)
- 4N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when the Government received the review by Jonathan Swift KC entitled A review on behalf of the Chairman of Post Office Limited concerning the steps taken in response to various complaints made by sub-postmasters, published on 8 February 2016. (14817)
- 5N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of removing mobile phones from children during school. (14934)
- 6N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the reasons for changes in the time taken to respond to applications for Academic Technology Approval Scheme certificates (14866)
- 7N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether any non-executive directors employed in her Department are non-domiciled. (14875)
- 8N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the impact of the Clean heat market mechanism on the price of boilers. (14991)
- 9N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to encourage competitive pricing by boiler manufacturers. (14992)

- 10N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to increase the uptake of heat pumps in rural homes. (14994)
- 11N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to reduce the long-term heating costs of rural homes. (14995)
- 12N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether any non-executive directors employed in his Department are non-domiciled. (14876)
- 13N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will list all Government investments in the farming sector in Christchurch constituency since 1 April 2023. (14784)
- 14N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications to the Sustainable Farming Incentive were (a) made and (b) approved in Suffolk Coastal constituency in 2023. (14858)
- 15N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to Question 12881 on Food: Imports tabled by the Rt hon. Member for New Forest East; and if he will include in that Answer (a) the reasons for which sealed refrigerated food vehicles entering the UK via the Port of Dover and intended for embarkation on cruise ships from the Port of Southampton are required to undergo biosecurity checks at an inland border security facility in Sevington, Kent and (b) and whether a biosecurity risk would manifest itself between the port of arrival and the border security facility. (14770)
- 16N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will have discussions with providers of the Flood Re scheme on the potential merits of extending the scheme to cover businesses. (14785)
- 17N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the number and proportion of businesses that are without flood insurance and are eligible for business recovery grants. (14786)
- 18N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether any non-executive directors employed in his Department are non-domiciled. (14877)
- 19N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make it his policy to (a) authorise and (b) fund local authorities to purchase homes which have been subject to regular flooding. (14787)

- 20N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2023 to Question 4731 on Ground Rent, if he will make it his policy that the proposed cap on ground rents will apply equally to investors from countries with which the UK has treaties prohibiting expropriation. (14911)
- 21N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that proposed changes to ground rents (a) are affordable for leaseholders and (b) take account of people who may be reliant on that income. (14912)
- 22N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether any non-executive directors employed in her Department are non-domiciled. (14878)
- 23N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has had discussions with her EU counterparts on priorities for the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 10. (14865)
- 24N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether any non-executive directors employed in his Department are non-domiciled. (14879)
- 25N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the National Disability Strategy, published on 28 July 2021, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle shortages in community transport drivers. (14857)
- 26N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 7 February 2024 to Question 13609 on Rail Fares, which operators offer the dedicated discounts for group travel; and whether the Government takes steps to (a) encourage and (b) support operators in offering that discount. (14868)
- 27N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many driving licences have been cancelled due to avoid order to disqualification; and how many passports have been cancelled due to lack of payment for child maintenance in each of the last 10 years. (14856)
- 28N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, when he plans to respond to the consultation entitled Child Maintenance: Improving our enforcement powers through the commencement of curfew orders, published on 9 July 2022. (14859)
- 29N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will take steps to help support women to meet the lower earnings limit for statutory sick pay. (14883)

- 30N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to Q329 of the oral evidence given by the Minister for Pensions to the Work and Pensions Select Committee on 10 January 2024, HC 144, what discussions his Department has had with the Cabinet Office on adequate means of redress for individuals impacted by the collapse of the AEA Technology pension scheme. (14895)
- 31N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many recipients of Universal Credit had their Universal Credit housing cost element removed for a period due to moving properties midway through the period in the last 12 months; and how many and what proportion of recipients declared that they moved with more than 90% of the pay period completed. (14996)
- 32N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate he has made of when he will receive an updated assessment of the pensions dashboard programme from the Infrastructure and Projects Authority. (14775)
- 33N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number and proportion of monthly universal credit payments that differed from the amount listed in a claimant's journal in the last 12 months. (14776)
- 34N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the Tenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, which concluded on 10 February 2024. (14826)
- 35N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress has she made on tackling medicine shortages. (14901)
- 36N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the financial impact of medicine shortages on people affected. (14902)
- 37N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has discussions with charities representing groups impacted by recent medicine shortages. (14903)
- 38N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the voluntary scheme for branded medicines pricing, access and growth represents value for money. (14904)
- 39N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of issuing a commissioning policy for the use of transcatheter edge-to-edge repair in secondary mitral regurgitation. (14831)

- 40N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to publish an (a) commissioning policy and (b) policy statement on the use of transcatheter edge-to-edge repair in the Tricuspid valve. (14832)
- 41N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many times the Clinical Priorities Action Group are meeting each year; and what the dates are for each meeting in 2024. (14833)
- 42N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many prescription errors by NHS trusts were reported to the Learn from patient safety events service in 2023; and how many and what proportion of these errors were graded as causing (a) no harm, (b) low harm, (c) moderate harm, (d) severe harm and (e) death. (14899)
- 43N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department (a) has taken and (b) plans to take to help support NHS England with trends in the level of demand on mental health services in the context of the implementation of the Right Care, Right Person policy. (14997)
- 44N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many ambulances were despatched to incidents where police officers attended as part of Right Care, Right Person policy in each of the last five years; and what the average waiting time was for an ambulance in that period. (14998)
- 45N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will develop a long-term workforce plan for the social care sector. (14913)
- 46N **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made representations to his Israeli counterpart on the (a) location and (b) manner of the detention of Palestinians in Gaza. (15002)
- 47N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the University of Warwick GLOBE Centre and University of Leeds CBLP briefing paper entitled UK Parliament responses to deal with sovereign debt crises: proposals for legislative reform, published in February 2024. (14923)
- 48N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will call for a census of (a) the indigenous people and (b) Moroccan settlers in Western Sahara. (14782)
- 49N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he made representations on (a) repeal of the National Security Law and (b) release of all political prisoners in Hong Kong during his meeting with the Chinese Foreign Minister at the Munich Security Conference. (14884)

- 50N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he made representations to his Chinese counterpart on the (a) repeal of the Beijing-imposed National Security Law and (b) the release of (i) Jimmy Lai and (ii) other political prisoners at the Munich Security Conference in February 2024. (14772)
- 51N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the sentencing of Ahmed Tantawy following his attempted candidacy in Egypt's 2023 presidential elections. (14963)
- 52N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to his announcement of £16 million funding for integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and climate resilience on 8 December 2023, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that this funding is used by the Global Financing Facility for its intended purpose. (14830)
- 53N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will ensure an urgent investigation of the anti-Semitic defacing of a birth certificate submitted to the Passport Office. (14814)
- 54N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of responses to correspondence from hon. Members were provided in the name of (a) officials and (b) Ministers in his Department in the latest period for which data is available. (14818)
- 55N **Jess Phillips** (Birmingham, Yardley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many disclosures of domestic abuse his Department's Ask for ANI scheme received in its pharmacy sites in (a) 2022 and (b) 2023. (14886)
- 56N **Jess Phillips** (Birmingham, Yardley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many disclosures of domestic abuse his Department's Ask for ANI scheme received in (a) Jobcentre and (b) Jobs and Benefit Office sites in 2023. (14887)
- 57N **Jess Phillips** (Birmingham, Yardley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department plans to publish the evaluation of the Ask for ANI scheme. (14888)
- 58N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an estimate of the cost of implementing the redesigned government crown logo for each police force in Wales. (14908)
- 59N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help tackle arson in (a) Cardiff Central constituency, (b) Cardiff local authority area and (c) Wales. (14893)

- 60N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help tackle anti-social behaviour in (a) Cardiff Central constituency, (b) Cardiff local authority area and (c) Wales. (14894)
- 61N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Cardington Sheds are being used to train border force staff for the removal of asylum seekers to Rwanda. (14999)
- 62N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Leader of the House, with reference to (a) her oral contribution on 11 January 2024, Official Report, columns 455-456, (b) the findings on page 2 of the Scottish Government's Income Tax Policy Proposal: Scottish Budget 2023-24, published in December 2022 and (c) research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies on Scottish council tax, published on 11 September 2023, on what evidential basis she stated that people in England pay lower tax than people in Scotland. (14896)
- 63N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Leader of the House, with reference to (a) her oral contribution on 11 January 2024, Official Report, columns 455-456 and (b) figures stated in the Office for Budget Responsibility's Public finances databank – December 2023, published on 23 December 2023, on what evidential basis she stated that the Government has managed to have a balanced budget. (14897)
- 64N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 120 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022 to 2023, HC 1468, how the constructive loss related to Fort Austin and Rosalie withdrawal from service arose. (14809)
- 65N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 120 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022 to 2023, HC 1468, for what reason CUTLASS was withdrawn from service early. (14810)
- 66N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 120 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022 to 2023, HC 1468, how the constructive loss related to HMS ATHERSTONE withdrawal from service arose. (14811)
- 67N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 120 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022 to 2023, HC 1468, what the cause was of the reduction in asset life of plant, property and equipment at HMNB Devonport. (14812)
- 68N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to page 120 of his Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2022 to 2023, HC 1468, what Project Shadow was; and for what reason it was cancelled. (14813)

- 69N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of whether the UK has the necessary facilities to undertake the full spectrum of trials that will be needed to qualify the Challenger 3 main battle tank. (14800)
- 70N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason the first pre-production Challenger 3 main battle tank was sent to Germany for trials. (14801)
- 71N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications to join full time the (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) RAF were made in each year since 2010. (14802)
- 72N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many new full time recruits began basic training with the (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) RAF in each year since 2010. (14803)
- 73N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applicants to join the (a) Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) RAF were rejected on medical grounds in each year since 2010. (14804)
- 74N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans the upgrade to Type 45's Sea Viper Air Defence system to deliver Ballistic Missile Defence Capability will achieve initial operating capability. (14816)
- 75N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his oral reply of 19 February 2024 to the Rt hon Member for New Forest East on HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark, Official Report, column 458,, whether his assurance that one of those ships will always be being made ready to sail means that neither will be mothballed. (14771)
- 76N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what modelling his Department is undertaking to estimate the number of criminal legal aid duty solicitors that will be working over the next five years. (14860)
- 77N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will have discussions with the Legal Aid Agency on the effectiveness of the duty solicitor scheme at providing duty solicitor coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and what data his Department holds on the number of schemes that are unable to provide this level of coverage. (14861)
- 78N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of access to legal aid in criminal cases and what criteria his Department uses to make that assessment. (14862)
- 79N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the judgment in the case of the Law Society of England and Wales v The Lord Chancellor of 31 January 2024. (14863)

- 80N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps his Department is taking to support shared ownership homeowners in Mid Bedfordshire constituency. (15003)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 26 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Mr Andrew Gilligan was subject to the terms of the Code of Conduct for Special Advisers from 25 October 2022 to 20 February 2024. (14827)
- 2N **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Mr Andrew Gilligan was employed on a full-time basis as a special adviser to the Prime Minister throughout the period from 25 October 2022 to 20 February 2024. (14828)
- 3N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he is seeking to secure additional bilateral voting rights agreements with EU states to ensure EU citizens who arrived in the UK from 2021 onwards can continue voting in local elections after May 2024. (14779)
- 4N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the number of EU citizens who will be removed from the electoral roll following the implementation of the Elections Act 2022. (14780)
- 5N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people receive (a) the state pension and (b) pension credit in Suffolk coastal constituency. (15000)
- 6N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the minimum guaranteed contracted employment hours will be under the chance to work guarantee. (14889)
- 7N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what his policy is on the use of zero-hours contract under the chance to work guarantee. (14890)
- 8N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which disability benefits chance to work guarantee will apply to. (14891)
- 9N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to double funding for dementia research by 2024/25. (14987)

- 10N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how the £95 million investment in dementia clinical (a) trials and (b) innovative research will be allocated across the Mission's pillars of (i) innovations in biomarkers, data, and digital and imaging technologies, (ii) increasing the number and speed of UK-based clinical trials for research into dementia and neurodegeneration and (iii) end-to-end implementation. (14988)
- 11N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how her Department plans to ensure that increases in funding lead to increased participation in clinical trials of people living with dementia. (14989)
- 12N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the average cost of a PET scanner. (14906)
- 13N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of patients on an NHS elective waiting list are waiting for (a) a diagnostic test, (b) an outpatient appointment and (c) an elective procedure or surgery in England. (14907)
- 14N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will urge the UN Security Council to set a timetable for the referendum of self-determination in Western Sahara. (14781)
- 15N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the use of hotels to house asylum seekers in Bournemouth. (14824)
- 16N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to notify local authorities of when (a) asylum seekers and (b) settled refugees are relocated to their area as a result of hotel closures. (14777)
- 17N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he is taking steps to help ensure the adequacy of resources for supporting the integration of asylum seekers into British society in (a) local authorities and (b) organisations in the (i) voluntary, (ii) community and (iii) faith sector. (14778)

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### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for the Home Department

- 1 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): What steps he is taking to tackle knife crime in Greater Manchester. (901610)
- 2 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): What steps he is taking to tackle knife crime in Bournemouth. (901611)

- 3 **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Criminal Justice Bill on policing homelessness and rough sleeping. (901612)
- 4 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): What steps he is taking to reduce levels of legal migration. (901613)
- 5 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): What assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the Defending Democracy Taskforce. (901614)
- 6 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): What assessment he has made of the effectiveness of steps taken by his Department to tackle transnational repression by hostile States. (901615)
- 7 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): What steps he is taking to reduce immigration. (901616)
- 8 **Miss Sarah Dines** (Derbyshire Dales): What steps he is taking to reduce levels of legal migration. (901617)
- 9 **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): What steps his Department is taking to identify young people most at risk of being drawn into violent crime. (901618)
- 10 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): What assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of levels of compliance with post-charge police bail curfew conditions. (901619)
- 11 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): What recent discussions he has had with chief constables on delivering policing at a local level. (901620)
- 12 **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): What steps his Department is taking to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of asylum seekers in asylum accommodation. [R]  
(901621)
- 13 **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): What recent progress he has made with his French counterparts on tackling illegal migration. (901622)
- 14 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): What progress his Department has made on closing asylum hotels. (901623)
- 15 **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): What recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of neighbourhood policing levels. (901624)
- 16 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): What steps he is taking to help increase public trust in the police. (901625)
- 17 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): What his timetable is for announcing further dates on which the minimum income threshold for family visas will increase. (901626)
- 18 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What steps his Department is taking to help tackle extremism. (901627)
- 19 **Sarah Atherton** (Wrexham): Whether he provides guidance to police forces on the prioritisation of day-to-day duties over responding to medical emergencies. (901628)

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- 20 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): What steps he is taking to ensure banks follow the Banking Protocol to protect vulnerable adults from fraud. (901629)
- 21 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): What steps his Department is taking to identify young people most at risk of being drawn into violent crime. (901630)
- 22 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): If he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the length of stay for people on Ukrainian visa schemes. (901631)
- 23 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): What steps his Department is taking to help prevent the online sale of dangerous weapons. (901632)
- 24 **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): What steps he is taking to reduce levels of fraud. (901633)
- 25 **Mrs Sheryll Murray** (South East Cornwall): What progress he has made on making police services more accessible. (901634)

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### Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for the Home Department

- T1 **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901635)
- T2 **Rob Butler** (Aylesbury): (901636)
- T3 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): (901637)
- T4 **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): (901638)
- T5 **Marco Longhi** (Dudley North): (901639)
- T6 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): (901640)
- T7 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): (901641)
- T8 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): (901642)
- T9 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): (901643)
- T10 **Dame Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): (901644)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 27 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people who worked in the investigation unit of the Post Office during the period in which Horizon prosecutions took place were still employed by the Post Office as of 20 February 2024. (14898)
- 2N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of (a) public and (b) employer awareness of higher technical (i) education and (ii) qualifications. (14880)
- 3N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the impact of the Renters (Reform) Bill on relocation agents. (14885)
- 4N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Criminal Justice Bill on people experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping. (14983)
- 5N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had recent discussions with organisations that support people experiencing homelessness on the Criminal Justice Bill. (14984)
- 6N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on implementation of the provisions in the Criminal Justice Bill to support people out of homelessness and rough sleeping. (14985)
- 7N **Mark Logan** (Bolton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of a system of national service for young people. (14972)
- 8N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people serving sentences of less than 12 months were recorded as having (a) substance misuse issues (b) a mental health issue (c) been homeless before arrest (d) been in the care system (e) had been excluded from school. (14892)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 28 February

### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

- 1 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): What his Department's planned timetable is for when the Independent Commission on Reconciliation and Information Recovery will be operational. (901645)
- 2 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help improve air and water quality in Northern Ireland. (901646)
- 3 **James Daly** (Bury North): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to safeguard Northern Ireland's place in the Union. (901647)
- 4 **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): What steps his Department is taking to help grow the Northern Ireland economy. (901648)
- 5 **Simon Baynes** (Clwyd South): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to safeguard Northern Ireland's place in the Union. (901649)
- 6 **Marco Longhi** (Dudley North): What steps his Department is taking to help grow the Northern Ireland economy. (901650)
- 7 **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): What progress his Department has made on implementing the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2023. (901651)
- 8 **Steven Bonnar** (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): What discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the proposed East-West business council. (901652)
- 9 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): Whether he has had discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on trends in the level of childcare funding in Northern Ireland. (901653)
- 10 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): Whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential impact of the restoration of the Northern Ireland Assembly on trends in the level of business investment in Northern Ireland. (901654)
- 11 **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for the defence industry in Northern Ireland. (901655)
- 12 **Mrs Pauline Latham** (Mid Derbyshire): Whether he has had discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act 2022. (901656)
- 13 **Dr James Davies** (Vale of Clwyd): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to safeguard Northern Ireland's place in the Union. (901657)
- 14 **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): What steps the Government is taking to help ensure the continued availability of veterinary medicines in Northern Ireland beyond 2025. (901658)

- 15 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What steps his Department is taking to help grow the Northern Ireland economy. (901659)
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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 29 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2024 to Question 11563 on Jobcentres: Birmingham Selly Oak, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allocating Armed Forces Champions to every Jobcentre in England. (14788)
- 2N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8295 on Universal Credit: Veterans, what steps he is taking to reduce the number of Universal Credit claimants who have been identified as having served in the past in the Armed Forces. (14789)
- 3N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8295 on Universal Credit: Veterans, if he will take steps to collect data on the specific branches of the Armed Forces that Universal Credit claimants are serving in or have served in the past. (14790)
- 4N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 6 February 2024 to Question 11938 on Veterans: Employment, if he will take steps to help ensure that the Office for National Statistics collects data on veterans in the labour market on a non-experimental basis. (14791)
- 5N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what support his Department provides to help veterans into work. (14792)