

---

Published: Tuesday 27 February 2024

---

## Questions tabled on Monday 26 February 2024

Includes questions tabled on earlier days which have been transferred.

- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
  - † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
  - N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under [S.O. No. 22\(4\)](#).
  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
- 

### Questions for Answer on Wednesday 28 February

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) male and (b) female former civil servants have applied for reinstatement after taking time off for caring responsibilities in the last five years. (15705)
- 2 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of reinstating former civil servants on public finances. (15706)
- 3 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans that all eligible under the (a) Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy and (b) Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme will be relocated from (i) Iran, (ii) Pakistan and (iii) other third countries to the UK. (15725)
- 4 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the total cost to the public purse was of UK Government attendance at COP28. (15563)
- 5 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much was spent on consultants across Government in the financial year 2022-3. (15531)
- 6 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many full time equivalent civil service personnel there were in (a) 2019 and (b) 2024. (15532)

- 7 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many full time equivalent non-civil service public sector administrators there were in (a) 2019 and (b) 2024. (15533)
- 8 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether there are controls on external recruitment of (a) new and (b) replacement (i) civil servants and (ii) other public sector administrators. (15534)
- 9 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what ministerial involvement there is in (a) setting budgets, (b) preparing annual reports and (c) approving annual reports for arms length public bodies. (15535)
- 10 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the carbon dioxide output of the Government estate was in (a) 2019 and (b) 2024. (15536)
- 11 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to reduce energy bills across government. (15537)
- 12 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to improve the profitability of the Post Office. (15538)
- 13 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had discussions with delivery companies on ensuring that courier services are accessible for all. (15633)
- 14 **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 ensure that (a) disabled and (b) partially sighted people are not sent multiple letters from TV Licensing. (15564)
- 15 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many staff in Arts Council England have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15743)
- 16 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many staff in the Big Lottery Fund have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15744)
- 17 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking to allow people living with HIV to compete in boxing professionally. (15718)
- 18 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will allocate additional funds to the devolved Administrations for community youth groups. (15632)
- 19 **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to evaluate the (a) implementation and (b) effectiveness efficacy of industry-led measures on loot boxes. (15717)

- 20 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of children who were looked-after in a (a) relative and (b) friend foster placement in each local authority in the 2022-23 financial year. (15600)
- 21 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of children by (a) age, (b) gender and (c) ethnicity who were looked-after in a (i) relative and (ii) friend foster placement in the 2022-23 financial year. (15601)
- 22 **Andrew Gwynne** (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many of the looked-after children who were cared for in a relative or friend foster placement on 31 March 2023 had also been in (a) an unrelated foster placement, (b) another relative or friend placement, (c) a children's home and (d) other provision for looked-after children. (15602)
- 23 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions her Department has had with early years providers on (a) additional charges for (i) meals and (ii) other consumables and (b) taking steps to assess the impact of those charges on parents. (15673)
- 24 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff in the Education and Skills Funding Agency have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15745)
- 25 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many staff in the Office for Students have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15746)
- 26 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to introduce wildlife education to the early years curriculum. (15597)
- 27 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on cyber security threats to educational institutions. (15598)
- 28 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will update her Department's greenhouse gas removals business model to include (a) enhanced rock weathering and (b) other technologies that do not use carbon capture and storage. (15707)
- 29 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the use of woody biomass as feedstock for bioenergy with carbon capture and storage on (a) global land use and (b) the availability of land for growing crops. (15708)

- 30 **Mark Eastwood** (Dewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department is responsible for hearing appeals of decisions to disconnect consumers' gas supplies. (15773)
- 31 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the amount of agricultural land previously used for food production that is being used for solar installations. (15555)
- 32 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the use of woody biomass as feedstock for bioenergy with carbon capture and storage on (a) global land use and (b) the availability of land for growing crops. (15722)
- 33 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she made of the potential implications for the proposals in her Department's consultation entitled Transitional support mechanism for large-scale biomass electricity generators, published on 18 January 2024, of the recommendation on page 142 of the report by the Climate Change Committee entitled Biomass in a low-carbon economy, published on 15 November 2018. (15723)
- 34 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has had discussions with Petroineos on the potential merits of Grangemouth oil refinery transitioning to biofuel. (15778)
- 35 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2024 to Question 14392 on Renewable Energy: Community Development, how much was paid in community benefits from solar by (a) region, (b) nation and (c) local authority in each year since 2015. (15790)
- 36 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2024 to Question 14392 on Renewable Energy: Community Development, when she plans to publish the outcome of the review into the Government's approach to community benefits. (15791)
- 37 **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will update her Department's greenhouse gas removals business model to include (a) enhanced rock weathering and (b) other technologies that do not use carbon capture and storage. (15674)
- 38 **John McNally** (Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the use of woody biomass as feedstock for bioenergy with carbon capture and storage on (a) global land use and (b) the availability of land for growing crops. (15675)
- 39 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the cost to the public purse was of the energy efficiency taskforce. (15779)

- 40 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to increase energy efficiency in the context of the decision to disband the energy efficiency taskforce. (15780)
- 41 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's policy paper entitled What does it cost to retrofit homes, published April 2017, whether her Department plans to publish new cost assumptions for its energy efficiency modelling. (15781)
- 42 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what her Department's annual delivery target is for the number of households applying for the (a) Home Upgrade Grant, (b) Great British Insulation Scheme, (c) Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund and (d) Boiler Upgrade Scheme. (15782)
- 43 **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps the Government (a) is and (b) plans to take to ensure parity in air pollution reporting requirements between the UK and EU. (15540)
- 44 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to ban the non-commercial transportation of heavily pregnant dogs. (15566)
- 45N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps the Government is taking to help support Ukraine's agricultural sector. [Transferred] (15504)
- 46 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to help secure adequate quantities of vaccines for (a) BVT-3, (b) BVT-4 and (c) BVT-8 over the next year. (15611)
- 47 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the impact of the recent outbreak of the bluetongue virus on farmers' profits as a result of loss of livestock. (15612)
- 48 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many staff in his Department have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15739)
- 49 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many staff in the (a) the Environment Agency and (b) Rural Payments Agency have job titles which include the words (i) equality, (ii) diversity, (iii) inclusion, (iv) gender, (v) LGBT and (vi) race. (15750)

- 50 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of families in temporary accommodation in (a) Liverpool Walton constituency and (b) the UK. (15730)
- 51 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent progress he has made on (a) cladding and (b) non-cladding remediation for residential buildings. (15731)
- 52 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of section 21 evictions on levels of homelessness. (15732)
- 53 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to use (a) licensing and (b) planning powers to reduce the number of mini markets trading in illegal vapes. (15803)
- 54 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to support high street businesses in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (15567)
- 55 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 23 February 2024 to Question 14381 on Public Lavatories, for what reason this information is not held centrally. (15798)
- 56 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 22 February 2024 to Question 13613 on Local Government: Corruption, for what reason this information is not held centrally. (15799)
- 57 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of new build-to-rent housing developments on social cohesion in Greater Manchester. (15800)
- 58 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2023 to Question 6351 on Local Government: Debt Collection, whether his Department monitors adherence by local authorities to the guidance it publishes. (15806)
- 59 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many and what proportion of private tenants who were evicted under section 21 provisions in 2023 were subsequently accommodated in social housing. (15767)



- 60 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many staff in his Department have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15740)
- 61 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many staff in Homes England have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15751)
- 62 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to help tackle potential distortions of the property market by foreign ownership of residential property in the UK. (15628)
- 63 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of requiring all mobile network operators to send regular text messages to customers stating that when they have no signal on their handset they can still seek to place an emergency 999 call. (15774)
- 64 **Alberto Costa** (South Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much and what proportion of the contract awarded to CityFibre to provide hard-to-reach premises in Leicestershire and Warwickshire with access to gigabit-capable broadband will be spent in South Leicestershire constituency. (15676)
- 65 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many staff in (a) UKRI and (b) each of the Research Councils have job titles which include the words (i) equality, (ii) diversity, (iii) inclusion, (iv) gender, (v) LGBT and (vi) race. (15753)
- 66 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what information her Department holds on the number and proportion of new-build housing developments that are served by more than one gigabit-capable network connection. (15771)
- 67 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the report entitled The path to inclusive footways, published by the Local Government Association on 10 February 2024, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the views of local authorities on proposals to improve management of pavement parking. (15716)
- 68 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 7 February 2024 to Question 12442 on Cross Country Trains: Overcrowding, what steps his Department is taking to tackle (a) overcrowding, (b) delays and (c) cancellations on Cross Country rail services. (15805)

- 69 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many staff in his Department have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15741)
- 70 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many staff in HS2 Ltd have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15752)
- 71 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what criteria are used to determine when temporary air quality speed limits are used on the M4 near Heathrow. (15521)
- 72 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make a comparative estimate of the average contribution to air pollution of (a) vehicles on the M4 and (b) air traffic at Heathrow. (15522)
- 73 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate he has made of the level of funding his Department will provide to the rail industry in the 2023-24 financial year. (15523)
- 74 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding his Department plans to provide to local authorities for active travel plans in the (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 financial year. (15524)
- 75 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department takes into account local attitudes to active travel projects when assessing requests for funding from local authorities. (15525)
- 76 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has issued recent guidance on challenging the imposition of 20 mph zones by local authorities. (15526)
- 77 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with the Civil Aviation Authority on ATOL protection status in Crown Dependencies. (15596)
- 78 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make it his policy to subsidise minimum rural bus services. (15635)
- 79 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Health and Safety Executive has plans to update its guidance on workplace transmission of blood borne viruses. (15720)
- 80 **Sara Britcliffe** (Hyndburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the (a) effectiveness of and (b) equity of access to the application process for the backlog bonus payment under the NHS Agenda for Change umbrella for (i) the third sector and (ii) social enterprises. (15788)



- 81 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to monitor the treatment of (a) babies, (b) children and (c) young people by integrated care systems. (15622)
- 82 **Elliot Colburn** (Carshalton and Wallington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the national ambition for dementia diagnosis rates at ensuring that people under 65 receive (a) a timely dementia diagnosis and (b) appropriate post-diagnostic support. (15763)
- 83 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Shipley of 21 June 2023. (15610)
- 84 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 12 of the Fifth Special Report of Session 2022–23 of the Women and Equalities Committee entitled Black maternal health: Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report, published on 30 June 2023, HC 1611, what the outcome was of the scoping exercise undertaken by NHS England on (a) the implications of co-ordinating the Maternal Health Disparities review and (b) assessing how to bring relevant stakeholders together. (15669)
- 85 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of maternity staff have completed cultural competence training in each NHS trust. (15670)
- 86 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her planned timescale is for rolling out the maternal morbidity indicator. (15671)
- 87 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to assess the effectiveness of the Maternity Disparities Taskforce. (15672)
- 88 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure that businesses provide adequate respiratory protective equipment to people at risk of residual welding fume. (15688)
- 89 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, which ethnicity codes are collected by NHS services. (15689)
- 90 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether ethnicity codes used in the NHS are in line with the (a) 2001 and (b) 2011 Census codes. (15690)
- 91 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she plans to take to help ensure NHS services record ethnicity data in line with the 2021 Census categories. (15691)

- 92 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help improve pancreatic cancer outcomes in York Central constituency. (15692)
- 93 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress has been made towards the target coverage for non-specific symptom pathways by March 2024. (15693)
- 94 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the National Institute for Health Research is funding research projects relating to thyroid disorders as of 26 February 2024. (15787)
- 95 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the data published by the Royal College of Nursing on 8 February 2024 on the proportion of general practice nursing staff that received a pay uplift for 2023-24. (15789)
- 96 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her planned timetable is for laying secondary legislation that enables people living with an undetectable viral load of HIV to access fertility treatment. (15719)
- 97 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to include scoliosis as a reportable condition under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases, and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013. (15631)
- 98 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how long her Department has been aware of issues associated with health technology appraisal of combination medicines for blood cancers; and whether her Department is giving additional resources to (a) NICE and (b) NHS England to tackle those issues. (15636)
- 99 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to support (a) NICE and (b) NHS England to apply flexibility to appraisal of combination medicines; and whether flexibility will be applied in NICE appraisals for multiple myeloma. (15637)
- 100 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many multiple myeloma patients have been treated with isatuximab in combination with pomalidomide and dexamethasone under the Cancer Drugs Fund; and whether she will make an assessment of the potential impact of loss of access to this therapy on patients. (15638)
- 101 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help encourage research into cardiovascular disease (a) treatment and (b) prevention. (15618)

- 102 **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 report by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the Johns Hopkins University entitled Crisis in Gaza: Scenario-Based Health Impact Projections, published on 19 February 2024. (15733)
- 103 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the report by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights entitled Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the obligation to ensure accountability and justice, published on 23 February 2024. (15735)
- 104 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the implications for his Department's policies of the report by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in Sudan, published on 23 February 2024. (15736)
- 105 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what support the Government is providing to people who have fled from Afghanistan to (a) Iran, (b) Pakistan and (c) other third countries. (15726)
- 106 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the policy paper entitled UK National Action Plan on implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: progress update, published in May 2020, whether he has had recent discussions with Shell on (a) tackling legacy oil pollution in the Niger Delta and (b) its adherence to the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in Nigeria. [Transferred] (15307)
- 107 **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of violence in central Mali on religious minority groups. (15729)
- 108 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to support environmental sustainability in the Falkland Islands. (15594)
- 109 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to tackle (a) violence and abuse against shopworkers and (b) shoplifting. (15704)
- 110 **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the offence of coercive or controlling behaviour as set out in section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 to include abuse in (a) cults and (b) sects. (15737)

- 111N **Julie Elliott** (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many general aviation flights landed at UK airports without providing advance passenger information in each year since 2015. [Transferred] (15272)
- 112 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle the (a) criminal, (b) health and (c) licensing issues arising from the sale of illegal vapes. (15760)
- 113 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he plans to update the County Lines Programme to include illegal vapes. (15802)
- 114 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in which local authorities his Department (a) owns and (b) rents housing for people seeking asylum. (15556)
- 115 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost to the public purse is of housing (a) owned and (b) rented by his Department for people seeking asylum. (15557)
- 116 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much his Department has paid c(a) Serco, (b) Clearsprings, (c) Mears and (d) other contractors to provide accommodation to asylum seekers since 2019. (15558)
- 117N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of its policy on removing asylum seekers from the UK to Rwanda on the number of (a) English Channel crossings in small boats by asylum seekers and (b) asylum seekers undertaking small boat crossings in the next two years; and on what evidential basis the policy was introduced. (15649)
- 118 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many officers from Norfolk Constabulary have provided mutual aid to the Metropolitan Police for policing protests since 7 October 2023. (15772)
- 119 **Chris Clarkson** (Heywood and Middleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that procurement for the SKYNET enduring capability supports high-skilled jobs in military satellite design. (15794)
- 120 **Chris Clarkson** (Heywood and Middleton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the contribution to UK GDP of military space exports; and what steps he is taking to help ensure that his Department's approach to procurement supports the skills required to grow such exports. (15796)

- 121 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people in (a) Iran, (b) Pakistan and (c) other third countries eligible for relocation under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy are still awaiting relocation. (15724)
- 122 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of applications under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy were approved up to 31 January 2024. (15727)
- 123 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of applications received under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy which have not been approved (a) are awaiting consideration and (b) have been declined. (15728)
- 124 **Martin Docherty-Hughes** (West Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where will aircrew training for the New Medium Helicopter take place. (15651)
- 125 **Martin Docherty-Hughes** (West Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the successful applicant for the New Medium Helicopter contract will have use of a purpose-built facility for aircrew training. (15652)
- 126 **Martin Docherty-Hughes** (West Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether training for Chinook helicopters will be moved to RAF Odiham. (15653)
- 127 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, on current planning, whether RFA Fort Victoria will sail as part of the Carrier Strike Group 2025 deployment. (15572)
- 128 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of implementing Project Ark Royal. (15573)
- 129 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the status is of Project Ark Royal. (15574)
- 130 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department spent on procurement of uncrewed aerial systems in each year since 2010. (15575)
- 131 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many types of uncrewed aerial systems the Armed Forces operate. (15576)
- 132 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled UK to boost Ukraine's artillery reserves with £245 million munitions package, published on 24 February 2024, when he plans to complete these deliveries. (15578)

- 133 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled UK to boost Ukraine's artillery reserves with £245 million munitions package, published on 24 February 2024, how many shells will be procured for Ukraine with this funding. (15579)
- 134 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled UK to boost Ukraine's artillery reserves with £245 million munitions package, published on 24 February 2024, when he plans to deliver the first artillery shells under this effort. (15580)
- 135 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled UK to boost Ukraine's artillery reserves with £245 million munitions package, published on 24 February 2024, whether the cost of these shells is covered by the £2.5 billion military aid to Ukraine for 2024. (15581)
- 136 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled UK to boost Ukraine's artillery reserves with £245 million munitions package, published on 24 February 2024, where the artillery shells will be produced. (15582)
- 137 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Paveway IV bombs the RAF has used in Yemen since 1 January 2024. (15793)
- 138 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what munitions the RAF has used in Yemen since 1 January 2024. (15795)
- 139 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost of sending a RAF Typhoon fighter jet from RAF Akrotiri on a bombing sortie over Yemen. (15797)
- 140 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff in his Department have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15742)
- 141 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff in (a) Defence Equipment & Support and (b) the Submarine Delivery Agency have job titles which include the words (i) equality, (ii) diversity, (iii) inclusion, (iv) gender, (v) LGBT and (vi) race. (15748)
- 142 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the size of the defence force in the context of NATO commitments relating to any escalation of the Russian threat in eastern Europe. (15590)
- 143 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will update his Department's Fusion Doctrine to reflect lessons learned from the integration of civil society and private business responses as part of defence efforts in Ukraine. (15591)



- 144 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to increase the size of the armed forces in the context of conventional military threats to NATO allies in eastern Europe. (15592)
- 145 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department (a) has and (b) plans to make an assessment of the potential merits of (i) conscription and (ii) civilian training for the purposes of increasing the size of the reserve force. (15593)
- 146 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what military assistance he is offering to Ukraine to help deter attacks on civilians. (15629)
- 147 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to engage with schools to help ensure young people are aware of opportunities available to them in the armed forces. (15630)
- 148 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has made an assessment of the effectiveness of communications between Royal Air Force Quick Reaction Alert Stations in England and Royal Air Force bases in Northern Ireland. (15634)
- 149 **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 Unmanned Ground System Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (15754)
- 150 **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 (semi) Autonomous Surface Vehicle Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (15755)
- 151 **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 Medium Helicopter Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (15756)
- 152 **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 Robust Communication Infrastructure and Networks Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (15757)
- 153 **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 Small Scalable Weapons Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (15758)
- 154 **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 Strategic C2 System for CSDP Missions and Operations Permanent Structured Cooperation project. (15759)

- 155 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison cells that are occupied by two prisoners have less than 8m<sup>2</sup> living space, excluding space dedicated to sanitary facilities, broken down by prison. (15660)
- 156 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people in prison are accommodated (a) alone in a cell intended to accommodate one person, (b) alone in a cell intended to accommodate two persons, (c) in a cell or dormitory intended to accommodate more than one person and (d) with another person in a cell intended for one person as of 26 February 2024. (15661)
- 157 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison cells occupied by three prisoners have less than 12m<sup>2</sup> living space, excluding space dedicated to sanitary facilities, broken down by prison. (15662)
- 158 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison cells housing the (a) general prison population and (b) segregation population do not allow direct access to (i) artificial lighting sufficient for reading and (ii) natural light. (15663)
- 159 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of staff available for operation tornado duty have (a) completed full training and (b) in-date control and restraint training. (15665)
- 160 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the cost to the public purse was of the One HMPPS project. (15666)
- 161 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of new senior management posts at HM Prison and Probation Service were created via the One HMPPS project. (15667)
- 162 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison service HQ staff work on project (a) management and (b) delivery; and what grades those staff are. (15668)
- 163 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the training required of investigators employed by statutory bodies with the authority to undertake prosecutions external to the Crown Prosecution Service. (15775)
- 164 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the total cost to the public purse has been of the incarceration of prisoners who are not UK nationals since 2015. (15559)
- 165 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people convicted of shoplifting in the last five years have subsequently been convicted of the same offence. (15560)

- 166 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guest speakers have been hosted by his Department's Muslim staff network since 2010. (15561)
- 167 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people were (a) tried and (b) prosecuted for non-payment of a TV licence in 2023. (15565)
- 168 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information on offenders his Department is able to access from the police national computer; and if he will list the fields of information that are available. (15738)
- 169 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many staff in (a) HM Prison and Probation Service, (b) HM Courts and Tribunals Service, (c) the Crown Prosecution Service and (d) the Legal Aid Agency have job titles which include the words (i) equality, (ii) diversity, (iii) inclusion, (iv) gender, (v) LGBT and (vi) race. (15749)
- 170 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of (a) digitising and (b) not physically storing probate documents on the accessibility of the justice system to litigants. (15589)
- 171 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department is taking steps to help support the recruitment of early years workers in the Channel Islands. (15595)
- 172 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to support people with (a) Parkinson's and (b) other long-term conditions to cover everyday expenses. (15562)
- 173 **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of publishing the written responses to its consultation entitled Tackling disguised remuneration, which closed on 5 October 2016. (15681)
- 174 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing VAT exemption for not-for-profit organisations who provide welfare services to dementia sufferers. (15792)
- 175 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many staff in HMRC have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (15747)
- 176 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to support people with (a) Parkinson's and (b) other long-term conditions to cover everyday expenses. (15784)

- 177 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the recommendations in the report entitled Still nowhere near enough, published by Parkinson's UK on 26 February 2024. (15785)
- 178 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the potential impact of increases in the cost of living on the health of people with (a) Parkinson's and (b) other long-term conditions. (15786)
- 179 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what UK Government Investments Ltd.'s targets are for (a) rates of return, (b) dividends and (c) capital investment. (15527)
- 180 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what was the balance of UK Government Investment Ltd. holdings in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024 to date. (15528)
- 181 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to increase public sector productivity. (15529)
- 182 **John Redwood** (Wokingham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of trends in public sector productivity since 2019. (15530)

---

## Questions for Answer on Thursday 29 February

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Attorney General, how many and what proportion of digital posts in her Department are vacant. (15608)
- 2N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many road haulage businesses trading under SIC code 49410 entered insolvency in each of the last five years. (15625)
- 3N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to require companies to tackle material air pollution issues. (15541)
- 4N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her department made payments to (a) P&O Ferries and (b) DP World (i) for Departmental business travel and (ii) on Government Procurement Cards in the period between 17 March 2022 and February 2024. (15698)

- 5N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether there are limitations on how Export Development Guarantee funding is used. (15586)
- 6N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether there is a cap on the maximum amount of business rates relief that can be applied under provisions relating to subsidy controls. (15769)
- 7N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the maximum level of Minimal Financial Assistance business rates relief was for local heat networks in each year since 2021. (15770)
- 8N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate she has made of how much oil derived from Russian crude has entered the UK market through third countries in the last two years; and what steps she is taking to prevent its entry. (15764)
- 9N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Defence about the publication of documents held at the National Archives in relation to the bombing of RFA Sir Galahad. (15609)
- 10N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is to respond to her Department's consultation entitled Use of reasonable force and restrictive practices in schools which closed on 11 May 2023. (15627)
- 11N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has had discussions with (a) Central Bedfordshire Council and (b) Bedford Borough Council on the adequacy of provision for the expanded childcare offer in (i) April and (ii) September 2024. (15807)
- 12N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has received representations from the Scottish Government on the future of Grangemouth refinery. (15777)
- 13N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of digital posts in his Department are vacant. (15640)
- 14N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to take steps to improve the Industrial Emissions Directive to further reduce emissions. (15539)
- 15N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farmers had agreements under the Environmental Land Management Scheme on 26 February 2024. (15721)

- 16N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Plans announced to phase out lead ammunition in bid to protect wildlife, published on 23 March 2021, what progress his Department has made on its review into the use of lead in ammunition; and what his expected timetable is to complete this work. (15599)
- 17N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to (a) publish its opinion on farmed fish welfare and (b) announce its decision on whether to adopt the recommendations on farmed fish welfare made by the Animal Welfare Committee. (15768)
- 18N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many and what proportion of digital posts in his Department are vacant. (15641)
- 19N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 21 February 2024 to Question 14203 on Rents: Greater Manchester, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of build-to-rent developments on average rental costs in (a) Stockport and (b) Greater Manchester. (15801)
- 20N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what the basis for his policy of non-engagement with the Muslim Council of Britain is. (15545)
- 21N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with which organisations, other than the Muslim Council of Britain, the Government has a policy of non-engagement. (15546)
- 22N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many and what proportion of digital posts in her Department are vacant. (15642)
- 23N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department held discussions with (a) industry stakeholders, (b) local government and (c) third sector advocacy organisations before establishing an inter-ministerial group on tackling digital exclusion. (15587)
- 24N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the (a) membership and (b) annual budget is of the inter-ministerial group on tackling digital exclusion. (15588)
- 25N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of digital posts in his Department are vacant. (15643)
- 26N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans he has to hold discussions with the Confederation of Passenger Transport on (a) buses and (b) coaches. (15585)



- 27N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 18 July 2023 to Question 193953 on Department for Transport: DP World and P&O Ferries, whether (a) his Department has and (b) executive agencies of his Department have (i) made payments and (ii) awarded grants to (A) P&O Ferries and (B) DP World since 17 March 2022. (15694)
- 28N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the procurement of services from (a) P&O Ferries and (b) DP World by Government departments. (15695)
- 29N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to introduce step-free access at Brinnington Station. (15761)
- 30N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 7 February 2024 to Question 12442 on Cross Country Trains: Overcrowding, how many times Ministers from his Department met Cross Country Trains to discuss overcrowding and cancellations on Cross Country rail services in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (15804)
- 31N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of digital posts in his Department are vacant. (15644)
- 32N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to commence section 25 of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008. (15621)
- 33N **Geraint Davies** (Swansea West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to tackle (a) workforce sickness and (b) reduced productivity due to air pollution. (15542)
- 34N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the uptake of Pension Credit in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England. (15655)
- 35N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 22 February 2024 to Question 14619 on Universal Credit: Students, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending eligibility for Universal Credit to higher education students affected by (a) coercive financial control and (b) other forms of domestic abuse. (15682)
- 36N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to top up national insurance contributions for individuals who received foster care allowances but were not allowed to work while fostering. (15683)

- 37N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of adjusting the National Insurance (NI)/State Pension scheme rules so that any NI payments made before State Pension age are taken into account so that they can contribute to gaining a Full NI Qualifying Year. (15762)
- 38N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate his Department has made of the number of employees eligible to receive Statutory Sick Pay from more than one employer. (15543)
- 39N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate his Department has made of the number of employees that (a) have two or more jobs and (b) earn less than the Lower Earnings Limit in each job. (15544)
- 40N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care when she plans to respond to the letter of 16 October 2023 from Sling the Mesh, Health Sense, Transparimed and others on her Department's consultation on the disclosure of industry payments to the healthcare sector. (15603)
- 41N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of people that have been exposed (a) directly and (b) indirectly to welding fume since the categorisation of welding fume as a human carcinogen by the Health and Safety Executive in 2019. (15684)
- 42N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has provided additional training to GPs on (a) identifying and (b) diagnosing to cancers caused by welding fumes in the period since the categorisation of welding fume as a human carcinogen by the Health and Safety Executive in 2019. (15685)
- 43N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to (a) provide information to welders on and (b) help protect welders from the potential health risks associated with mild steel welding fume. (15686)
- 44N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure that businesses undertaking welding provide effective controls on the fumes arising from welding. (15687)
- 45N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the cost to the NHS caused by Royal Mail (a) delays and (b) failures to deliver appointment letters. (15620)

- 46N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 26 October 2023 to Question 203897 on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Drugs, what recent steps his Department has taken to help ensure an adequate supply of (a) methylphenidate, (b) lisdexamfetamine and (c) guanfacine. (15715)
- 47N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to reduce diagnosis times of Complex Trauma Dissociative Identity Disorder. (15547)
- 48N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help improve the support provided to people with Complex Trauma Dissociative Identity Disorder. (15548)
- 49N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the number of sight tests that were carried out by the NHS in each of the last five years. (15677)
- 50N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, What estimate she has made of the number and proportion of patients that waited longer than (a) one, (b) three and (c) six months between an optometry test and diagnosis. (15678)
- 51N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions she has had with NHS England on the adequacy of integrated care board performance reports. (15679)
- 52N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of integrated care boards in financial year 2022-23. (15680)
- 53N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the maximum capacity in medical schools for students for 2024/25. (15711)
- 54N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many training places for nursing students there were in England in the 2023-24 financial year; and how many places there will be in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial year. (15713)
- 55N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the statement by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights entitled Arms exports to Israel must stop immediately: UN experts, published on 23 February 2024. (15734)
- 56N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the Answer of 10 July 2023 to Question 192710 on British International Investment: DP World, what

the cost to the public purse was of payments made to (a) P&O Ferries and (b) DP World through (i) British International Investment and (ii) other spending by his Department in the period between 17 March 2022 and February 2024. (15696)

57N **Robert Jenrick** (Newark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many UK visa holders have had visas revoked on the grounds of (a) national security and (b) being non-conducive to the public good since 6 December 2023. (15646)

58N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 11 January 2024 to Question 7579 on Asylum:Rwanda, if he will publish his plans for future flights between the UK and Rwanda for the purposes of relocating asylum seekers under the UK-Rwanda treaty on provision of an asylum partnership; and whether he has made an estimate of the cost of such flights over the next two years. (15647)

59N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 25 January 2024 to Question 6514 on Ministry of Defence: P&O Ferries, what the cost to the public purse was of payments made to (a) P&O Ferries and (b) DP World (i) for support of operational movement services, (ii) for business travel and (iii) on Government Procurement Cards in the period between 17 March 2022 and February 2024. (15697)

60N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 25 January 2024 to Question 10908 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many individual families received these payments. (15568)

61N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many armed forces personnel are (a) stationed in and (b) deployed to the Middle East. (15569)

62N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of changes to the Minimum Income Requirement changes on the Armed Forces' ability to recruit personnel from (a) the Commonwealth and (b) Nepal. (15570)

63N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications to join the Armed Forces were received from Commonwealth citizens in 2023. (15571)

64N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled UK to boost Ukraine's artillery reserves with £245 million munitions package, published on 24 February 2024, whether this funding will be drawn from the International Fund for Ukraine. (15577)

65N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 6 February 2024 to Question 12729 on Israel: Air Force, if he will publish the (a) date, (b) time of arrival and departure and (c) next destination of each Israeli Air Force operated plane. (15776)

- 66N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 February 2024 to Question 12239 on LGBT Veterans Independent Review, what progress his Department has made on implementing the final 23 recommendations made by the LGBT Veterans Independent Review, published on 19 July 2023. (15549)
- 67N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 5th February 2024 to Question 12474 on MOD Chicksands: Housing, how many of the (a) grade 3 and (b) grade 4 bedspaces will be required in each of the years between 2024 and 2030. (15808)
- 68N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many meetings ministers in his Department have had with representatives of SMEs that are developing (a) defence-related artificial intelligence and (b) artificial intelligence with potential defence capacity in each year since 2015. (15583)
- 69N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much has been paid to prison officers at HMP Wandsworth as Payment Plus in each year since 1 January 2020. (15714)
- 70N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers were charged under the (a) Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and (b) Prisons Act 1952 for smuggling drugs into prison in each year since 2018. (15658)
- 71N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have been (a) charged and (b) convicted for unlawfully bringing a mobile phone into prison in each of the last 5 years. (15659)
- 72N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, which prisons offer bonuses for detached duty volunteers; and how many officers have been paid bonuses in each prison in the last 12 months. (15664)
- 73N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing income received by his Department from confiscation orders to charitable organisations. (15584)
- 74N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of (a) barristers, (b) solicitors and (c) CILEX practitioners have registered for work under the Cross Examination Prohibition Scheme in each of the last 12 months. (15623)
- 75N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of (a) barristers, (b) solicitors and (c) CILEX practitioners have (i) applied for and (ii) completed training to become a qualified legal representative under the Cross Examination Prohibition Scheme since July 2022; and whether he has made an estimate of the number these individuals that have presented cases under the scheme. (15624)

- 76N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of digital posts in his Department are vacant. (15604)
- 77N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have been (a) found in and (b) prosecuted for possession of a bladed article in the last year. (15619)
- 78N **Zarah Sultana** (Coventry South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will take steps to ensure that (a) people whose alleged offending results from experience of domestic abuse have access to an effective defence and (b) the Victims' Code includes provision to ensure that those people are treated proportionately by the criminal justice system. (15783)
- 79N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many and what proportion of digital posts in his Department are vacant. (15605)
- 80N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many and what proportion of digital posts in his Department are vacant. (15606)
- 81N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment has he made of the potential merits of the recommendation of the Road Haulage Association to extend full expensing to the cost of leased vehicles, published on 26 January 2024. (15626)
- 82N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent steps he has taken to help ensure that people living in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England have access to banking services. (15654)
- 83N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes in mortgage interest rates in each of the last two years on the income of households in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England. (15656)
- 84N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps his Department is taking to support small businesses in (a) Coventry North East constituency, (b) Coventry, (c) the West Midlands and (d) England. (15657)
- 85N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many violations of the price caps on Russian oil products the Office for Financial Sanctions Implementation has (a) investigated and (b) enforced since the implementation of those caps. (15765)
- 86N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Office for Financial Sanctions Implementation is taking to ensure the compliance of attestation documents for Russian oil products. (15766)



- 87N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many and what proportion of digital posts in his Department are vacant. (15607)
- 

## Questions for Answer on Friday 1 March

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of veterans were employed via the Great Place to Work for Veterans initiative in the West Midlands in the last 12 months. (15550)
- 2N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of veterans from minority ethnic backgrounds were employed via the Great Place to Work for Veterans initiative in the last 12 months. (15551)
- 

## Questions for Answer on Monday 4 March

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of digital posts in his Department were vacant on 26 February 2024. (15614)
- 2N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many and what proportion of digital posts in her Department were vacant on 26 February 2024. (15613)
- 3N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many and what proportion of digital posts in her Department were vacant on 26 February 2024. (15615)
- 4N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department will place details of the projects funded by the Local Skills Improvement Fund in the Library of the House of Commons. (15645)
- 5N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of digital posts in her Department were vacant on 26 February 2024. (15616)
- 6N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many and what proportion of digital posts in her Department were vacant on 26 February 2024. (15617)

- 7N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) her Department or (b) NHS England has issued instructions to Integrated Care Boards to freeze any uncommitted expenditure. (15709)
- 8N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much NHS England spent on agency staff in each year since 2010. (15710)
- 9N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number of patients (a) waiting for mental healthcare and (b) on NHS waiting lists for physical conditions who are also waiting for mental healthcare. (15712)
- 10N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of digital roles within her Department were vacant as of 26 February 2024. (15699)
- 11N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many and what proportion of digital roles within his Department were vacant as of 26 February 2024. (15700)
- 12N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of digital roles within his Department were vacant as of 26 February 2024. (15702)
- 13N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of digital roles within his Department were vacant as of 26 February 2024. (15703)
- 14N **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the total cost to the public purse was for legal fees relating to the Shamima Begum case. (15639)
- 15N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many and what proportion of digital roles within his Department were vacant as of 26 February 2024. (15701)

---

## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 6 March

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent estimate her Department has made of the combined annual greenhouse gas emissions from new oil and gas fields approved between October 2023 and January 2024. (15552)

- 
- 2N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of North Sea oil and gas reserves when considering whether to grant new oil and gas licence areas. (15553)
- 3N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to paragraph II. (A.) 28 (d) of the First global stocktake agreed at COP28 on 13 December 2023, what steps her Department is taking to transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems. (15554)