

Questions tabled on Thursday 29 February 2024

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- 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 Friday 1 March

- Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if his Department will (a) identify and (b) contact people in Luton South who were (i) infected and (ii) affected by the contaminated blood scandal as part of Government preparations for responding to Infected Blood Inquiry recommendations on compensation.

 [Transferred] (16227)
- Mike Amesbury (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he make an assessment of the adequacy of his Department's data collection on the number of households in emergency temporary accommodation. (16406)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the suitability of the current ceiling amount for the Disabled Facilities Grant.[Transferred] (16171)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what the average turnaround time is for the (a) approval and (b) completion of works under the Disabled Facilities Grant by local authority in England.
 [Transferred] (16172)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a fast-track route for the Disabled Facilities Grant when the applicant has a progressive health condition. [Transferred] (16173)

6N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many prosecutions have taken place under the false communications offence as set out in section 179 of the Online Safety Act 2023.

[Transferred] (15891)

- 7N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps the Media Literacy Taskforce has taken to protect the public from (a) misinformation and (b) disinformation. [Transferred] (15894)
- 8N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if her Department will publish the recent work of the Media Literacy Taskforce. [Transferred] (15895)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support women experiencing menopause in the workplace. [Transferred] (16117)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has taken recent steps with the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland on tackling domestic abuse in Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (16116)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average turnaround time is for access codes to be checked when dealing with enquiries where a claimant is subject to Power of Attorney. [Transferred] (16168)

Questions for Answer on Monday 4 March

- 1 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had recent discussions with (a) hospitality and (b) retail stakeholders on business rates. (16397)
- 2 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the resilience of businesses in (a) the hospitality sector and (b) retail; and whether her Department provides guidance to businesses on best practice. (16398)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to help new businesses access high street premises; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of reforming business rates to help facilitate this access. (16399)

- 4 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing business rate relief to premises which are transitioning to reached energy performce certification levels of C and above. (16400)
- Sir Robert Buckland (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Improvement Plan, published in March 2023, what progress she has made on developing digital requirements for Education, Health and Care Plans. (16338)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made a recent estimate of the cost of nursery places in (a) North Yorkshire County and (b) the City of York. (16403)
- 7 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to measure the availability of nursery places in (a) York and (b) England. (16404)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to (a) fund and (b) ensure adequate provision of (i) facilities and (ii) childcare for children with SEND. (16405)
- 9 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) state and (b) independent schools had cadet units in each year since 2010. (16413)
- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much additional capital funding has been spent in each of the local authorities with a Dedicated schools grant: very high deficit intervention to support delivery of the agreement where this forms part of the agreement. (16446)
- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of how many additional SEND places have been opened in each of the local authorities that have a Dedicated schools grant: very high deficit intervention since the agreement was put in place. (16447)
- 12 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of profits made by oil and gas companies in the last 12 months.
- 13 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the financial implications for her policies of trends in the level of debt acquired by water companies. (16423)
- Jon Trickett (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of profits made by oil and gas companies in the last 12 months. (16281)

- Jon Trickett (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the financial implications for her policies of trends in the level of debt acquired by water companies. (16283)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to publish a revised response to the consultation on Improved food waste reporting by large food businesses. (16430)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the (a) training and (b) certification of technicians in the use of alternative products during the planned transition away from fluorinated gases. (16436)
- 18 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps he has taken to reduce the levels of (a) nitrogen dioxide and (b) particulate matter in air. (16401)
- 19 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment has he made of the effectiveness of the steps his Department is taking to help ensure that local authorities reach legally-compliant standards in air quality. (16402)
- 20 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what (a) hospitality and (b) gifts in kind Ministers in his Department received in the last 12 months. (16441)
- 21 Andrew Lewer (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an assessment of the effectiveness of water efficiency technologies for developments with (a) water scarcity and (b) nutrient concerns. (16440)
- Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
 Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 29 February 2024
 to Question 15306, which organisations (a) Ministers and (b) officials in his
 Department have met on reforms to the leasehold system; and whether any of
 those organisations made representations to his Department requesting that the
 leasehold system be maintained. (16386)
- Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling
 Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2024 to
 Question 14837 on Absent Voting, how are postal ballot sweeps are undertaken;
 and what guidance is provided to Returning Officers. (16310)
- 24 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling
 Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2024
 to Question 14837 on Absent Voting, whether postal ballot sweeps will be
 undertaken at local delivery offices on the evening of (a) 2 May 2024 and (b)
 General Election polling day. (16311)

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- 25 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of time taken for the Building Safety Regulator to process building assessment certificate applications; and what steps his Department is taking to improve those times.
- 26 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps she is taking to tackle the proliferation of malign AI generated content farms. (16339)
- 27N Dan Jarvis (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many times the Media Literacy Taskforce has met in the last 12 months.

 [Transferred] (16122)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the right of companies to investigate allegations of breaches of their corruption policies; and what steps he is taking to help (a) ensure accountability and (b) prevent potential abuse of such investigations. (16288)
- 29 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 19 June 2023 to Question 188964 on Ophthalmic Services, what recent progress her Department has made on developing standard service specifications for enhanced eye care services. (16321)
- 30 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she take steps to ensure that appropriately-qualified optometrists are able to access NHS prescription forms to help reduce the onward referral of patients with eye health conditions. (16322)
- Sir Robert Buckland (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the progress that has been made since the publication of the SEND and AP Improvement Plan; how many additional education psychologists have been employed by local authorities and; how many additional teachers have undertaken SENCO training since the publication of that plan.
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how she plans to distribute funding through the Children's Hospice Grant in the 2024-25 financial year. (16414)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she ask the Care Quality Commission to undertake an assessment of the quality of the commissioning of children's palliative care services by integrated care boards.

 (16415)
- 34 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to increase awareness of ovarian cancer symptoms. (16431)

- 35 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to tackle regional variations in early diagnosis of ovarian cancer. (16432)
- 36 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to increase early diagnosis of ovarian cancer.

 (16433)
- 37 Matt Hancock (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the current condition of the high-security laboratories at Porton Down is. (16312)
- Matt Hancock (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the findings in the report by the National Audit Office entitled Investigation into the UKHSA's health security campus programme, published on 28 February 2024, on the adequacy of funding for (a) facilities at Porton Down and (b) other pandemic infrastructure.
- 39 **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make it her policy to (a) replace and (b) modernise the laboratories at Porton Down. (16314)
- 40 Matt Hancock (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report by the National Audit Office entitled Investigation into the UKHSA's health security campus programme, published on 28 February 2024, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the UK Health Security Agency has adequate capabilities for (a) identifying, (b) studying and (c) responding to dangerous pathogens. (16315)
- 41 Matt Hancock (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the National Audit Office's value for money investigation into the UKHSA's health security campus programme, published on 28 February 2024, what recent progress her Department has made on the UK Health Security Agency's health security campus programme in Harlow; what her plans are for the programme; and for what reason the (a) cost estimate and (b) proposed timeline for the programme has been revised.
- 42 Matt Hancock (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to enforcement notice 310819694 served against the UK Health Security Agency on 31 July 2020 by the Health and Safety Executive, what steps she is taking to ensure that laboratories at Porton Down continue to comply with relevant safety requirements. (16317)
- 43 Anthony Mangnall (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of standardising funding for hospices. (16418)

- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to determine workforce requirements in the (a) health and (b) social care sectors in the context of (i) an ageing population and (ii) trends in the level of ill health in later life. (16344)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has taken recent steps to commission research into (a) disease progression and (b) the intersection of comorbidities in the ageing population. (16345)
- Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of collecting data centrally about levels of (a) reuse and (b) discard of NHS equipment. (16318)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how (a) her Department and (b) NHS England define the severity of (i) a surgical fire, (ii) a surgical burn and (iii) a near miss related to a surgical fire or burn. (16353)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how her Department records instances of near misses for (a) surgical fires and (b) other patient safety incidences. (16354)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 7 February 2024 to Question 12362 on Operating Theatres: Fires, how (a) her Department and (b) NHS England defines the most serious surgical fires and burns; what steps she is taking to ensure the mandatory reporting of such (i) fires and (ii) burns; and how many such (A) fires and (B) burns have been reported by NHS England in each of the last five years.
- Ms Lyn Brown (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he plans (a) to attend the humanitarian conference on Sudan in Paris on 15 April 2024 and (b) for a representative from his Department to attend. (16319)
- Ms Lyn Brown (West Ham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had with discussions with (a) authorities in Chad and (b) international counterparts on events at the party headquarters of the Chadian Socialist Party Without Borders on 28 February 2024. (16320)
- 52 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential relationship between the government of Rwanda and the M23 militia.(16382)
- 53 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the human rights situation in Balochistan in the context of law enforcement actions against the Baloch Long March protestors. (16384)

- 54 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what support his Department is providing to the Armenian government to bolster democracy in that country. (16385)
- Dan Carden (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will respond to the open letter
 from civil society groups entitled UK Government's Refusal to Suspend Arms
 Transfers to Israel, published on 28 February 2024. (16421)
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will take steps to help ensure that
 Palestinians who are entitled to come to the UK on a visa are able to leave Gaza
 to acquire the necessary documentation in the event of a pause in fighting. (16389)
- 57 **Tom Randall** (Gedling): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of reports of weapons being found in schools in Gaza. (16434)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has met the Ambassador of
 the Republic of Albania in the last six months. (16289)
- 59 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the
 implications for his policies of the house arrest of the leader of the Democratic
 Party of Albania. (16290)
- 60 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he plans to meet the President
 of Argentina within the next six weeks. (16309)
- 61 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of Chinese Communist Party re-education classes for Catholic priests in the Inner Mongolia region. (16373)
- Greg Smith (Buckingham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Palestinian counterpart on the content of Palestinian Authority textbooks. (16427)
- Greg Smith (Buckingham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the recent report from the Israel Defence Force's Colonel Elad Shushan on the presence of weapons at civilian sites. (16428)
- 64 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what representations he has made to
 his Rwandan counterpart on the M23 rebel group operating in the Democratic
 Republic of Congo border region. (16327)

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- 65 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason it is his policy that a person born between 2 October 2000 and 29 April 2006 is only considered to have British citizenship at birth if their British citizen father was married at the time of their birth to their EU citizen mother. (16407)
- 66 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to support the expanded remit of the Gangmaster Licensing and Abuse Authority. (16424)
- Jon Trickett (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to support the expanded remit of the Gangmaster Licensing and Abuse Authority. (16284)
- Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people from Gaza have arrived in the UK following a successful application for a family visa as a (a) spouse, (b) partner, (c) fiancé, (d) child, (e) parent, (f) relative providing care of a British citizen, (g) settled resident and (h) person with protection status since 7 October 2023.
- Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people in Gaza are awaiting results of applications for family visas as a (a) spouse, (b) partner, (c) fiancé, (d) child, (e) parent, (f) relative providing care of a British citizen, (g) settled resident and (h) person with protection status who applied (i) on or (ii) before 7 October 2023.
- Nick Fletcher (Don Valley): To ask the Leader of the House, with reference to the answer of 19 June 2023 to Question 187222, on Legislative Drafting: Gender, whether the revised guidance has been completed; and whether she continues to plan to place it in the Libraries of both Houses and publish it on the gov.uk website.
- 71 **Sir Robert Buckland** (South Swindon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential benefits to the UK defence industry of Armenia's withdrawal from the Collective Security Treaty Organization. (16387)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help increase the number of cadets enrolled in cadet forces sponsored by his Department; what targets his Department has set for increasing cadet numbers in cadet forces sponsored by his Department in each of the next three years; and how much funding his Department has made available to help expand cadet numbers in cadet forces sponsored by his Department in the same period.
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help increase the number of cadets enrolled in school-based cadet units; what targets his Department has set for increasing cadet numbers in school-based cadet units in each of the next three years; and how much funding his Department has made available to help expand cadet numbers in school-based cadet units in the same period.

- 74 John Spellar (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what lessons his Department has learned for the future provision of service accommodation from the Single Living Accommodation Modernisation project. (16280)
- 75 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in which prisons are prisoners eligible to undertake apprenticeships in England and Wales. (16364)
- 76 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure that legal aid remains accessible. (16425)
- 77 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of his Department's contract with Serco for electronic monitoring on the (a) physical and (b) mental wellbeing of people who will be monitored; and what estimate he has made of the number of people monitored under that contract. (16408)
- 78 **Jon Trickett** (Hemsworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure that legal aid remains accessible. (16285)
- 79 **Conor McGinn** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding for Casement Park. (16342)
- Darren Jones (Bristol North West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many tax free childcare accounts were set up within the seven working day timeframe communicated to parents during the application process in each of the last six months.

 (16437)
- 81 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will remove VAT from defibrillators. (16420)
- 82 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many applications were made by companies in Northern Ireland for R&D tax credits in each of the last three years. (16329)
- 83 Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many applications for R&D tax credits by companies in Northern Ireland were refused in each of the last three years. (16331)
- Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many applications for R&D tax credits by companies in Northern Ireland were refused on the grounds they were fraudulent in each of the last three years. (16332)
- 85 Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what scrutiny is given to technical reports submitted with R&D tax credit applications by companies in Northern Ireland. (16333)
- Sammy Wilson (East Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much HMRC spent on legal fees in tax litigation cases in each of the last five years. (16334)

- 87 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many tax litigation cases HMRC has taken to the Court of Appeal in each of the last five years. (16335)
- **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to enable litigants who win First Tier Tribunal cases to recover costs. (16336)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 5 March

- 1N Dame Nia Griffith (Llanelli): To ask the Attorney General, how much funding her Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16303)
- 2N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether government resources have been used for research on the Leader of the Opposition. (16295)
- 3N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any staff in (a) his Department and (b) 10 Downing Street sent messages to the media by (i) email, (ii) text, (iii) WhatsApp and (iv) other social media messaging services on the career of the Leader of the Opposition between 5 September 2023 and 8 February 2024.
- 4N Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any Downing Street (a) office space, (b) computer equipment, (c) printers and (d) stationery have been used in the (i) preparation, (ii) production and (iii) dissemination of research on the Leader of the Opposition. (16297)
- 5N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many deaths have been caused by dangerous or counterfeit e-bike chargers in each of the last nine years. (16388)
- 6N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many coroners' reports have asked the Office for Product Safety and Standards to take action against dangerous or faulty e-bike chargers in each of the last five years. (16390)
- 7N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing regulations to improve fire safety measures for e-bikes.

 (16391)

- 8N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the Office for Product Safety and Standards' timetable is for publishing the findings from the Product Safety review consultation which closed on 24 October 2023. (16393)
- 9N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what is the (a) purpose and (b) value of Post Office Limited's contract with TB Cardew. (16291)
- 10N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what was the procurement process for the awarding of the contract by Post Office Limited to TB Cardew in 2019. (16292)
- 11N Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will request that Shell publishes its environmental impact assessments in respect of the areas of the Niger Delta where SPDC currently operates. (16365)
- 12N Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to help ensure that Shell has in place plans for the safe decommissioning of its infrastructure in Nigeria prior to selling its Nigerian operation SPDC. (16366)
- 13N Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to help ensure that British multinationals operate to domestic environmental standards when operating overseas. (16367)
- 14N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if he will hold discussions with the National Citizen Service Trust on ensuring that young people across all parts of the UK receive the opportunity to participate in the UK Year of Service in 2024-2025. (16293)
- 15N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether Ofcom has had recent discussions with telecommunications companies on tackling online (a) misinformation and (b) disinformation. (16356)
- 16N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many cases of online (a) misinformation and (b) disinformation Ofcom has dealt with since the implementation of the Online Safety Act 2023; and if she will ask Ofcom to publish those figures regularly. (16358)
- 17N Pat McFadden (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much funding (a) her Department and (b) its predecessor Department has (i) budgeted for and (ii) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16328)
- 18N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the (a) number of students from (i) the Palestinian territories and (ii) Gaza studying in the UK and (b) the number and proportion of those students that are in the UK on British Council scholarship. (16392)

- 19N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had discussions with the British Council on the families of students invited to study at universities from the state of Palestine via scholarship programmes. (16394)
- 20N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to help provide support to Palestinian university students with (a) injured and (b) deceased family in Gaza. (16396)
- 21N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much funding her Department and has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16326)
- 22N **Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when she plans to issue a substantive written response to the correspondence of 15 January 2024 from the hon. Member for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, reference MCB2024/00632. (16379)
- 23N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she plans to take to support the installation of hybrid heat pumps in homes identified as unsuitable for heat pumps. (16298)
- 24N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to ensure that hybrid heat pumps are included in the Government's target of installing 600,000 heat pumps per year by 2028. (16299)
- 25N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to her Department's policy paper entitled Heat pump net zero investment roadmap, published on 5 April 2023, what recent assessment she has made of (a) the level of progress toward the target of at least 600,000 heat pumps a year being installed by 2028 and (b) the potential role of hybrid heat pumps in meeting that target. (16300)
- 26N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will extend the support available under the Boiler Upgrade Scheme to include installation of hybrid heat pumps. (16301)
- 27N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department is taking steps to monitor investment in local supply chains for the (a) onshore and (b) offshore renewable sector in Scotland.

 (16409)
- 28N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has received recent representations from her counterpart in the Scottish Government on taking steps to help ensure that the supply chain in the renewable energy sector supports local (a) employment and (b) businesses.

- 29N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much funding (a) her Department and (b) its predecessor Department has (i) budgeted for and (ii) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16325)
- 30N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much funding his Department (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years.

 (16346)
- 31N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how much funding his Department (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16347)
- 32N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding her Department and the predecessor Department (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16348)
- 33N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2024 to Question 14701 on Broadband: Social Tariffs, if she will provide a breakdown of the households on a social tariff by (a) region and (b) nation. (16435)
- 34N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much funding his Department (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16350)
- 35N Clive Lewis (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the second National Infrastructure Report, published on 18 October 2023, what progress his Department has made on responding to the recommendation to (a) review action on transport decarbonisation annually and (b) develop adaptive policies in case of a future shortfall. (16383)
- 36N **Stewart Malcolm McDonald** (Glasgow South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to allow oral appeals for Penalty Charge Notices for people with dyslexia. (16352)
- 37N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much funding his Department (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16351)
- 38N Olivia Blake (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes, published on 20 July 2021. (16443)

39N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 8 February 2024 to Question 12888 on Workplace Pensions, for what reason the findings of that work will not be published.

(16294)

- 40N **Sir Charles Walker** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to Q338 of the evidence given to the Work and Pensions Committee by the Minister for Pensions on 10 January 2024, HC144, how he plans to use the £12 billion surplus in the Pension Protection Fund. (16302)
- 41N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what is the (a) highest, (b) lowest, (c) average and (d) median rate for a unit of dental activity in (i) Suffolk Coastal constituency, (ii) Suffolk, (iii) inner London, (iv) outer London, (v) Sheffield and (vi) England in financial year 2023-24.

(16340)

- 42N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an estimate of the number of units of dental activity (a) awarded and (b) fulfilled per dentist in Suffolk Coastal constituency per year since 2008. (16341)
- 43N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many times a year NHS England's Clinical Priorities Advisory Group prioritisation meetings take place; and what the dates are for each meeting in 2024.

 (16330)
- 44N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will ask the Chief Medical Officers to update their review of the potential impact of mobile phone usage from a young age on children's development. (16343)
- 45N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children in the Borough of Halton are waiting for (a) autism and (b) ADHD assessments; and what the average waiting times are for such assessments.

(16282)

- 46N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients in Halton constituency have been waiting for elective care more that (a) 12 and (b) 18 months. (16287)
- 47N **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of steps being taken to ensure that vessels transiting Scottish and UK territorial waters are not carrying sanctioned cargo. (16380)
- 48N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign,
 Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the
 implications for his policies of displacement of the Wiwa indigenous peoples in
 Colombia.

 (16381)

- 49N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister for Defence People and Families during the debate on Nuclear Test Veterans: Medical Records on 28 November 2023, Official Report, column 247WH, what his planned timetable is to decide on public release of the 150 Atomic Weapons Establishment files on Nuclear Test Veterans.
- 50N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the level of use of the new healthcare facility at HMP Wandsworth. (16359)
- 51N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers were off sick at HMP Wandsworth on the first Monday of each month in each of the last 12 months. (16360)
- 52N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers were in (a) training or (b) probation at HMP Wandsworth on the first Monday of each month in each of the last 12 months. (16361)
- 53N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers were on long-term sick leave at HMP Wandsworth on the first Monday of each month in each of the last 12 months. (16362)
- 54N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers were on restricted duties at HMP Wandsworth on the first Monday of each month in each of the last 12 months. (16363)
- 55N Dame Nia Griffith (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how much funding his Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16304)
- 56N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how much funding his Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16305)
- 57N Dame Nia Griffith (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how much funding his Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16307)
- 58N Dame Nia Griffith (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how much funding his Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16306)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 6 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much funding his Department (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16324)
- 2N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department plans to make representations to the Department for Transport's open consultation entitled Smarter regulation: proposed changes to legislation for electrically assisted pedal cycles, published on 29 February 2024. (16395)
- 3N Pat McFadden (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much funding her Department and its predecessor Department (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16323)
- 4N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 23 February 2024 to Question 15472 on Department for Work and Pensions: Equality, which teams across his Department hold that information. (16429)
- 5N Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will have discussions with his Israeli counterparts on ensuring that foreign humanitarian aid workers are granted visas to carry out humanitarian aid work in Gaza and the West Bank. (16417)
- 6N Sarah Green (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had recent discussions with his Czech counterpart on that country's imitative to procure artillery ammunition for Ukraine. (16445)
- 7N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have been moved out of HMP Dartmoor due to the suspected presence of radon gas. (16368)
- 8N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department have commissioned any reports into the presence of radon gas in HMP Dartmoor. (16369)
- 9N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether prisoners imprisoned in the lower wings in HMP Dartmoor have been moved out of the prison due to the suspected presence of radon gas. (16370)
- 10N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, when his Department was first aware of the suspected presence of Radon Gas in HMP Dartmoor. (16371)

- 11N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Annual Report of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Dartmoor, published in December 2023, what was the result of the radon inspection at HMP Dartmoor in 2020; and what steps were taken after this inspection.
- 12N Claire Hanna (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether Stormont House Agreement Fresh Start funding allocations were included in recent the Northern Ireland Assembly Restoration Package. (16419)
- 13N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the oral statement by the Secretary of State for the Home Department of 4 December 2023 entitled Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, for what reason the review of the graduate visa route has not been started. (16416)
- 14N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) basic, (b) higher and (c) additional rate taxpayers there were in Richmond Park constituency in the most recent financial year for which data is available. (16444)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

| 1 | Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 6 March. | |
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| 2 | Graham Stringer (Blackley and Broughton): | (901831) |
| 3 | Dr Kieran Mullan (Crewe and Nantwich): | (901832) |
| 4 | Andrew Rosindell (Romford): | (901833) |
| 5 | Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): | (901834) |
| 6 | Andrew Gwynne (Denton and Reddish): | (901835) |
| 7 | Samantha Dixon (City of Chester): | (901836) |
| 8 | Judith Cummins (Bradford South): | (901837) |
| 9 | Dame Maria Miller (Basingstoke): | (901838) |
| 10 | Afzal Khan (Manchester, Gorton): | (901839) |
| 11 | Sir David Davis (Haltemprice and Howden): | (901840) |
| 12 | Alyn Smith (Stirling): | (901841) |
| 13 | Jack Lopresti (Filton and Bradley Stoke): | (901842) |

14 Daisy Cooper (St Albans): (901843)

15 Mr Alistair Carmichael (Orkney and Shetland): (901844)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 7 March

- 1N lan Lavery (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent progress the Insolvency Service has made on its civil investigation of P&O Ferries' dismissal of 786 employees on 17 March 2022. (16357)
- 2N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of national planning policy framework for active travel. (16308)
- 3N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to introduce step-free access at Heaton Chapel Station. (16426)
- 4N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding her Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16374)
- 5N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much funding his Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16375)
- 6N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how much funding his Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16377)
- 7N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16378)
- 8N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much funding his Department has (a) budgeted for and (b) spent on advertising in each of the last three financial years. (16376)

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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

- 1 **Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): What steps she is taking to support small and medium-sized businesses to export. (901845)
- Patricia Gibson (North Ayrshire and Arran): What assessment her Department has made of the impact of the UK's exit from the EU on trends in the cost of exporting food to the EU.
 (901846)
- 3 Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): What steps she is taking to help support the steel industry. (901847)
- 4 **Craig Tracey** (North Warwickshire): What steps her Department is taking to support small and medium-sized enterprises through the Small Business Council. (901848)
- Nicola Richards (West Bromwich East): What recent progress her Department has made on negotiating a free trade agreement with Israel. (901849)
- 6 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): What steps she is taking to increase trade with Commonwealth countries. (901850)
- 7 **Feryal Clark** (Enfield North): What steps she is taking to support small and medium-sized businesses to export. (901851)
- 8 Martin Vickers (Cleethorpes): What assessment she has made of the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the EU on businesses. (901852)
- 9 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): What steps she is taking to renegotiate carnet provisions between the UK and EU on the movement of vehicles and parts used in motorsport.

 [R] (901853)
- 10 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): What recent progress she has made on negotiating a free trade agreement with South Korea. (901854)
- 11 **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): What steps she is taking to increase trade with Zimbabwe. (901855)
- 12 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): What steps she is taking to ensure future trade agreements include environmental protections. (901856)
- 13 Sarah Dyke (Somerton and Frome): What steps she is taking to ensure that supply chains for the manufacture of electric vehicle batteries are free from modern slavery.

 (901857)
- 14 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): If she will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Education on the potential merits of introducing a right to paid employment leave for kinship carers. (901858)
- 15 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): What recent progress her Department has made on reducing trade barriers. (901859)
- 16 Ian Lavery (Wansbeck): Whether she has held recent discussions with the Competition and Markets Authority on its investigation into the proposed merger between Three and Vodafone. (901860)

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- **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of infrastructure on levels of business investment. (901861)
- **Graham Stringer** (Blackley and Broughton): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of infrastructure on levels of business investment. (901862)
- **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): What steps she is taking to help increase exports to European countries. (901863)
- **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): If she will make an assessment of the potential impact of regulatory costs on small and medium-sized enterprises. (901864)
- **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): What recent assessment she has made of Israel's compliance with the terms of licences issued for the export of military equipment.

 (901865)
- 22 Christian Wakeford (Bury South): What assessment she has made of the effectiveness of publicly naming employers for the enforcement of the national minimum wage. (901866)
- **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): What assessment she has made of the effectiveness of publicly naming employers for the enforcement of the national minimum wage. (901867)
- **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What recent progress her Department has made on negotiating a free trade agreement with Israel. (901868)
- 25 John Penrose (Weston-super-Mare): When she plans to publish the smart data roadmap. (901869)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

| T1 | Grahame Morris (Easington): If she will make a statement on her department responsibilities. | ntal (901870) |
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| T2 | Sir John Whittingdale (Maldon): | (901871) |
| T3 | Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): | (901872) |
| T4 | Mr Philip Hollobone (Kettering): | (901873) |
| T5 | Andrew Rosindell (Romford): | (901874) |
| T6 | Greg Smith (Buckingham): [R] | (901875) |
| T7 | Virginia Crosbie (Ynys Môn): | (901876) |
| T8 | Mr Laurence Robertson (Tewkesbury): | (901877) |
| Т9 | Munira Wilson (Twickenham): | (901878) |
| T10 | Liz Twist (Blaydon): | (901879) |