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Questions tabled on Thursday 7 March 2024

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Questions for Answer on Monday 11 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department issues guidance for Departments on ensuring (a) fiscal responsibility and (b) propriety in international contract management. (17648)
- 2 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure the preparedness of the electoral registration services for a potential general election in May. (17675)
- 3N **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether it is the Government's policy to pay (a) legal costs and (b) damages in relation to allegedly defamatory comments made by Ministers. [Transferred] (17407)
- 4 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she plans to take with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle the trade in illicit vapes, in the context of the introduction of duties on vapes at the Spring Budget 2024. (17663)
- 5 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 24 January 2024 to Question 9921 on Teachers: Training, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the cost of living on teachers in training. (17672)
- 6 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to promote the development of a domestic battery industry. (17585)

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- 7 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has had recent discussions with Sheffield Forgemasters on local electrom-beam welding. (17590)
- 8 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council with (a) recycling and (b) rubbish collections. (17527)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much has his Department spent on the protection of hedgehogs since 2019. (17489)
- 10 **Danny Kruger** (Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of septic tanks on the cleanliness of rivers; and if he will make it his policy to ban septic tanks (a) in the catchment areas of chalk streams and (b) near other watercourses. (17689)
- 11 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Environment Agency's feedback to members of the public who report environmental incidents. (17637)
- 12 **Holly Mumby-Croft** (Scunthorpe): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on plans to (a) regulate and (b) maintain hedgerow protection. (17702)
- 13 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how the Food Security Index will be measured; and whether it will include nature-friendly farming practices. (17700)
- 14 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of holding the general election in May 2024 on (a) local elections and (b) voter (i) engagement and (ii) turnout. (17673)
- 15 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what progress he has made on putting the New Homes Ombudsman on a statutory footing. (17690)
- 16 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent assessment her Department has made of the ability of public sector research establishments to recruit and retain talent. (17578)
- 17 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions officials in her Department have had with the devolved Administrations on the potential merits of increasing levels of engagement with Horizon Europe in (a) Wales, (b) Scotland and (c) Northern Ireland. (17579)

- 18 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to encourage the UK Space Agency to undertake engagement and outreach activities. (17595)
- 19 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Government commits up to £3.5 billion to future of tech and science, published on 16 March 2023, how much of the £900 million of funding for a new exascale supercomputer has been allocated. (17596)
- 20 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when she plans to respond to the correspondence of (a) 13 December 2023 and (b) 5 February 2024 from the Rt hon. Member for Weston-super-Mare on behalf of a constituent on the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill. (17529)
- 21N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of authorising the Information Commissioner's Office to arbitrate on data protection claims. [Transferred] (17272)
- 22 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle licence plate cloning. [Transferred] (17433)
- 23 **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the answer of 6 March 2024 to Question 16450, how many of the 1.14 million blue badges issued between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 were the result of new applications. (17513)
- 24N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 73 of the Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021, which policy areas will receive funding from the £1.8 billion allocated to core net zero spend relating to the Department for Transport for the 2024-25 financial year; and how much funding as been issued to each of those policy areas for the 2024-25 financial year. [Transferred] (17164)
- 25N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to page 73 of the Autumn Budget and Spending Review, which policies were identified for receipt of core net zero spend funding from the £1 billion allocated to fund decarbonisation of cars and vans in the financial year 2024-25 at the time that Budget was published; how much funding each of those policies was due to receive; and whether any of those policies have been discontinued since 2021. [Transferred] (17165)
- 26 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the (a) Integrated Risk and Intelligence Service, (b) Enhanced Checking Service, (c) Risk Review Team, (d) Enhanced Review Teams,

- (e) Universal Credit advances claims decision risk model, (f) Common Risk Engine, (g) General Matching Service, (h) Fraud Referral and Intervention Management System (i) Targeted Case Review and (j) any other systems have been used as part of fraud surveillance in the benefits system in the last year. (17601)
- 27 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential for bias in the automated machine learning and decision-making systems used to audit. (17602)
- 28 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of claimants referred by a DWP algorithm for case review as potentially containing fraud or error were (a) in receipt of disability benefit and (b) were registered as disabled; and of these claims how many experienced benefits (i) stoppages and (ii) suspensions in the latest period for which data is available. (17603)
- 29 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of cases in the targeted case review system were (a) discontinued and (b) endorsed on the grounds that they were likely to contain (i) fraud and (ii) error after being checked by a human reviewer in the most recent period for which data is available. (17604)
- 30 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to Q27 of the oral evidence to the Work and Pensions Committee on 10 January 2024, HC 417, what biases there are in the (a) AI and (b) machine learning systems used by his Department to detect and prevent fraud in the benefit system; and how these biases have been used to identify fraud. (17605)
- 31 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 3.35 of the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, published on 6 March 2024, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on extending the Household Support Fund beyond September 2024. (17649)
- 32 **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Office for Budget Responsibility publication entitled Economic and Fiscal Outlook, published in March 2024, whether he has made a comparative assessment of the potential impact of the projected labour participation rate on the number of job vacancies over the next five years. (17588)
- 33 **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Universal Credit claimants have received a budgeting advance in each of the last three years. (17591)
- 34 **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, for what reason the increase in the maximum repayment period on new budgeting advance loans starts is scheduled for December 2024. (17593)

- 35 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he plans to take with the Chancellor of the Exchequer to assess the potential merits of extending the Household Support Fund after September 2024. (17657)
- 36 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to review the impact categorisation of the supply shortage of triamcinolone hexacetonide injections (intra-articular steroid). (17628)
- 37 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the supply of triamcinolone hexacetonide injections (intra-articular steroid) for children and young people with rheumatoid arthritis. (17629)
- 38 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what is her Department's planned timescale for responding to the Patient Safety Commissioner's report entitled The Hughes Report: Options for redress for those harmed by valproate and pelvic mesh, published on 7 February 2024. (17639)
- 39 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce inequalities in eye care for adults with learning disabilities. (17686)
- 40 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason the eligibility criteria for NHS sight tests does not include people with learning disabilities within the classification of groups at high risk of eye disease. (17687)
- 41 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of NHS funding to tackle the backlog of (a) elective surgeries and (b) other non-emergency procedures. (17645)
- 42 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Comment entitled Health spending planned to fall in England and Scotland in 2024–25, suggesting a top-up likely, published by the Institute for Fiscal Studies on 4 March 2024, what steps he is taking to help ensure the NHS maintains (a) quality of care and (b) patient outcomes in the 2024/25 financial year. (17646)
- 43 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has held discussions with NHS England on the need for a dedicated and specific cancer plan. (17562)

- 44 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions she has had with Integrated Care Boards in England on replacement programmes for radiotherapy machinery (LINACS); and what mechanisms are in place to allow her Department to oversee the effectiveness of those replacement programmes. (17563)
- 45 **Peter Dowd** (Bootle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to recruit an additional 2,000 radiotherapy professionals by 2040. (17564)
- 46 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her Department's policy is on maintaining (a) supply of and (b) access to commonly prescribed medicines. (17636)
- 47 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help prevent cases of type 2 diabetes. (17668)
- 48 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help tackle childhood obesity. (17669)
- 49 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to ensure health intervention programmes have a focus on reducing adult obesity. (17670)
- 50 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 29 February 2024 to Question 15620 on Health Services: Postal Services, whether his Department collects information on the reasons for missed NHS appointments. (17524)
- 51 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the use of the capsule sponge test to detect oesophageal cancer. (17597)
- 52 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure adequate manufacturing capabilities for new (a) vaccines and (b) drugs in a pandemic. (17598)
- 53 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many full-time equivalent members of staff work on pandemic preparedness in (a) her Department and (b) the UK Health Security Agency. (17599)
- 54 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her expected timescale is for the availability of the Galleri blood test in cancer testing and diagnosis across the NHS. (17545)

- 55 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his Ghanaian counterpart on the potential impact of the bill restricting LGBT+ rights in Ghana on (a) human rights and (b) UK-Ghana relations. (17640)
- 56 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Proper Human Sexual Rights and Ghanaian Family Values bill on human rights within the Commonwealth. (17641)
- 57 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to help support (a) civil society and (b) human rights groups in Ghana in the context of the introduction of the Proper Human Sexual Rights and Ghanaian Family Values bill. (17642)
- 58 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): 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 introduction of the Proper Human Sexual Rights and Ghanaian Family Values bill in the Ghanaian legislatures. (17643)
- 59 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled International women and girls strategy 2023 to 2030, published on 8 March 2023, when he will publish a timeline of how he plans to meet the commitment that at least 80% of his Department's bilateral aid programmes will have a focus on gender equality by 2030. (17561)
- 60 **Chris Law** (Dundee West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to work with Cabinet colleagues on visas for representatives of international NGOs to take part in (a) advocacy meetings and (b) other UK-hosted events. (17638)
- 61 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the Russian missile strike on Odesa on 6 March 2024; and what diplomatic steps he is taking to support Ukraine against such attacks. (17546)
- 62 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of (a) the report entitled A/HRC/55/80: Situation of human rights in Afghanistan - Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, published by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on 29 February 2024 and (b) allegations of human rights abuses against Shia Muslim (i) women and (ii) girls of Hazara ethnicity. (17680)
- 63 **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate he has made of the number of serious child abuse offences committed in the last 12 months. [Transferred] (17274)

- 64 **Sir Edward Leigh** (Gainsborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what was the total cost to the public purse of proposals to house asylum seekers at the former RAF base at Scampton. (177491)
- 65 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his planned timetable is for establishing a process by which Ukrainians who did not receive a 1A stamp on arrival to the UK are able to apply for a biometric residence permit and extend their leave to remain. (17704)
- 66 **James Gray** (North Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2024 to Question 13866 on Chinook Helicopters: Accidents, what personal information is held about third party individuals; and whether those individuals are alive. (17490)
- 67 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the decision by Australia to provide AUS \$50 million to the International Fund for Ukraine on 15 February 2024, whether any new contracts have been placed through the Fund since that date. (17497)
- 68 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the decision by Australia to provide AUS \$50 million to the International Fund for Ukraine on 15 February 2024, whether this funding will be used for a third round of bids for the Fund. (17498)
- 69 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost per flight hour is for the Hawk T2 aircraft. (17503)
- 70 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual maintenance budget is for the Hawk T2 fleet. (17504)
- 71 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate her Department has made of the costs of replacing the Hawk T2 aircraft. (17505)
- 72 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the flight hour limit is on Hawk T2 engines. (17506)
- 73 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many UK Armed Forces Personnel have been deployed in Singapore in each year since 2010. (17507)
- 74 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many times UK ships have visited Singapore in each year since 2010. (17508)
- 75 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many personnel there are in the Ranger Regiment of the British Army. (17509)
- 76 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many deployments have the Ranger Regiment participated in since 2021. (17510)

- 77 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his planned timetable is for delivering the first New Medium Helicopter. (17511)
- 78 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the invitation to negotiate document for the New Medium Helicopter programme. (17512)
- 79 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what social value considerations are included in the procurement of the New Medium Helicopter. (17542)
- 80N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of RAF sorties over Yemen in 2024. [Transferred] (17410)
- 81 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent funding Sheffield Forgemasters has received from the Nuclear Innovation Programme. (17592)
- 82 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will take steps to provide additional funding to help facilitate the hearing of the longest-delayed rape cases; and what steps he is taking to help reduce waiting times for criminal trials. (17611)
- 83 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will take steps to help tackle (a) poor pay and (b) high stress among barristers working on sexual violence cases; and what other steps he is taking to help increase the retention of such barristers. (17612)
- 84 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the retention of specialist counsel for cases involving rape and serious sexual offences. (17613)
- 85N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the number of employment tribunal cases concerning fire and rehire practices in (a) 2021, (b) 2022, (c) 2023 and (d) 2024. [Transferred] (17393)
- 86N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many children have been subject to a special guardianship order in each of the last 10 years. [R] [Transferred] (17246)
- 87 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Prime Minister, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential operational readiness of the Government to hold a general election in May. (17671)
- 88 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Prime Minister, what (a) process and (b) criteria he will use to determine the timing of a general election. (17674)

- 89 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, published on 6 March 2024, how much Barnett Consequential funding Northern Ireland will receive from the announcement on the Household Support Fund. (17710)
- 90 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will have discussions with banks on (a) limits on spending for gambling addicts and (b) issuing loans to gambling addicts. (17499)
- 91 **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an estimate of the number and proportion of tax credit claimants that have closed a claim rather than migrate to Universal Credit in each of the last three years. (17589)
- 92 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department takes to ensure that the positive financial impact of measures in the Budget is equally experienced by people (a) with and (b) without protected characteristics. (17653)
- 93 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, published on 6 March 2024, whether he made an assessment with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the potential impact of freezing alcohol duty on public health. (17658)
- 94 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to incentivise pension funds to invest in the UK. (17659)
- 95 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, published on 6 March 2024, if he will have discussions on how the transferrable pension fund will work. (17660)
- 96 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will publish the (a) Public Sector Productivity Programme and (b) NHS productivity plan. (17661)
- 97 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 2.20 of the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, if he will take steps to ensure the (a) governance and (b) accountability of the £3.4 billion allocated to the NHS. (17662)
- 98 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he made an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of increasing funding for local government in the Spring Budget 2024. (17664)
- 99 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he made an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of increasing funding for SEND provision in the Spring Budget 2024. (17665)

- 100 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he made an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of increasing funding for (a) social care and (b) the Better Care Fund in the Spring Budget 2024. (17666)
- 101 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the impact of reductions in national insurance on (a) public services and (b) investment in business. (17667)
- 102 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to help increase the UK's global competitiveness in green finance. (17587)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 12 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Attorney General, what guidance she has provided to Cabinet colleagues on when to publish (a) full and (b) summaries of legal advice. (17531)
- 2N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions the Law Officers have been informed that ministers in other Government departments are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17537)
- 3N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Attorney General, whether any costs were incurred by the Government Legal Department in relation to the libel action pursued by Professor Kate Sang against the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, following her letter of 23 October 2023 to UK Research and Innovation on that organisation's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion board. (17538)
- 4N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers in his Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost of those visits was. (17515)
- 5N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the cost to the public purse is for settling claims for (a) defamation and (b) libel by Ministers since 19 December 2019. (17706)

- 6N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the total cost to the public purse was of legal support provided to Ministers of the Crown in relation to claims for (a) defamation and (b) libel connected with their official duties since 19 December 2019. (17708)
- 7N **Matthew Pennycook** (Greenwich and Woolwich): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, on how many individual occasions the provision of legal support has been (a) authorised and (b) declined on claims for (i) defamation and (ii) libel connected with the official duties of Ministers of the Crown since 19 December 2019. (17709)
- 8N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to report entitled Financing the Future: Energy, published by the UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association on 26 February 2024, what steps her Department plans to take to encourage private capital investment in green energy. (17483)
- 9N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers in (a) her Department and (b) its predecessor Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost of those visits was. (17514)
- 10N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she is taking steps to support the accelerated roll out of the Ampthill post office banking hub. (17703)
- 11N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has received representations on the Insolvency Service's procedure for investigating (a) criminal and (b) civil offences by UK registered companies owned by overseas entities. (17557)
- 12N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to page 14 of the Government response to the Consultation on the Statutory Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-engagement, published on 19th February 2024, whether seafarers will be eligible for the protective award for non-compliance with collective consultation requirements. (17558)
- 13N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what resources the Insolvency Service has committed to its civil investigation of P&O Ferries; and what steps her Department is taking to monitor the investigation. (17559)
- 14N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers in (a) her Department and (b) its predecessor Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost of those visits was. (17516)

- 15N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, if her Department will publish the metric used in the Spring Budget 2023 to calculate the proposed increase to the hourly rate at which childcare providers are paid to deliver free hours. (17552)
- 16N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 3.15 of the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, whether the estimated additional £500 million of funding for childcare support is the same funding included within the funding envelope in Table 4.1 of the Spring Budget 2023, HC 1183. (17553)
- 17N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers in her Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost of those visits was. (17517)
- 18N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in her Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17568)
- 19N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers in (a) her Department and (b) its predecessor Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost of those visits was. (17518)
- 20N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, to which domestic destinations Ministers in his Department have attended overnight visits in each of the last three financial years. (17547)
- 21N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council in tackling fly-tipping. (17526)
- 22N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made a recent assessment of the affordability of water bills in Wigan constituency. (17606)
- 23N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to provide additional support to help vulnerable customers with water and sewerage bills from April 2024. (17607)
- 24N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farms in Mid Bedfordshire have accepted an offer of agreement for the Sustainable Farming Incentive scheme. (17696)

- 25N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, to which domestic destinations Ministers in his Department have attended overnight visits in each of the last three financial years. (17548)
- 26N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 17 January 2024 to Question 10238 on Islamophobia, whether he has taken steps to develop a definition of anti-Muslim hatred. (17688)
- 27N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to paragraph 5.98 of the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, published on 6 March 2024, by what process the £5 million for an agri-food Launchpad in mid and north Wales will be allocated; and what the criteria for funding will be. (17528)
- 28N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, to which domestic destinations Ministers in his Department have attended overnight visits in each of the last three financial years. (17549)
- 29N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the planned rise in the salary threshold for a skilled worker visa on UK research and development. (17577)
- 30N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what her Department's planned timescale is for responding to the report entitled Independent review of the DSIT business case and approvals process, published in February 2024. (17580)
- 31N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department has plans to measure the impact of the Advanced Research and Innovation Agency. (17594)
- 32N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, to which domestic destinations Ministers in his Department have attended overnight visits in each of the last three financial years. (17550)
- 33N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to respond to Question 15694 on Department for Transport: DP World and P&O Ferries, tabled by the Hon. Member for Sheffield, Heeley on 26 February 2024 for answer on 29 February 2024. (17627)
- 34N **Louise Haigh** (Sheffield, Heeley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in his Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17676)

- 35N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish a timetable for the development of the (a) strategic outline case, (b) outline business case and (c) full business case for the electrification of the North Wales Main Line. (17540)
- 36N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, Whether he has had recent discussions with (a) P&O Ferries and (b) other members of the UK Chamber of Shipping on the Seafarers' Charter. (17560)
- 37N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, to which domestic destinations Ministers in his Department have attended overnight visits in each of the last three financial years. (17551)
- 38N **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Financial Statement from the Chancellor of the Exchequer of 6 March 2024, Official Report, column 851, whether his Department has made an assessment of potential alternative funding mechanisms for the State Pension. (17581)
- 39N **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the impact of abolishing national insurance contributions on state pension entitlements. (17582)
- 40N **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the potential impact of abolishing National Insurance contributions on (a) calculating and (b) accounting pension entitlements. (17583)
- 41N **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of abolishing National Insurance contributions on how qualifying years for pension entitlement would be (a) calculated and (b) accounted. (17584)
- 42N **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in his Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17586)
- 43N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help increase the availability of (a) Atorvastatin and (b) Omeprazole through the NHS. (17635)
- 44N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the overseas registration exam for dentists. (17614)
- 45N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps with the General Dental Council to improve the registration process for dentists who qualified outside the UK. (17615)

- 46N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people attended an A&E department with a dental issue in each year since 2019. (17616)
- 47N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS appointments were carried out by dentists in each year since 2019. (17617)
- 48N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people attended their GP with a dental issue in each year since 2019. (17618)
- 49N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to improve the (a) diagnosis rate, (b) co-ordination of care and (c) access to specialist (i) care, (ii) treatment and (iii) support for individuals with cystic fibrosis. (17576)
- 50N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to attract and retain workers with skills in artificial intelligence into the NHS workforce. (17600)
- 51N **Abena Oppong-Asare** (Erith and Thamesmead): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the maternity disparities taskforce (a) last met and (b) is next scheduled to meet. (17624)
- 52N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress she has made on delivering the UK 5-year action plan for antimicrobial resistance 2019 to 2024. (17610)
- 53N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on improving infection prevention and control practices in animals. (17630)
- 54N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to support research into anti-microbial resistance. (17631)
- 55N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many domestic overnight visits Ministers within their Department have taken in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of those visits. (17619)
- 56N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the UN Meetings Coverage reports GA/12563, published on 17 November 2023, and GA/12586, published on 5 March 2024, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of proposals to reform the UN Security Council to limit the power of veto. (17644)

- 57N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the joint NGO statement entitled EU and Member States must sustain funding to UNRWA, published on 29 February 2024. (17647)
- 58N **Mr David Lammy** (Tottenham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in his Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17488)
- 59N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent assessment he has made of the food security situation in Zambia following the recent drought. (17486)
- 60N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what information his Department holds on the humanitarian situation in the Gambella region of Ethiopia following the migration of people from South Sudan to the area. (17487)
- 61N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether the Government plans to resume funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in the context of the interim investigation by the UN into allegations against UNRWA staff and the resumption of funding by other nations. [R] (17569)
- 62N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of sections 22-29 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 on victims of modern slavery receiving support via the National Referral Mechanism. (17691)
- 63N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will publish assessments of facilities that will accommodate potential victims of modern slavery ineligible for support under the Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract. [R] (17692)
- 64N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will consult with service providers for the Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract to ensure that implementation of sections 22-29 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 will be trauma informed. (17693)
- 65N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his planned timetable is for the implementation of sections 22-29 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023. [R] (17694)

- 66N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his planned timetable is for the Migration Advisory Committee to complete the rapid review of the Immigration Salary List. (17574)
- 67N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what his planned timetable is for the publication of guidance for employers on the operation of the Immigration Salary List. (17575)
- 68N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of visa applicants that used the (a) priority and (b) super priority service were (i) granted a visa and (ii) refunded due to missed deadlines in each of the last five years. (17608)
- 69N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an estimate of the cumulative number of years of experience held by all police officers in (a) 2010 and (b) 2024. (17566)
- 70N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people work in his Department's equality, diversity and well-being team. (17707)
- 71N **Lucy Powell** (Manchester Central): To ask the Leader of the House, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions she has informed the Law Officers that she is the defendant in a libel action in (a) her personal capacity, (b) her official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17567)
- 72N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many soldiers have completed the Army's apprenticeship programme in each year since 2019; and in which sectors those apprenticeships were completed. (17519)
- 73N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many sailors have completed the Navy's apprenticeship programme in each year since 2019; and in which sectors those apprenticeships were completed. (17520)
- 74N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people have completed the RAF's apprenticeship programme in each year since 2019; and in which sectors those apprenticeships were completed. (17521)
- 75N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many officials in (a) his Department and (b) Defence Equipment and Support received more than £100,000 a year from his Department in each financial year since 2019-20. (17522)
- 76N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in his Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17500)

- 77N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to HM Treasury's press release entitled Chancellor delivers lower taxes, more investment and better public services in Budget for Long Term Growth, published on 6 March 2024, how much of the £11 billion in defence spending will be available in each financial year. (17501)
- 78N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to HM Treasury's press release entitled Chancellor delivers lower taxes, more investment and better public services in Budget for Long Term Growth, published on 6 March 2024, whether the 2.3% of GDP for defence spending includes £2.5 billion of military support allocated for Ukraine in the financial year 2024-25. (17502)
- 79N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 4 March 2024 to Question 16073 on HMS Prince of Wales: Salvage, whether artefacts salvaged illegally from HMS Prince of Wales and seized in Malaysia have been (a) seen and (b) inventoried by UK officials. (17523)
- 80N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2024 to Question 16902, whether the UK has provided (a) servicing and (b) other support for Israeli F-35 planes since 7 October 2023. (17650)
- 81N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to make investment in energy infrastructure more attractive for pension funds. (17484)
- 82N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using gender budgeting for his fiscal policies. (17651)
- 83N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking to help close the gender pay gap. (17652)
- 84N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the reasons that people on Universal Credit may require budgeting advance loans. (17654)
- 85N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he made an assessment of the potential merits of lifting the two child benefit cap during the preparation of the Spring Budget. (17655)
- 86N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he made an assessment of the potential merits of removing the under-occupancy penalty during the preparation of the Spring Budget. (17656)

- 87N **James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in his Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17681)
- 88N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the potential application of new geographical indications for Welsh food and drink products in Japan. (17541)
- 89N **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in his Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17695)
- 90N **Anneliese Dodds** (Oxford East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in her Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17679)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 13 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Attorney General, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers within her Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of these visits. (17533)
- 2N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport on the potential merits of establishing minimum wage corridors for seafarers working on ships between the UK and France. (17556)
- 3N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2024 to Question 16462 on Parking: Private Sector, what representations his Department has received from stakeholders on the potential merits of increasing regulatory scrutiny of private parking companies since 2019. (17570)
- 4N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will publish a new private parking code of practice. (17571)

- 5N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2024 to Question 16462 on Parking: Private Sector, what meetings he has had to discuss the level of regulatory scrutiny of private parking companies since 2019. (17572)
- 6N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 6 March 2024 to Question 16462 on Parking: Private Sector, if he will publish a plan to increase the regulatory scrutiny of private parking companies. (17573)
- 7N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will undertake a review of the effectiveness of the (a) Social Housing Act 2023 and (b) Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 in relation to (i) the protection of and (ii) the provision of opportunities for recourse to action for residents living on local authority-owned Gypsy and Traveller sites that are in need of repair. (17609)
- 8N **Sir Stephen Timms** (East Ham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's consultation on building safety directors, published on 1 December 2022, which closed on 7 February 2023, which right to manage companies his Department has (a) received representations from and (b) otherwise consulted as part of that consultation. (17485)
- 9N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in her Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 7 February 2023. (17678)
- 10N **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent estimate he has made of when UK officials will be granted consular access to Alaa Abd el-Fattah. (17544)
- 11N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he is taking steps to help support children in Gaza who have been orphaned in the conflict. (17625)
- 12N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he is taking steps to help ensure that civilians in Gaza receive medical aid. (17626)
- 13N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with his Colombian counterpart on support for peace talks with the Estado Mayor Central armed group. (17543)

- 14N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many domestic overnight visits Ministers within their Department have taken in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of those visits. (17622)
- 15N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing minimum unit pricing for alcohol; and what other steps he is taking to help reduce alcohol harm. [Transferred] (17322)
- 16N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many domestic overnight visits Ministers within their Department have taken in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of those visits. (17620)
- 17N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many domestic overnight visits Ministers within their Department have taken in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of those visits. (17623)
- 18N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, on how many occasions the Gold Command suite was opened for a prison incident in each year since 1 January 2010; and for which (a) prisons and (b) incidents it was opened. (17554)
- 19N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether all prisoners released under the end of custody supervised license are required to wear an electronic tag. (17555)
- 20N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers within his Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of these visits. (17532)
- 21N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers within his Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of these visits. (17536)
- 22N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers within his Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of these visits. (17535)
- 23N **Ian Murray** (Edinburgh South): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions Ministers in his Department have informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17539)

24N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many domestic overnight visits Ministers within their Department have taken in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of those visits. (17621)

25N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many domestic overnight visits were undertaken by Ministers within his Department in each of the last three financial years; and what the cost to the public purse was of these visits. (17534)

Oral Questions to the Prime Minister

- 1 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 13 March. (902003)
 - 2 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): (902004)
 - 3 **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): (902005)
 - 4 **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): (902006)
 - 5 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): (902007)
 - 6 **Richard Graham** (Gloucester): (902008)
 - 7 **Will Quince** (Colchester): (902009)
 - 8 **Miriam Cates** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): (902010)
 - 9 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): (902011)
 - 10 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): (902012)
 - 11 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): (902013)
 - 12 **Sarah Dyke** (Somerton and Frome): (902014)
 - 13 **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): (902015)
 - 14 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): (902016)
 - 15 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): (902017)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 14 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether (a) she and (b) other Ministers in her Department plan to visit Bournemouth in the next six months. (17525)
- 2N **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to ensure the Export Control Joint Unit reviews urgent trade sanctions license applications in a timely manner. (17705)
- 3N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many special free schools had an Ofsted inspection in the last three years. (17682)
- 4N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many special free schools had an outstanding Ofsted rating in the last three years. (17683)
- 5N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many special free schools had an inadequate Ofsted rating in the last three years. (17684)
- 6N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many special free schools are in special measures. (17685)
- 7N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to page 18 of the Veterans' Strategy Action Plan 2022-2024, CP 598, published in January 2022, when she plans to implement veteran-aware training for social work teams in every local authority in England. (17493)
- 8N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 28 February 2024 to Question 14455 on Mental Health Services: Veterans, how many veterans were referred to Op COURAGE more than once since its inception. (17494)
- 9N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 28 February 2024 to Question 14455 on Mental Health Services: Veterans, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of using social prescribing to support veterans with mild mental health conditions. (17495)
- 10N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 22 February 2024 to Question 12907 on Mental Health Services: Veterans, if she will make an estimate of the number of veterans with gambling addictions that have used Op COURAGE since its inception. (17496)

- 11N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many trusts have agreed to join the federated data platform as of 7 March 2024. (17632)
- 12N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the announcement at page 34 of the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, published on 6 March 2024, on upgrading more than 100 MRI scanners with AI, what the average time taken for patients to receive relevant test results is; and if she will make an estimate of the average time for such results to be received when the new scanners are in use. (17633)
- 13N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraph 2.20 of Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, if she will publish the modelling used to estimate the number of patients that will be impacted by the proposed upgrading of 100 MRI scanners. (17634)
- 14N **Wes Streeting** (Ilford North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions have Ministers in her Department informed the Law Officers that they are the defendants in a libel action in (a) their personal capacity, (b) their official position and (c) both since 19 December 2019. (17677)
- 15N **Sarah Atherton** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to ensure that the social value model is applied (a) correctly and (b) consistently in his Department's procurement processes. (17697)
- 16N **Sarah Atherton** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to monitor the adequacy of the delivery of contracts by external providers. (17698)
- 17N **Sarah Atherton** (Wrexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department's assessment of companies against its social value criteria gives equal weighting to benefits that are brought (a) direct to the UK and (b) overseas. (17699)
- 18N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 19 February 2024 to Question 13679 on Veterans: Identity Cards, if he will take steps with (a) private and (b) third sector organisations to accelerate the roll-out of veterans' ID cards. (17492)
- 19N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the recommendations in the report by the Traveller Movement entitled Fair Sentencing for Romani (Gypsy), Roma and Irish Traveller People, published in December 2023. (17530)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- 1 **Craig Tracey** (North Warwickshire): What steps his Department is taking to help protect rural communities in flood-risk areas. (901977)
- 2 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): What steps he is taking to encourage supermarkets to promote British produce. (901978)
- 3 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): What recent assessment he has made of the cleanliness of England's waterways. (901979)
- 4 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): What recent discussions he has had with the devolved Administrations on the introduction of a UK-wide deposit return scheme. (901980)
- 5 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): What recent assessment he has made of UK food security. (901981)
- 6 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): Whether he has had recent discussions with Thames Water on its proposals for the Teddington Direct River Abstraction project. (901982)
- 7 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): What recent estimate he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the cost to businesses of Not for EU labelling. (901983)
- 8 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): What steps he is taking to support farmers. (901984)
- 9 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): What recent assessment he has made of the cleanliness of England's waterways. (901985)
- 10 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): When his Department plans to publish its strategy for chemicals. (901986)
- 11 **Sir Robert Goodwill** (Scarborough and Whitby): What recent assessment he has made of UK food security. (901987)
- 12 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): What recent estimate he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the cost to businesses of Not for EU labelling. (901988)
- 13 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): What recent assessment he has made of the impact of the UK's departure from the EU on food prices in the UK. (901989)
- 14 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): What his planned timetable is for consulting on activity regulations to be introduced under the Animals (Low-Welfare Abroad) Act 2023. (901990)
- 15 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): If his Department will publish an impact assessment of the structure of payments within the Environmental Land Management schemes. (901991)
- 16 **Stephen Crabb** (Preseli Pembrokeshire): What recent progress his Department has made on improving water quality. (901992)
- 17 **Tom Randall** (Gedling): What steps his Department is taking to support the improvement of flood defences. (901993)

- 18 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): What steps his Department is taking to support the sustainability of the fisheries sector. (901994)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- T1 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (901995)
- T2 **Mick Whitley** (Birkenhead): (901996)
- T3 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): (901997)
- T4 **Mrs Sheryll Murray** (South East Cornwall): (901998)
- T5 **Peter Aldous** (Waveney): (901999)
- T6 **Rob Butler** (Aylesbury): (902000)
- T7 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): (902001)
- T8 **Rachel Maclean** (Redditch): (902002)
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Oral Questions to the Attorney General

- 1 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): What recent steps she has taken with Cabinet colleagues to uphold the rule of law within Government. (901965)
- 2 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): What discussions she had with her Israeli and Palestinian counterparts on compliance with international humanitarian law during her visit to the Middle East in February 2024. (901966)
- 3 **Andrew Jones** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What steps the Crown Prosecution Service is taking to improve the experience of victims of crime. (901967)
- 4 **Nicola Richards** (West Bromwich East): What steps she is taking to support the Office of the Ukrainian Prosecutor General. (901968)
- 5 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): What steps the Crown Prosecution Service is taking to improve the experience of victims of crime in Kettering constituency. (901969)
- 6 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What steps the Crown Prosecution Service is taking to prosecute people for the trafficking of vulnerable adults and children into the UK. (901970)
- 7 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): What discussions she had with her Israeli and Palestinian counterparts on compliance with international humanitarian law during her visit to the Middle East in February 2024. (901971)

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- 8 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): What steps she is taking to ensure the adequacy of coroners' inquests. (901972)
- 9 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): Whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on UK compliance with international humanitarian law in the context of the International Court of Justice's order in the case on the application of the Genocide Convention in Gaza. (901973)
- 10 **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): What discussions she had with her Israeli and Palestinian counterparts on compliance with international humanitarian law during her visit to the Middle East in February 2024. (901974)
- 11 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): What discussions she had with her Israeli and Palestinian counterparts on compliance with international humanitarian law during her visit to the Middle East in February 2024. (901975)
- 12 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): What discussions she had with her Israeli and Palestinian counterparts on compliance with international humanitarian law during her visit to the Middle East in February 2024. (901976)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 15 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Marion Fellows** (Motherwell and Wishaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what her planned timetable is to introduce legislation to exonerate sub-postmasters impacted by the Horizon IT System. (17701)
- 2N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to respond to the email correspondence of 1 November 2023 from the hon. Member for Sefton Central. (17565)