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Questions tabled on Tuesday 12 March 2024

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 13 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many times the Office for Investment met with (a) Infosys and (b) Infosys representatives in 2023. [Transferred] (17827)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an estimate of the proportion of households that have access to broadband in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. [Transferred] (17771)
- 3 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of young people in youth offending institutions that had previously been (a) suspended and (b) excluded from school in the latest period for which data is available. [Transferred] (17997)
- 4 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.81 of the Autumn Statement 2023, published in November 2023, what his planned timetable is to open the consultation on the VAT treatment of private hire vehicles. [Transferred] (17943)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 14 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to ensure that issues affecting the wholesale sector are considered in policy development across Government. (18235)
- 2 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether materials used in Civil Service diversity, equity, and inclusion training make reference to white privilege. (18039)
- 3 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions she has had with representatives of the electric car manufacturing industry on (a) incentives and (b) infrastructure development to support the decarbonisation of commercial fleets. (18234)
- 4 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the (a) target and (b) average time taken to process export license applications is as of 12 March 2024. (18236)
- 5 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to ensure export license applications are processed in a timely manner. (18237)
- 6 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many full time equivalent staff are employed solely to process export licence applications as of 12 March 2024; and whether she has plans to review the adequacy of that staffing level. (18238)
- 7 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to (a) streamline the export license application process, (b) enhance efficiency and (c) reduce wait times. (18239)
- 8 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what (a) training and (b) support her Department provides to civil servants processing export licence applications. (18240)
- 9 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what processes her Department has in place to (a) meet sudden increased demand and (b) delays in processing applications for export licenses. (18241)
- 10 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of average export license processing times on businesses that require quick approvals of those licenses. (18242)
- 11 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy during the Twelfth

sitting of the Public Bill Committee on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill on Tuesday 15 November 2022, Official Report, column 397, whether she has made a recent assessment of the prevalence of limited partnerships (LP) owning assets in the context of reports of LPs owning oil tankers and other vessels. (18021)

- 12 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the oral contribution of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy during the Twelfth sitting of the Public Bill Committee on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill on Tuesday 15 November 2022, Official Report, column 397, whether she has made an assessment of the prevalence of nominee partners being used to hide the person with significant influence or control over limited partnerships in the context recent reports on that subject. (18022)
- 13 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the OneWeb and Eutelsat merger on the UK's (a) strategic economic interests in space and satellite technology and (b) wider economy. (18284)
- 14 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to paragraph 5.174, page 105 of the Autumn Statement 2023, what steps her Department is taking through (a) distribution decisions and (b) monitoring of expenditure to help optimise the impact of funding for AI compute on the UK's (i) technological advancement and (ii) economic competitiveness. (18285)
- 15 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had discussions with Boots on the impact of its planned store closures. (18167)
- 16 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to ensure that the (a) employment rights and (b) freedom of speech of people of faith are protected (i) in the workplace and (ii) during the recruitment process. (18168)
- 17 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the self-regulatory efforts of the sporting industry in reducing the quantity of gambling messaging seen by viewers. (18122)
- 18 **Ronnie Cowan** (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that gambling operators comply with codes of practice relating to content marketing. (18190)
- 19 **Ronnie Cowan** (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies on gambling advertisements of the findings on the relative appeal of gambling content marketing to children and those over the age of 25 in the report by the University of Bristol entitled What are the odds? The appeal of gambling adverts to children and young persons on twitter, published in October 2021. (18191)

- 20 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what proportion of the public appointments for which her Department is responsible are (a) women and (b) people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds. (18182)
- 21 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing an independent ombudsman to enforce gambling operators' duty of care. (18040)
- 22 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of providing people under of the age of 16 with free access to (a) museums, (b) galleries and (c) heritage assets. (18201)
- 23 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she had discussions with the Secretary of State for Education on increasing children's access to (a) music, (b) drama, (c) dance and (d) other arts and cultural activities out of school. (18202)
- 24 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will develop a national register of (a) the condition and (b) maintenance requirements of heritage assets. (18203)
- 25 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to ensure an (a) adequate level of and (b) equitable distribution of funding for the maintenance of heritage assets across each area of the country with those assets. (18204)
- 26 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to help ensure that the visitor economy supports the maintenance and upkeep of heritage assets. (18205)
- 27 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to introduce a Football Governance Bill. (18206)
- 28 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Independent Film Tax Credit on the independent film sector. (18105)
- 29 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Film Studios Relief on film studios. (18106)
- 30 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the additional tax relief for visual effects on the visual effects industry. (18107)

- 31 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of making the Theatre Tax Relief permanent on the theatre industry. (18108)
- 32 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the national expansion of the blue plaques scheme on the cultural heritage of Hendon constituency. (18109)
- 33 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Swimming Pool Support Fund on (a) the Copthall pools and (b) other leisure facilities in the Hendon constituency. (18110)
- 34 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to encourage (a) the Football Association and (b) other English national sport associations to organise games outside of London. (18138)
- 35 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help increase levels of physical activity in (a) pre-school, (b) primary school and (c) secondary school children. (18199)
- 36 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the total cost to the public purse of (a) repairing, (b) refurbishing and (c) rebuilding school buildings in the Greater London region. (18143)
- 37 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the total cost to the public purse of (a) repairing, (b) refurbishing and (c) rebuilding school buildings in the South East. (18144)
- 38 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the total cost to the public purse of (a) repairing, (b) refurbishing and (c) rebuilding school buildings in the South West. (18145)
- 39 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the total cost to the public purse of (a) repairing, (b) refurbishing and (c) rebuilding school buildings in the West Midlands. (18146)
- 40 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the total cost to the public purse of (a) repairing, (b) refurbishing and (c) rebuilding school buildings in the North West. (18147)

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- 42 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the total cost to the public purse of (a) repairing, (b) refurbishing and (c) rebuilding school buildings in the East Midlands. (18149)
- 43 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the total cost to the public purse of (a) repairing, (b) refurbishing and (c) rebuilding school buildings in the East. (18150)
- 44 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the total cost to the public purse of (a) repairing, (b) refurbishing and (c) rebuilding school buildings in Yorkshire and the Humber. (18151)
- 45 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the funding required to maintain the school estate. (18152)
- 46 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the number of schools with (a) Laingspan and (b) Integrid system builds. (18157)
- 47 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of school building conditions on trends in the level of teacher (a) recruitment and (b) retention. (18158)
- 48 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what comparative assessment she has made of the effectiveness of information collected from schools which have undergone both condition data collection (a) one and (b) two exercise surveys. (18160)
- 49 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an estimate of the number of schools where construction types were misidentified during condition data collection 1 surveys. (18161)
- 50 **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of requiring schools to report to her Department when they have to close temporarily due to building issues. (18162)

- 51 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of the progress on improving educational outcomes in the 55 education investment areas. (18282)
- 52 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure that school work experience placements are accessible to students living with disabilities. (18302)
- 53N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many calls were made to the contact centre helpline on 0808 175 3943 on appeals relating to Alternative Fuel Payment applications in 2023. [Transferred] (17800)
- 54 **Chris Evans** (Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she plans to investigate representations made to her Department by members of the public adversely affected by the business practices of rent-a-roof companies under the (a) Feed-In-Tariff and (b) Renewable Heat Incentive schemes. (18120)
- 55 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the compatibility of the AQUIND Interconnector Project with Ofgem's expanded assessment criteria frameworks, Initial Project Assessment, for projects applying to the upcoming Window 3 cap and floor round. (18269)
- 56 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether recommendations made by Ofgem in its upcoming Window 3 cap and floor round for interconnector projects will be taken into account by her Department when making a decision on the AQUIND Interconnector Project. (18270)
- 57 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate she has made of constraint costs associated with the AQUIND Interconnector Project. (18271)
- 58 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the income raised from charges for Certificates of Exemption to keep an XL Bully dog have been ringfenced to (a) cover the administrative costs of the exemption scheme and (b) support local authorities to enforce the ban. (18174)
- 59 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department (a) funds and (b) has plans to fund research into cleaner combustion technologies for (i) wood chip and (ii) multi-fuel power plants. (18245)

- 60 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what account his Department takes of emissions from (a) wood chip and (b) multifuel power plants in overall (i) air quality and (ii) carbon budget assessments. (18246)
- 61 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to enforce (a) legislative provisions and (b) border controls relating to puppy smuggling. (18248)
- 62 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to support animal welfare organisations in their efforts to tackle (a) ear cropping and (b) puppy smuggling. (18249)
- 63 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with local authorities to enhance enforcement against (a) puppy smuggling and (b) the sale of dogs with cropped ears. (18250)
- 64 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with National Grid on the installation of large electricity pylons in the countryside. (18041)
- 65 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken help tackle the import of dogs with cropped ears since 1 January 2024. (18081)
- 66 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of applications for new designated bathing water sites were (a) accepted and (b) rejected since 2010. (18259)
- 67 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing an independent reporting mechanism for assessing sewage pollution by water companies. (18260)
- 68 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with water companies on (a) preventative measures to stop sewage dumping and (b) improving infrastructure. (18261)
- 69 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to reduce the cap on concentration levels per individual type of poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances that require immediate water treatment from 100 nanograms per litre to 10 nanograms per litre. (18103)

- 70 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will create a national chemicals regulator to improve coordination of (a) monitoring and (b) regulation of poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water. (18104)
- 71 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how he plans to factor in information about expected future climatic conditions affecting (a) UK food production and (b) food imports into the construction of the new Food Security Index. (18232)
- 72 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the average annual tonnage of wood imported for burning in (a) industrial and (b) domestic settings; which (i) countries and (ii) sites in those countries that wood is imported from; and how many tonnes on average comes from each of those countries each year. (18277)
- 73 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the average annual tonnage of wood burnt in homes in the UK. (18278)
- 74 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the average annual tonnage of wood imported for burning in (a) industrial and (b) domestic settings; which (i) countries and (ii) sites in those countries that wood is imported from; and how many tonnes on average comes from each of those countries each year. (18279)
- 75 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether (a) supply chain, (b) labelling and (c) other processes and requirements are in place to ensure that imported wood comes from a sustainable forestry scheme. (18280)
- 76 **Giles Watling** (Clacton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the reasons for changes in the levels of import of foie gras in 2023 compared to previous years; what information his Department holds on how many businesses were involved in importation of foie gras last year; and when he plans to conclude the evidence base research phase of the foie gras importation ban consultation. (18289)
- 77 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to enable full expensing for capital expenditure by farmers. (18073)
- 78 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Major investment to transform future of English chess announced, published on 22 August 2023, whether he plans to assess the impact of funding chess tables on (a) levels of loneliness and (b) people's problem solving skills. (18183)

- 79 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will take steps to ensure that newly-installed chess tables funded by his Department are used for their intended purpose. (18184)
- 80 **Thangam Debbonaire** (Bristol West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Installing chess tables in parks and public spaces: prospectus, published on 1 September 2023, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding to local authorities for chess pieces to accompany the chess tables. (18185)
- 81 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what representations he has received from recipients of funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund in Northern Ireland on the future of their programmes after March 2025. (18322)
- 82 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he plans to replace the Shared Prosperity Fund when that fund comes to an end in March 2025. (18317)
- 83 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of laboratory space in the UK since 15 March 2023. (18139)
- 84 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to plan for development of housing and commercial developments along the route of East West Rail. (18140)
- 85 **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he is taking steps through the planning system to help increase the number of changing places toilets. (18303)
- 86 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking with local authorities to improve the time taken to process planning applications. (18165)
- 87 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of amending planning rules to make it easier to install bicycle sheds in front gardens. (18217)
- 88 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of (a) financial pressures facing London local authority Housing Revenue Accounts and (b) the analysis by Savill's reported in the briefing entitled Housing Revenue Account financial pressures, published by London Councils on 15 December 2023. (18218)

- 89 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the (a) role of the Regulator of Social Housing and (b) Decent Homes Standard on London council Housing Revenue Accounts. (18219)
- 90 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of the feasibility of arrangements to fund the (a) training and (b) qualifications of London council staff under the Regulator for Social Housing's new regulatory regime through council Housing Revenue Accounts. (18220)
- 91 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to help improve (a) 4G and (b) 5G coverage in (i) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (ii) Lincolnshire. (18043)
- 92 **Jack Brereton** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish the value engineering report for the design of the proposed Handsacre Junction of HS2 from 2018. (18254)
- 93 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of delays to planned rail reforms. (18257)
- 94 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to paragraph 4.12 of the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, what the core level of funding for local roads was before the additional £8.3 billion was announced. (18048)
- 95 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many and what proportion of East Midlands Railways trains from (a) Peterborough to Spalding and (b) Spalding to Peterborough were (i) cancelled and (ii) delayed by more than 30 minutes in 2023. (18046)
- 96 **Danny Kruger** (Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an estimate of the (a) (i) previous, (ii) future and (iii) total costs for the construction of the A303 Stonehenge road scheme between Amesbury and Berwick Down and (b) annual maintenance costs over the next 60 years in present day values; and whether contractual penalties exist if the scheme is (A) cancelled and (B) subject to serious construction delays. (18325)
- 97 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of National Highways' progress towards its target of reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the Strategic Road Network by 50% by the end of 2025. (18327)
- 98 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to support National Highways in its efforts to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the Strategic Road Network. (18330)

- 99 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to help improve safety on the strategic road network. (18331)
- 100 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that programmes for improving safety on the strategic road network receive adequate funding. (18332)
- 101 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the value attributed to a prevented fatality in business cases for road investment. (18333)
- 102 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will hold discussions with the (a) Directors of Wrexham, Shropshire & Midlands Railway and (b) Chief Executive of the Office of Rail and Road on the inclusion of Wellington in Shropshire in future services operated by Wrexham, Shropshire & Midlands Railway. (18095)
- 103 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 12 March 2024 to Question 17113 on Universal Credit and with reference to the National Audit Office's report entitled Progress in implementing Universal Credit, published on 27 February 2024, whether he has taken steps in response to the finding on the proportion of people claiming legacy benefits who (a) have not transferred to universal credit after receiving notice to switch and (b) have had their legacy benefits stopped. (18181)
- 104 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to encourage people not actively looking for work to find employment. (18038)
- 105 **Liz Kendall** (Leicester West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to offer financial incentives for Jobcentre work coaches to get people into work. (18113)
- 106 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to reduce the length of time it takes for cases to be assessed by the Pensions Ombudsman. (18291)
- 107 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2023 to Question 7037 on Restart Scheme, if the Department will publish the results of the first Customer Satisfaction Measure survey. (18130)
- 108 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Universal Credit claimants that have no work requirements migrated from legacy benefits. (18131)
- 109 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate he has made of the non-claim rate for people migrating from legacy benefits to Universal Credit; and what the non-claim rate was estimated to be. (18132)

- 110 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential implications of the state pension rise from April 2024 for the sustainability of pension funding. (18281)
- 111 **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has undertaken an impact assessment on the potential impact of closing maternity services at the Royal Free Hospital. (18077)
- 112 **Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 8 March 2024 to Question 16638 on UK Health Security Agency: Finance, on what basis this information is commercially sensitive. (18089)
- 113 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to increase uptake in the use of monitoring technologies by patients with diabetes. (18214)
- 114 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dental practices handed back their NHS contract in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (18082)
- 115 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that patients affected by unexpected closures of NHS dental practices can still access dental care. (18083)
- 116 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many training places for pharmacists in England there were in each year since 2010. (18084)
- 117 **Danny Kruger** (Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of findings from (a) the report by the Anscombe Institute entitled Suicide prevention: does legalising assisted suicide make things better or worse?, published on 21 April 2022, and (b) other suicide prevention organisations. (18323)
- 118 **Danny Kruger** (Devizes): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of legalising assisted dying on suicide prevention programmes. (18324)
- 119 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help support parents to tackle obesity in their children. (18198)
- 120 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help support parents of children up to the age of five to tackle childhood obesity. (18200)
- 121 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for mental health services. (18267)

- 122 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to support charitable organisations providing mental health services to those in need. (18268)
- 123 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has approved the business case costings for the New Hospital Programme. (18276)
- 124 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help support a ceasefire in Sudan. (18247)
- 125 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had at international conferences with his counterparts on tackling the influence of private military security companies in Mali; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of these companies on peace negotiations. (18251)
- 126 **Mr Jonathan Djanogly** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of Hamas's engagement with discussions on a potential humanitarian pause in the conflict in Gaza. (18071)
- 127 **Mr Jonathan Djanogly** (Huntingdon): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on the activity of Iran-backed terror groups in the West Bank. (18072)
- 128 **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps the Government is taking to help (a) expand and (b) support existing marine protected areas across the UK Overseas Territories. (18172)
- 129 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he had discussions with Mr Boris Johnson (a) before and (b) after his recent meeting with President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela. (18049)
- 130 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much was (a) allocated to and (b) spent by each (i) unit and (ii) project funded by the FCDO UK Action Against Corruption programme in each financial year from 7 December 2009 to 31 March 2023. (18023)
- 131 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had discussions with his Qatari counterpart on the case of Manuel Guerrero; and what steps he is taking to ensure Mr Guerrero has access to medical treatment. (18099)

- 132 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether any officials in his Department are formally tasked with monitoring publications by (a) Declassified UK and (b) other online media organisations. (18297)
- 133 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with Qatar on ending hostilities in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. (18207)
- 134 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with aid agencies on the Rafah crossing border with Egypt. (18208)
- 135 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what estimate he has made of the level of humanitarian aid that will be delivered through the US temporary port into Gaza; and how much will the UK contribute to the delivery of this aid. (18209)
- 136 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to ensure that aid delivered to the US temporary port into Gaza reaches the intended destination. (18210)
- 137 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his US counterpart on visa controls at the US temporary sea port into Gaza. (18211)
- 138 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with his US counterpart on the prospect of an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza. (18262)
- 139 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to help support international negotiations to achieve (a) an immediate ceasefire and (b) the unimpeded entry of aid into Gaza. (18263)
- 140 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure those living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory of the West Bank have access to (a) healthcare, (b) education and (c) aid. (18264)
- 141 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to help deescalate tensions in the West Bank; and whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in Israel on their (a) withholding of work permits and (b) blocking of travel by Palestinians from the West Bank. (18265)

- 142 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department is taking to counter the work of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. (18266)
- 143 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent steps his Department has taken to help tackle starvation and malnutrition on the Gaza strip. (18272)
- 144 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has held with his counterpart in the Israeli government on the number of Palestinian detentions in the West Bank since 7 October 2023. (18273)
- 145 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps he is taking to support the US in constructing a second temporary pier in Gaza. (18274)
- 146 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent progress his Department has made towards achieving an immediate stop to the fighting in Israel and Gaza. (18275)
- 147 **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 relationship between India and China. (18163)
- 148 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he is taking steps to ensure that Jimmy Lai receives regular consular access. (18164)
- 149 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the Minister of State's oral contribution of 12 March 2024, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the embedding of lawyers in the Israeli Defence Forces command on those forces' acceptance and honouring of international humanitarian law during the conflict in Gaza. (18308)
- 150 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the Minister of State's oral contribution of 12 March 2024, what assessment he has made of Israel's observation of its requirements under Articles (a) 16, (b) 17 and (c) 18 of Geneva Convention (IV). (18309)
- 151 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the Minister of State's oral contribution of 12 March 2024, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the capacity of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to sustain the population of Gaza through delivery of aid at current volumes until the UK's next payment to the agency is due in April. (18310)

- 152 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the Minister of State's oral contribution of 12 March 2024, what assessment he has made of Israel's observation of its obligations under Article 23 of Geneva Convention (IV). (18311)
- 153 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an estimate of the average daily number of (a) aid trucks and (b) tonnes of aid that entered Gaza in each of the last 12 months. (18312)
- 154 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an estimate of the average daily number of (a) aid trucks and (b) tonnes of aid that were needed to meet demand for aid in Gaza in each of the last 12 months. (18313)
- 155 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the difference between the average daily number of (a) aid trucks and (b) tonnes of aid that entered Gaza and the level of demand for that aid since October 2023. (18314)
- 156 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether original copies of language certifications are required when applying for (a) citizenship and (b) settlement status. (18307)
- 157 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8266 on Visas: Married People and with reference to his oral contribution of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, for what reason the Migration Advisory Committee weren't consulted on those proposals. (18096)
- 158 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Oral Statement of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether his Department invited representations from stakeholders prior to announcing an increase to the Minimum Income Requirement for family visas. (18097)
- 159 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to his Oral Statement of 4 December 2023 on Legal Migration, Official Report, column 41, whether the joining family member of a person who (a) would have met the former threshold for family visas in force until 10 of April 2024 and (b) does not qualify under the new threshold will be placed on the 10-year route to settlement. (18098)
- 160 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what data his Department holds on the number of full-time staff in the National Crime Agency International Corruption Unit (a) in total and (b) that are funded FCDO UK Action Against Corruption programme by the from 7 December 2009 to 31 March 2023. (18024)

- 161 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the National Crime Agency's International Corruption Unit, whether he has made an estimate of the (a) number and proportion of permanent staff who were in the unit for more than 12 months and (b) staff attrition rate in the last two financial years. (18025)
- 162 **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many cases of ear cropping of dogs were (a) reported, (b) investigated and (c) charged in 2023. (18080)
- 163 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Taiwan on the use of e-gates for Taiwanese nationals at UK airports. (18315)
- 164 **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of financial institutions he expects to participate in the suspended accounts scheme. (18253)
- 165 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the average cost is of preparing and serving a meal for UK service personnel. (18051)
- 166 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has implemented processes to enable it to monitor where steel used for major projects is sourced from. (18053)
- 167 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many complaints his Department has received from service personnel and their dependents on service accommodation issues each year since 2019. (18057)
- 168 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of engineers in the (a) British Army, (b) Royal Air Force and (c) Royal Navy have left their roles in each year since 2010. (18058)
- 169 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of service personnel from the (a) British Army, (b) Royal Navy and (c) Royal Air Force will participate in joint exercises in (i) 2024, (ii) 2025 and (iii) 2026. (18059)
- 170 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of the Defence, Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Centre in each year since 2019. (18060)
- 171 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what monies his Department received from the sale of (a) assets, (b) land and (c) buildings in each year since 2019. (18061)
- 172 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget was for the Naval Ships Delivery Group in each year since 2019. (18062)

- 173 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of spending on future maritime platforms in each financial year since 2019. (18063)
- 174 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of spending on naval ship support in each financial year since 2019. (18064)
- 175 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of spending on maritime combat systems in each financial year since 2019. (18065)
- 176 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of spending on maritime systems support in each financial year since 2019. (18066)
- 177 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of spending on boats in each financial year since 2019. (18067)
- 178 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of spending on (a) salvage and (b) marine operations in each financial year since 2019. (18068)
- 179 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost to the public purse was of spending on submarines in each financial year since 2019. (18069)
- 180 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 8 February 2024 to Question 12234 on Army: Equality, what proportion of the personnel employed by the British Army are in roles in relation to diversity, equity and inclusion. (18042)
- 181 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much the British Army has spent on diversity and inclusion personnel since 2019. (18044)
- 182 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what job titles are used for people with roles relating to diversity, equity and inclusion within the armed forces; and how many people have each job title. (18045)
- 183 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the OneWeb and Eutelsat merger on the UK's (a) national security and (b) strategic interests in space and satellite technology. (18283)
- 184 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help increase access to legal aid for immigration cases in Coventry. (18304)

- 185 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an estimate of the number and proportion of asylum seekers that haven't had access to a local immigration and asylum legal aid provider in the last 12 months. (18305)
- 186 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of immigration and asylum legal aid provision on the success rate of asylum appeals in Coventry in the last 12 months. (18306)
- 187 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to National Insurance contributions on incentivising workforce participation (a) generally and (b) among people not currently looking for work. (18243)
- 188 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to personal tax thresholds on incentives to work. (18244)
- 189 **Chris Evans** (Islwyn): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will announce a timeline for a decision on whether additional measures will be introduced to further support mortgage prisoners. (18121)
- 190 **Vicky Ford** (Chelmsford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.121, page 99 of the Autumn Statement 2023, what his planned timetable is for publishing a consultation on introducing a UK regime for captive insurance companies; what discussions his Department has had with the (a) Prudential Regulation Authority and (b) Financial Conduct Authority on the potential introduction of a captive insurance regime; and what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of introducing such a regime. (18286)
- 191 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2024 to Question 16898 Landfill Tax, whether he has had recent discussions with the (a) Environment Agency and (b) Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Agriculture on the alignment of Landfill Tax reforms with environmental policy. (18255)
- 192 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2024 to Question 16898 on Landfill Tax, what discussions has he had with the (a) Environment Agency, (b) Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Agriculture and (c) waste disposal sector on the potential impact of the removal of landfill tax exemptions. (18256)
- 193 **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the funding allocation for HM Revenue and Customs in financial year 2024-25. (18192)

- 194 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many prosecutions for money laundering offences HM Revenue and Customs brought against individuals in each year since 2013; and how many of those prosecutions resulted in a conviction in each of those years. (18026)
- 195 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will provide a list of the attendees at the HMRC's stakeholder conference on 16 February 2024. (18027)
- 196 **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of increasing landfill tax on the prevalence of waste crime. [Transferred] (17803)
- 197 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many active registered financial advisers there are; how many such advisers there were in 2014; and what assessment the Financial Conduct Authority has made of the causes of changes in the levels of such advisers. (18090)
- 198 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many small financial advice firms the Financial Conduct Authority has visited in the last 12 months; and for what reasons. (18091)
- 199 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many regulations governing the financial advice sector there are; how many there were in 2014; and what assessment the Financial Conduct Authority has made of the potential impact of changes in the level of such regulations on the work of the sector. (18092)
- 200 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Financial Conduct Authority is taking to increase the (a) availability and (b) affordability of financial advice for consumers, and how the effectiveness of such steps is measured. (18093)
- 201 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the number of financial advisers in relation to the demand for financial advice from consumers (a) now and (b) in the future. (18094)
- 202 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the value attributed to a prevented fatality in his Department's Green Book. (18334)
- 203 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate the Department has made of the number of prosecutions that have been made against the promoters and operators of schemes now subject to the Loan Charge. (18111)

- 204 **Dr Matthew Offord** (Hendon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much of the tax HMRC identified through disguised remuneration schemes was paid by those who (a) recommended, (b) promoted and (c) operated these schemes in each of the last five years. (18112)
- 205 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps (a) for tax relief generated through the investment allowance for oil and gas companies through the Energy Profits Levy to be returned to the Exchequer and (b) to allocate that money to the construction of a 5GW offshore wind farm. (18231)
- 206 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to ensure that public sector workers in Northern Ireland are able to receive a pay award that is equal to levels in England and Wales. (18166)

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- 1N **Sir William Cash** (Stone): To ask the Attorney General, whether she has agreed with Cabinet colleagues on the circumstances in which international law may supersede domestic legislation. (18032)
- 2N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, on how many occasions Ministers have settled defamation or libel proceedings in their official capacity as a Minister of the Crown since 2001; and whether there has been a cost to the public purse of settlements in such cases. (18299)
- 3N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she plans to publish the Football Governance Bill. (18230)
- 4N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2023 to Question 165185 on Free School Meals, what the complex data, systems, financial and legal implications are of a government-led rollout of automatic enrolment for all eligible children. (18079)
- 5N **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will publish the average condition funding required per pupil by local authority. (18153)
- 6N **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the number of children learning in the 15% of the school estate with the greatest repair need. (18154)

- 7N **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 17 of the NAO report on the Condition of school buildings, HC 1516, published on 28 June 2023, what estimate she has made of the number of children studying in schools where the responsible body or her Department believes that major repair works are required in each of the next five years. (18155)
- 8N **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 22 November 2023 to Question 519 on Schools: Buildings, what progress her Department has made on the system-built block assessment; and whether she has made an estimate of the number of schools where safety issues have been raised. (18156)
- 9N **Catherine McKinnell** (Newcastle upon Tyne North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many contracts have been awarded via the school rebuilding programme; and if she will make a comparative estimate of this figure with her Department's planned projections. (18159)
- 10N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of electricity supply disruption on households with fibre broadband.. (18031)
- 11N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will instruct Ofgem to update the (a) Holistic Network Design and (b) Centralised Strategic Network Plan to ensure a greater proportion of future electricity transmission infrastructure is built offshore. (18290)
- 12N **Colleen Fletcher** (Coventry North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made on the impact of rising energy prices on the number of households in (a) Coventry North East constituency and (b) Coventry; and what steps her Department is taking to reduce fuel poverty levels in those areas. (18178)
- 13N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate she has made of the volume of green hydrogen that will be produced in the UK over the next ten years, by (a) nation and (b) region. (18298)
- 14N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what revenue will be available to (a) the Scottish Government and (b) Scottish local authorities from the production of green hydrogen. (18300)
- 15N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2023 to Question 6782, what her Department's timetable is for publishing that next consultation on expansion of the UK Emissions Trading Scheme. (18226)

- 16N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has had discussions with Nissan following its decision to withdraw app support for older Nissan Leaf and e-NV200 vehicles. (18142)
- 17N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much was paid to the non-executive directors of her Department between 7 February 2023 and 7 February 2024. (18301)
- 18N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Border Target Operating Model, what guidance his Department has issued to veterinary professionals in Europe on the checks needed ahead of approving an export health certificate for a consignment before import to the UK. (18133)
- 19N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many meetings the permanent secretary of his Department has held with Thames Water on Operation Timber in the last 12 months. (18227)
- 20N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the minutes of meetings that officials in his Department have had with Thames Water on Operation Timber in each of the last 6 months. (18228)
- 21N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when the Permanent Secretary of his Department last met officials from Thames Water to discuss Operation Timber. (18229)
- 22N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the press release by the Prime Minister, entitled Prime Minister commits £3bn UK climate finance to supporting nature, published on 11 January 2021, if he will provide a breakdown of where this money has been spent to date. (18175)
- 23N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March to Question 16911 on Planning Permission: Reform, with reference to the revisions made to the National Planning Policy Framework on 19 December 2023, for what reason the words as a minimum were omitted from paragraph 35(a). (18292)
- 24N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March to Question 16908 on Green Belt: Planning Permission and with reference to the revisions made to the National Planning Policy Framework on 19 December 2023 and the Written Ministerial Statement of 19 December 2023 on The Next Stage in Our Long Term Plan for Housing Update, HCWS161, if he will publish specific guidance clarifying whether local authorities being located wholly within the green belt can

represent an exceptional circumstance to justify an alternative approach to using the standard method calculation when assessing housing need for the purposes of making a local plan. (18293)

25N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March to Question 16912 on Planning Permission: Reform and with reference to the consultation entitled Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy, published on 22 December 2022, and paragraph 35(a) of the National Planning Policy Framework, published in December 2023, if he will publish the justification for omitting from that paragraph the words 'so far as possible, taking into account the policies of' in that Framework. (18294)

26N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March to Question 16913 on Planning Permission: Reform and with reference to the consultation entitled Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy, published on 22 December 2022, and paragraph 35(a) of the National Planning Policy Framework, published in December 2023, if he will publish the justification for retaining 'and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development' in that Framework. (18295)

27N Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 11 March to Question 16914 on Green Belt: Planning Permission and with reference to the consultation entitled Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy, published on 22 December 2022, and paragraph 35(a) of the National Planning Policy Framework, published in December 2023, if he will publish the justification for not incorporating the words 'Green Belt boundaries are not required to be reviewed and altered if this would be the only means of meeting the objectively assessed need for housing over the plan period' in that Framework. (18296)

28N Stella Creasy (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when his Department expects remediation work to have begun on buildings over 11m with ACM cladding where the developer or builder has accepted liability and accordingly no application was made to the BSF; and if he will take steps to enforce this deadline. (18134)

29N Sarah Edwards (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 5 February 2024 to Question 11923 on Levelling Up Fund: Tamworth Borough Council, if any officials from his Department were involved in the drafting of the press release relating to this visit entitled Levelling Up Minister visits Tamworth to mark High Street development progress with Eddie Hughes MP. (18338)

30N Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to paragraph 21 of the report entitled A pro-innovation approach to AI regulation: Government response, CP 1019,

published on 6 February 2024, whether the (a) lead AI Ministers and (b) new Inter-Ministerial Group to drive effective coordination across government on AI issues have met. (18176)

31N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what proportion of the £900m pledged to implement the recommendations in the independent Future of Compute review for an exascale supercomputer has been allocated as of 12 March 2024. (18137)

32N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Sikorsky-92 model helicopters have been licensed to operate in the UK offshore energy sector in each year since 2013. (18136)

33N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much reallocated HS2 funding has been given to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council for road resurfacing. (18075)

34N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the bi-mode trains on air quality in (a) Nottingham Railway station and (b) the surrounding area. (18114)

35N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to improve safety on the A483 in Shropshire. (18326)

36N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many projects that reduce speed limits on parts of the Strategic Road Network have been granted funding as part of the Road Investment Strategy 2. (18328)

37N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to ensure safety improvements are prioritised during decision making about road investments. (18329)

38N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many shipping companies have signed the Seafarers Charter. (18115)

39N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Extra protections for seafarers as government introduces new maritime laws, published on 30 March 2022, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of those new laws on the crewing model operated in the short sea ferry sector by (a) P&O Ferries and (b) other operators. (18116)

40N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the conditions of employment for agency crew working on P&O Ferries' international fleet from UK ports. (18117)

41N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an estimate of the number of seafarers employed on P&O Ferries' vessels working from UK ports. (18118)

- 42N **Karl Turner** (Kingston upon Hull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to prepare for the enforcement of the Seafarers Wages Act 2023. (18119)
- 43N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of parents with children older than three that have (a) requested and (b) been granted flexibility on the 30 hour work requirement in each of the last 12 months; and what proportion were single parents. (18135)
- 44N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people received an advance payment of universal credit between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. (18125)
- 45N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people received an advance payment of universal credit between 1 April 2023 and 12 March 2024. (18126)
- 46N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what is the average waiting time was for an initial assessment for people on the Access to Work Scheme in the latest period for which data is available. (18127)
- 47N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what is the average waiting time for those on Universal Credit to see a work coach for an initial interview. (18128)
- 48N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department plans to extend the restart scheme beyond 2025. (18129)
- 49N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to take steps to help ensure that the treatment of payments made under the Republic of Ireland's Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme to those living in the UK do not discriminate against those in receipt of means-tested benefits. (18189)
- 50N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answers of 6 March 2024 to Question 16495 and of 11 March 2024 to Question 17444 on Employment: Disability, what guidance his Department issues to employers on home assessments to ensure the suitability of equipment for disabled people taking on home-based employment. (18179)
- 51N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when does she expect the photobiomodulation process for treatment of those with severe eye problems to be made available via the NHS. (18070)

- 52N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data her Department collects on the uptake of abdominal aortic aneurysm screening; and what steps she is taking to target this programme at people at greater risk. (18193)
- 53N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to educate young people about the importance of health screening programmes in later life. (18194)
- 54N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to publish the abortion rates data for (a) 2021/22 and (b) 2022/23. (18195)
- 55N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to (a) identify young people most at risk of poor health in later life and (b) mitigate that risk. (18196)
- 56N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle obesity in primary school children. (18197)
- 57N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, with reference to the statement from the Canadian Government entitled Canada announces continued assistance for people in Gaza, published on 8 March 2024, whether his Department has received the interim report of the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services. (18258)
- 58N **Sir David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what steps his Department has taken to prevent miscarriages of justice as a result of the UK-US extradition treaty. (18047)
- 59N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on their responsibilities to the overseas territories. (18173)
- 60N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether his Department has had discussions with the Falkland Islands Government on the awarding of a contract to Harland & Wolff to support delivery of the port facility. (18074)
- 61N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to his Answer of 28 February 2024 to Question 15307 on Shell: Nigeria, if he will publish the (a) dates (b) attendee lists, (c) minutes and (d) any other relevant details of his Department's meetings with Shell on action to address the risks of pollution from oil production in the Niger Delta. (18215)
- 62N **Anna McMorris** (Cardiff North): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what discussions he has had with his Haitian counterparts on the security situation in that country. (18233)

- 63N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how much development funding has been paid (a) directly and (b) indirectly to consultancies in each year since 2019. (18123)
- 64N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many and what proportion of development projects were delivered through in-country contracts in each year since 2019. (18124)
- 65N **Michael Shanks** (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether the contents of the interim report of the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services' review of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) will be shared with Parliament. (18335)
- 66N **Michael Shanks** (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, whether he has had recent discussions with his (a) Swedish and (b) Canadian counterpart on the decision of those countries to resume funding for UNRWA. (18336)
- 67N **Michael Shanks** (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, when he plans to decide whether to reinstate funding for UNRWA. (18337)
- 68N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Defending Democracy Taskforce has made an assessment of the prevalence of (a) misinformation and disinformation and (b) AI in the Slovakian general election. (18169)
- 69N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if his Department will publish the recent work of the Hate Speech and Disinformation Programme. (18170)
- 70N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many allegations of (a) sexual assault, (b) physical assault and (c) harassment by staff have been made by detainees in detention centres in each of the last five years. (18177)
- 71N **Alex Norris** (Nottingham North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. (18252)
- 72N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether representatives of (a) India, (b) the Philippines, (c) Indonesia, (d) Nigeria, (e) Ghana and (f) South Africa were invited to the Global Fraud Summit held at Lancaster House from 11-12 March 2024. (18085)

- 73N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to paragraph 137 of the Fraud Strategy, published on 3 May 2023, whether any country considered by his Department to be financially benefiting from fraud was in attendance at the Global Fraud Summit held at Lancaster House from 11-12 March 2024. (18086)
- 74N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the press notice entitled UK hosts world leaders for first Global Fraud Summit, published on 11 March 2024, if he will publish the evidential basis on which the statement was made that £3 billion was lost to overseas accounts last year as a result of fraud. (18087)
- 75N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the press release entitled DE&S and Team Resolute sign Fleet Solid Support ships contract, published on 18 January 2023, which (a) blocks and (b) modules will be built at Harland and Wolff's UK sites. (18050)
- 76N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many buildings owned by his Department and its agencies are currently empty. (18052)
- 77N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's publication entitled MOD common law compensation claims statistics 2022/23, published on 26 February 2024, how many and what proportion of new compensation claims on noise-induced hearing loss were related to the Ajax project in each financial year since 2018-19. (18054)
- 78N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's publication entitled MOD common law compensation claims statistics 2022/23, published on 26 February 2024, how many and what proportion of settled compensation claims on noise-induced hearing loss were related to the Ajax project in each financial year since 2018-19. (18055)
- 79N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's publication entitled MOD common law compensation claims statistics 2022/23, published on 26 February 2024, what was the total cost to the public purse of settled compensation claims for noise-induced hearing loss related to the Ajax project in each financial year since 2018-19. (18056)
- 80N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will call a public inquiry into the murder of Sean Brown in 1997. (18318)
- 81N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the potential merits of introducing a disregard for recipients of the Republic of Ireland's Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme compensation. (18186)

- 82N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what estimate he has made of the number of people living in the United Kingdom who will be eligible for the Republic of Ireland's Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme. (18187)
- 83N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he has had discussions with the Government of the Republic of Ireland on the impact of the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme on those eligible living in the UK. (18188)
- 84N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent steps he has taken to support homeowners who are unable to switch to a cheaper mortgage deal. (18171)
- 85N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.59, page 74 of the Spring Budget 2024, what his Department's (a) selection criteria and (b) rationale were for identifying Canary Wharf as the recipient hub of investment over other life sciences hubs. (18141)

Questions for Answer on Monday 18 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of having subtitles switched on as a default for children's television programmes and films on children's literacy levels. (18321)
- 2N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to tackle littering in Stockport constituency. (18316)
- 3N **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions his Department has had with Eurostar on reopening international rail services from Ashford since 1 January 2024. (18020)
- 4N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 31 January 2024 to Question 11059 on Railways: Finance, how much was spent on rail enhancements in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, (c) 2021, (d) 2022 and (e) 2023. (18100)
- 5N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 31 January 2024 to Question 11055 on Railway Signals: Cambridge, what his Department's timeframe is for the development of a business case for the re-signalling of Ely Junction. (18101)

- 6N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what (a) reporting mechanisms and (b) governance structure are in place to oversee spending on the Transpennine Route Upgrade project. (18102)
- 7N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made a recent assessment of the conditions in Wandsworth prison on the health of (a) prisoners and (b) staff. (18221)
- 8N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the document entitled the National Partnership Agreement for Health and Social Care for England: improving the quality of services for people in prison and those subject to statutory supervision by the probation service in the community 2022-2025, if she will make a comparative assessment with Cabinet colleagues of standards of healthcare received by (a) prisoners at HMP Wandsworth and (b) the general population. (18223)
- 9N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the press release entitled Overhaul of criminal justice system delivers significant improvement for rape victims, published on 10 July 2023, how many extra police officers have been trained in investigating rape and sexual offences. (18319)
- 10N **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of police officers working in Child Abuse Investigation Teams had completed training in rape and sexual offences investigations by 12 March 2024, broken down by police force. (18320)
- 11N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she has taken to monitor the effects of conditions in HMP Wandsworth on the health and well-being of prisoners and staff. (18222)
- 12N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many deaths have been recorded at HMP Wandsworth since 30 June 2023. (18224)
- 13N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department plans to take to measure productivity in the prison service. (18225)
- 14N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his oral statement of 12 March 2024 on Update on foreign national offenders, prisons and probation, in what roles the 400 additional caseworkers were previously working. (18180)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- 1 **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): What steps his Department is taking to financially support people unable to work due to serious medical conditions. (902018)

- 2 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): What recent assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of regional variations in levels of employment and inactivity. (902019)
- 3 **Gordon Henderson** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): What steps he is taking to help people into work. (902020)
- 4 **Nigel Mills** (Amber Valley): What his planned timetable is for the roll-out of welfare reforms. (902021)
- 5 **Margaret Greenwood** (Wirral West): What assessment he has made of the effectiveness of his Department's support for vulnerable people who claim social security benefits. (902022)
- 6 **David Duguid** (Banff and Buchan): What steps he is taking to help fill job vacancies in Banff and Buchan constituency. (902023)
- 7 **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): What recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of changes in the cost of living on levels of food bank use. (902024)
- 8 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): What steps his Department is taking to increase the support offered by Jobcentres in Darlington. (902025)
- 9 **Mrs Heather Wheeler** (South Derbyshire): What steps his Department is taking to support pensioners. (902026)
- 10 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): What steps his Department is taking to support pensioners. (902027)
- 11 **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): What steps he is taking through the benefits system to tackle poverty in rural areas. (902028)
- 12 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): What steps he is taking to tackle non-payment of Housing Benefit to district councils when the beneficiary is not a registered social landlord. (902029)
- 13 **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): What recent estimate he has made of the average time it takes for claimants to complete medical assessments for Personal Independence Payment claims. (902030)
- 14 **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): What recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of changes in the cost of living on levels of food bank use. (902031)
- 15 **Stuart C McDonald** (Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East): What steps his Department is taking to help reduce the number of children in poverty. (902032)
- 16 **Gavin Newlands** (Paisley and Renfrewshire North): What steps his Department is taking to help reduce the number of children in poverty. (902033)
- 17 **Dame Meg Hillier** (Hackney South and Shoreditch): For what reason people receiving tax credits are not automatically migrated to Universal Credit. (902034)

- 18 **Rob Butler** (Aylesbury): What steps his Department is taking to reduce inactivity in the labour market. (902035)
- 19 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): What steps his Department is taking to support pensioners. (902036)
- 20 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): What steps his Department is taking to help people save for the future. (902037)
- 21 **Dr James Davies** (Vale of Clwyd): What steps his Department is taking to increase financial support for families. (902038)
- 22 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of his Department's policy on the use of foodbank signposting slips at Jobcentres on vulnerable households. (902039)
- 23 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): How many Universal Credit Migration Notice letters he plans to send to people in (a) Liverpool, Walton constituency and (b) the UK by 31 March 2024. (902040)
- 24 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What steps his Department is taking to support low-income renters. (902041)
- 25 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): What steps he is taking to reduce pensioner poverty. (902042)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

- T1 **Sir David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902043)
- T2 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): (902044)
- T3 **Dr Lisa Cameron** (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow): (902045)
- T4 **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): (902046)
- T5 **Dame Andrea Jenkyns** (Morley and Outwood): (902047)
- T6 **Mrs Sheryll Murray** (South East Cornwall): (902048)
- T7 **Gordon Henderson** (Sittingbourne and Sheppey): (902049)
- T8 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): (902050)
- T9 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): (902051)
- T10 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): (902052)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 19 March

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 26 February 2024, to Question 15551 on Civil Servants: Veterans, how many minority ethnic veterans were employed through the Great Place to Work for Veterans initiative in the last 12 months. (18033)
- 2N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what improvements he plans to make to the Veterans' Gateway. (18034)
- 3N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 1 March 2024 to Question 15551 on Civil Servants: Veterans, whether his office captures demographic data on veterans who access employment through the Great Place to Work for Veterans initiative. (18035)
- 4N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 1 March 2024 to Question 15550 on Civil Servants: Veterans, whether his office captures regional data on veterans who access employment through the Great Place to Work for Veterans initiative. (18036)
- 5N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 1 March 2024 to Question 15406 on Independent Review of UK Government Welfare Services for Veterans, if he will provide deadlines for implementation of each of the recommendations of that Review. (18037)
- 6N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to paragraphs 7.16 and 7.17 of the Ministerial Code, on how many occasions have ministers in his 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. (18213)
- 7N **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the number of children that are looked-after. (18030)
- 8N **Angus Brendan MacNeil** (Na h-Eileanan an Iar): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many energy planning applications she has approved. (18088)
- 9N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using the Property Portal to record accessibility information on private sector dwellings. (18287)
- 10N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the (a) challenges faced by disabled renters in the private rented sector and (b) potential impact of the Renters (Reform) Bill on tackling those challenges. (18288)

- 11N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent progress his Department has made on publishing national supported housing standards under the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023. (18078)
- 12N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will publish the advice from officials that provided the basis for her claims about Professor Kate Sang. (18212)
- 13N **Mr Tobias Ellwood** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to expand support available through Jobcentres in Bournemouth East constituency. (18076)
- 14N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information her Department holds on the number of people that have reported symptoms of long covid since March 2023. (18216)
- 15N **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign national offenders were (a) subject to deportation action and (b) living in the community by the length of time since the end of their custodial sentence as of 1 March 2024. (18028)
- 16N **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people from Rwanda were granted asylum on (a) human rights and (b) other grounds in each year since 2010. (18029)