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## Questions tabled on Friday 22 March 2024

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  - N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under [S.O. No. 22\(4\)](#).
  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 25 March

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the goods sold by online marketplaces are compliant with the General Product Safety Regulations 2005.  
[Transferred] (19838)
  - 2 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing sanctions for cases of puppy smuggling. [Transferred] (19938)
  - 3 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he has taken to address dog thefts in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England.  
[Transferred] (19814)
  - 4 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact on the economy of investment in Darlington railway station.  
[Transferred] (19999)
  - 5 **Peter Gibson** (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress the cross-government bereavement working group has made on ensuring support is available to bereaved people.  
[Transferred] (19964)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 26 March

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Ronnie Cowan** (Inverclyde): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of new advertising codes to address emerging challenges presented by (a) social media and (b) online marketing activities. (20070)
- 2 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has placed a ban on all inter-year transfers to St Leonard's Catholic School in City of Durham. (20106)
- 3 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of secondary (a) mainstream and (b) maintained special schools offered British Sign Language GCSE in each of the last five years. (20083)
- 4 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to increase the provision of British Sign Language GCSE in mainstream secondary schools. (20084)
- 5N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of reviewing the surplus-sharing arrangements of the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme. [Transferred] (19812)
- 6 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions she has had with Ofgem on discrepancies in the cost of electricity standing charges across the country. (20118)
- 7 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the impact of trends in the level of standing charges on the affordability of electricity bills in (a) Yorkshire and (b) the North East. (20119)
- 8 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of potential merits of introducing a fixed national standing charge for consumers. (20120)
- 9 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has had discussions with Ofgem on trends in the level of standing charge prices across (a) England and (b) Yorkshire. (20121)
- 10 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with (a) the Environment Agency and (b) local authorities on the effectiveness of mechanisms to enforce the responsibilities of riparian owners for the maintenance of river banks. (20109)

- 11 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure the (a) continuity and (b) quality of water services for people served by Thames Water. (20098)
- 12 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking with regulators to (a) safeguard the interests of consumers and (b) help ensure the financial stability of the water sector. (20099)
- 13 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much his Department spent in the last 12 months on (a) in-work and (b) other training on (i) coastal restoration, (ii) the protection of coastal and marine ecosystems, (iii) monitoring, (iv) enforcement and (v) sustainable recreation; how much he plans to spend on each of those areas in the next 12 months; and whether his Department employs apprentices. (20101)
- 14N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of allocating additional funding for volunteer led community transport schemes. [Transferred] (19471)
- 15 **Anna Firth** (Southend West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his planned timetable is for introducing contactless ticketing in Southend West constituency. (20123)
- 16 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the decision of the Transport for the North Board to write to him requesting the end of the Avanti West Coast contract. (20006)
- 17 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish the roads good vehicles travelling to Europe statistics for April 2023 to March 2024; and when this series will conclude. (20036)
- 18 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Answer of 25 November 2020 to Question 120953 on Network Rail: Finance and pursuant to the Answer of 12 March 2024 to Question 18100 on Railways: Finance, what assessment he has made of the causes of the differential in the rail enhancements budget for 2019 to 2024. (20038)
- 19 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the cost to individuals of replacing blue badges lost due to theft. (20067)
- 20 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the Home Office on the theft of blue badges. (20068)

- 21 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the (a) planned spending is for and (b) expected number of beneficiaries are of the Intensive Personalised Employment Support programme in each of the next five years. (20043)
- 22 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the (a) fiscal cost to the public purse and (c) savings associated with the rollout of Additional Jobcentre Support. (20045)
- 23 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made an estimate of the total number of work coaches required to implement the roll-out of Additional Jobcentre Support. (20046)
- 24 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential (a) fiscal and (b) economic impact of the reduction in the permitted period during which (i) Universal Credit and (ii) Jobseeker's Allowance claimants can limit their work search to their preferred sector or pay level. (20047)
- 25 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of how many of his Department's staff are involved in sanctions (a) referral, (b) decision making, (c) administration and (d) appeals. (20048)
- 26 **Paul Blomfield** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 7 December 2023 to Question 4959 on Respiratory Diseases: Health Services, how many Acute Respiratory Infection hubs were operating in winter 2023/24. (20039)
- 27N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the Regulatory Policy Committee's revised opinion on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill is published by 16 April 2024. [Transferred] (19767)
- 28 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 March 2024 to Question 16027 on Suicide, how much of the £57 million allocated for suicide (a) prevention and (b) bereavement services has been allocated to local authorities; and by what date must the funds be spent. (20110)
- 29 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department is taking steps to improve how it collects data on non-fatal overdoses involving synthetic opioids. (20086)
- 30 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to his Department's press release entitled More synthetic opioids banned to protect communities, published on 20 March 2023, what assessment he has made of the impact of the change in legal status on the (a) spread and (b) use of these substances. (20088)

- 31 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to provide public health interventions for people at risk of overdosing on (a) naloxone and (b) other synthetic opioids. (20089)
- 32 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to her Department's press release entitled £5 million fund to tackle fatal drug deaths across the UK, published on 29 August 2023, how this funding will be distributed; and what criteria her Department is using to select projects for this funding. (20090)
- 33 **Mary Glindon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure adequate oversight of how primary care settings deliver equitable access to weight management services in line with NICE Guidance. (20054)
- 34 **Mary Glindon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve access to weight management services in areas of socioeconomic deprivation. (20055)
- 35 **Mary Glindon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress NHS England has made on integrating Wegovy to existing weight management structures within primary care settings. (20056)
- 36 **Mary Glindon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that Tier 2 weight management services are sufficiently (a) resourced and (b) integrated with (i) primary care networks, (ii) community health hubs and (iii) other relevant providers to offer comprehensive support for people living with obesity. (20057)
- 37 **Mary Glindon** (North Tyneside): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to tackle childhood obesity; and if she will take steps to work with (a) other Departments and (b) community organisations to provide access to safe recreational spaces for children. (20058)
- 38 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of making access to Bacillus Calmette-Guérin vaccinations available to farming and agricultural families that regularly interact with livestock. (20115)
- 39 **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting time for elective surgeries for people in Wellingborough constituency. (20125)
- 40 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS dental contracts have been handed back 7 February 2024. (20072)
- 41 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many NHS dental contracts have been changed following a request from dental practices since 7 February 2024. (20073)

- 42 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many units of dental activity her Department (a) had estimated would be and (b) have been undertaken between 7 February and 22 March 2024. (20074)
- 43 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the number of dental practices that have announced that they plan to withdraw from NHS contracts since 7 February 2024. (20075)
- 44 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dentists were recruited from overseas by the NHS in the last 12 months; and if she will make an estimate of the number of dentists that will be recruited from overseas by the NHS in the next 12 months. (20076)
- 45 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether dentists working in dental treatment vans will be offered one-off payments of up to £20,000. (20077)
- 46 **Royston Smith** (Southampton, Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children of which biological sex were prescribed puberty blockers in each year since 2010. (20081)
- 47 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of reports of alleged settler violence in the village of Um al-Khair in the southern West Bank. (20107)
- 48 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of political instability in Vietnam. (20004)
- 49 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of EU proposals to send profits generated from frozen Russian assets to Ukraine. (20005)
- 50 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of blue badge thefts in the last 12 months. (20069)
- 51 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to tackle the importation of nitazenes into the UK. (20087)
- 52 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions he has had with (a) the National Crime Agency and (b) local police forces on collaboration on tackling dark net markets involved in the distribution of synthetic opioids. (20091)



- 53 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how his Department plans to assess the impact of the Synthetic Opioid Taskforce on the (a) supply and (b) demand for these drugs. (20092)
- 54 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department takes to assess the (a) potential impact and (b) value for money of (i) his visit to Rwanda in December 2023 and (ii) other ministerial overseas visits. (20093)
- 55 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reasons he used a private charter flight for his visit to Rwanda in December 2023; and whether his Department made an assessment of the potential merits of using alternative forms of transport. (20094)
- 56 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will take steps to ensure that women who are held in police cells are supported by at least one officer who is a woman. (20078)
- 57 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will issue guidance to the police on ensuring that people providing statements are asked whether they have had their drink spiked. (20079)
- 58 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what training is provided to police officers on the impact of the spiking of drinks on victims of that crime. (20080)
- 59 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department plans to provide funding to Women's Aid in the next three financial years. (20103)
- 60 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the Influence and Command programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20007)
- 61 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the Land Systems programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20008)
- 62 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the Maritime Systems programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20009)
- 63 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the Missile Defence programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20010)

- 64 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the Security Systems programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20011)
- 65 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the Space Systems programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20012)
- 66 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the Specialist Systems programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20013)
- 67 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the Support and Sustainability programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20014)
- 68 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the engineering biology project at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20015)
- 69 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for the human augmentation project at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20016)
- 70 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on the PULSAR project in each financial year since 2019. (20017)
- 71 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget is for the Advanced Materials programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in the (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26 financial year. (20019)
- 72 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget is for the Autonomy programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in the (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26 financial year. (20022)
- 73 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget for the Chemical Biological and Radiological Defence programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory is for the financial year (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26. (20023)



- 74 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget for the Crime and Policing programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory is for the financial year (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26. (20024)
- 75 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much the Royal Air Force has spent on diversity and inclusion personnel since 2019. (20001)
- 76 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much the Royal Navy has spent on diversity and inclusion personnel since 2019. (20128)
- 77 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 23 January 2024 to Question 10351 on Armed Forces: Housing, if he will provide a regional breakdown of those figures. (20104)
- 78 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on RAF planes being used to transport asylum seekers to Rwanda. (20105)
- 79N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) prosecutions and (b) convictions there have been in Greater London for (i) dangerous cycling in contravention of section 28, (ii) careless and inconsiderate cycling in contravention of section 29 and (iii) cycling when under the influence of drink or drugs in contravention of section 30 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 in each of the last three years for which information is available. [Transferred] (19765)
- 80 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for what reason people born after 1 January 1983 are required to provide a valid passport when giving notice of marriage. (20108)
- 81 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure the (a) integrity and (b) confidentiality of digital evidence in sexual assault cases. (20095)
- 82 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he is taking steps to help ensure digital (a) literacy and (b) understanding among legal professionals. (20096)
- 83 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to help support the mental health of victims while they wait for rape trials. (20097)
- 84 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 21 March 2024 to Question 19192 on Tax Avoidance, whether it is his Department's policy to cease recovery of any liabilities incurred before December 2010 in cases where a taxpayer has not received an update for a period of 12 months or more from the initial date of an open enquiry or assessment. (20111)

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- 85 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the cost to the public purse was of funding provided to businesses in South Holland and the Deepings constituency during the covid-19 pandemic through the (a) Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant Fund, (b) Small Business Grant Fund and (c) Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund. (20002)
- 86 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to his Department's publication entitled HMT ministers' overseas travel, published on 21 March 2024, how much of the £15,991 spent on his visit to the USA from 20 to 22 October 2023 was spent on air travel. (20032)
- 87 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the evidential basis is for his Department's tweet of 29 September 2023 that the UK was the fastest growing European G7 country since 2010. (20116)
- 88 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the evidential basis is for his Department's tweet of 6 January 2024 that the UK had the lowest effective average personal tax rate in the G7; and what the effective average personal tax rate is in each G7 country. (20117)
- 89 **Ellie Reeves** (Lewisham West and Penge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people were out of work as a result of having long covid in the latest period for which figures are available. (20085)
- 90 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information his Department holds on the number of (a) mortgage term extensions, (b) interest-only payment switches and (c) repossessions in relation to a mortgaged property since the publication of the Mortgage Charter on 26 June 2023. (20113)
- 91 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the Mortgage Charter on levels of (a) forbearance, (b) arrears and (c) repossessions. (20114)
- 92 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of charging VAT on (a) academic and (b) other educational audiobooks on access to education for people with (i) dyslexia, (ii) sight loss and (iii) impairment who cannot hold books. (20033)
- 93 **Sir Mike Penning** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made representations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in support of a 0% VAT rate on audiobooks to prevent discrimination against people with (a) dyslexia, (b) sight (i) loss and (ii) impairment and (c) disabilities preventing them from holding a physical book. (20034)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 15 April

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of full-time equivalent civil service roles were located outside London in each quarter from Q2 2020 to Q3 2023. (20059)
- 2N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of full-time equivalent civil service roles other than Senior Civil Service were located outside London in each quarter from Q2 2020 to Q3 2023. (20060)
- 3N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to expedite compensation for those affected by the infected blood scandal. (20028)
- 4N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what financial support his Department is providing to help veterans with the cost of living. [Transferred] (19773)
- 5N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of including titanium on the list of metals that are sanctioned when originating from Russia. (20071)
- 6N **Dr Alan Whitehead** (Southampton, Test): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many rural households were in fuel poverty in (a) each region of England, (b) Wales, (c) Scotland and (d) Northern Ireland as of 22 March 2024. (20000)
- 7N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the cost to individual business of acquiring an Environmental Export Health Certificate for a consignment of goods being imported to the UK since the introduction of the Border Target Operating Model in January 2024. (20049)
- 8N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Department's The Border Target Operating Model: August 2003, published in August 2023, whether goods in all risk categories are required to pay the common user charge; and if this charge will vary depending on the risk level of the consignment. (20050)
- 9N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 March 2024 to Question 17736 on Import Controls, whether goods checked at a Government-run border control post will be subject to any (a) fees and (b) charges other than the Common User Charge and costs relating to the acquisition of Environmental Health Certificates. (20051)

- 10N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 19 March 2024 to Question 17736 on Import Controls, if he will make an estimate of the fees charged by privately-run Border Control Posts when processing consignments which are subject to the Border Target Operating Model. (20052)
- 11N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that hauliers comply with requirements of the Border Target Operating Model to subject consignments to (a) physical and (b) documentary checks. (20053)
- 12N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent microplastics entering waterways from washing machines. (20030)
- 13N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to paragraph 61 of the National Planning Policy Framework, what discussions he has had with the Planning Inspectorate on their interpretation of the word advisory. (20112)
- 14N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 21 March 2024 to Question 9010 on Avanti West Coast: Standards, how many part cancellations of Avanti West Coast scheduled services have occurred as a result of shortage of crew since 1 January 2024. (20031)
- 15N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to improve safety at the A5 Shotatton Crossroads. (20122)
- 16N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what guidance his Department provides to officials on the use of the social media platforms (a) X and (b) LinkedIn. (20037)
- 17N **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the most common reasons cited on split payment applications are; and what assessment his Department has made of the (a) suitability and (b) effectiveness of the application process in the light of those reasons. (20100)
- 18N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the (a) planned spending is for and (b) expected number of beneficiaries are of Universal Support in each of the next five years. (20040)
- 19N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the (a) planned spending is for and (b) expected number of beneficiaries are of the Flexible Support Fund in each of the next five years. (20041)
- 20N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the (a) planned spending is for and (b) expected number of beneficiaries are of WorkWell in each of the next five years. (20042)

- 21N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much his Department plans to spend on the Restart Scheme in the next three financial years; and if he will make an estimate of the number of people who will be supported through that scheme in the same period. (20044)
- 22N **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the guidance entitled 2024 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing, Access and Growth, published on 20 November 2023, what steps her Department is taking to apply the provisions of section 6.26 on exceptional circumstances. (20061)
- 23N **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to section 6.26 of the guidance entitled 2024 Voluntary Scheme for Branded Medicines Pricing, Access and Growth, published on 20 November 2023, whether her Department has been allocated additional resources to consider exceptional circumstances. (20062)
- 24N **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what support she is providing for young people with eating disorders in Wellingborough constituency. (20124)
- 25N **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what (a) support and (b) resources are available to help GP surgeries in Wellingborough constituency to (i) clear patient backlogs and (ii) reduce workloads. (20126)
- 26N **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to enable the provision of additional services in GP surgeries in Wellingborough constituency. (20127)
- 27N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, how many foreign officials have been granted special mission status to visit the UK in each year since 2011; and if he will list the (a) names and (b) country of origin of those officials. (20082)
- 28N **Dan Carden** (Liverpool, Walton): To ask the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 21 March 2024 to Question 19159 on Overseas Investment: Fossil Fuels, what his planned timescale is for ending support for the overseas fossil fuel sector. (20102)
- 29N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department provided for support to operations and crises at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in each financial year since 2019. (20018)
- 30N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the budget is for the AI programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in the (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26 financial year. (20020)

- 31N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget is for the Air Systems programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory in the (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26 financial year. (20021)
- 32N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget for the Cyber Security programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory is for the financial year (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26. (20025)
- 33N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget for the Defence Science and Technology Futures programme at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory is for the financial year (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26. (20026)
- 34N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many full-time applications to the armed forces have been submitted per (a) constituency and (b) region each year since 2010. (20003)
- 35N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to his Department's press release entitled First Rapid Deployment Cells unveiled to boost prison places, published on 3 March 2023, how many such cells have been built. (20066)
- 36N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate he has made of how many pensioners will become eligible to pay income tax as a result of the increase in the state pension. (20027)
- 37N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on compensation for infected blood scandal victims in the last 12 months. (20029)
- 38N **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues, (b) police forces and (c) businesses in Wales on the incidence of shop theft in Wales. (20035)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 17 April

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of raw sewage in inland waterways on levels of (a) antimicrobial and (b) antibiotic resistance in waterborne bacteria networks. (20063)



- 2N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to monitor the potential (a) presence and (b) spread of (i) antibiotic-resistant and (ii) antimicrobial-resistant organisms that are hazardous to human health in rivers. (20064)
- 3N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact of (a) antibiotic-resistant and (b) antimicrobial-resistant organisms in waterborne bacteria networks on public health. (20065)