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Questions tabled on Monday 15 April 2024

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 - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 16 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how her Department plans to manage the proposed national register for short-term lets; what information property owners will be required to provide to the register; and what estimate she has made of the (a) timeframe for implementing and (b) average cost to property owners to register their properties on the system. [Transferred] (21420)
- 2 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to support local authorities to prioritise the provision of high-quality reunification support for children in care to return home. [Transferred] (21278)
- 3 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress he has made in negotiations of a new international, legally binding plastics treaty. [Transferred] (21322)
- 4 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress her Department has made on achieving its target to eliminate avoidable plastic waste by the end of 2042. [Transferred] (21323)
- 5 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps she has taken to ensure continued supply of veterinary medicines from Great Britain to Northern Ireland; and what steps she has taken to avoid veterinary regulatory divergence. [Transferred] (20913)

- 6 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has taken steps to increase the number of dog legislation officers following the introduction of the XL Bully dog ban. [Transferred] (20919)
- 7 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to measure the effectiveness of the XL Bully ban over the next five years. [Transferred] (20920)
- 8 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act. [Transferred] (20921)
- 9 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is taking steps to reduce processing times for blue badge applications. [Transferred] (21041)
- 10 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding has been provided for research into (a) lobular breast cancer and (b) other forms of breast cancer in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (21159)
- 11 **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to implement the recommendations of the Second interim report of the Infected Blood inquiry on psychological services. [Transferred] (21124)
- 12 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimates his Department has made of the number of claimants who are receiving tax credits with savings above £16,000 that will no longer be entitled to Universal Credit. [Transferred] (21487)
- 13 **Giles Watling** (Clacton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he plans to include nuclear (a) power generation and (b) fuel manufacture as sustainable activities within the UK Green Taxonomy. [Transferred] (21304)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 17 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Attorney General, how many staff left his Department in each year since 2015. (21686)
- 2 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Attorney General, how many staff left the Crown Prosecution Service in each year since 2015. (21690)
- 3 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Attorney General, how many staff left the Government Legal Department in each year since 2015. (21691)

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- 4 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Attorney General, how many staff left the Serious Fraud Office in each year since 2015. (21692)
- 5 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Attorney General, how many staff left HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate in each year since 2015. (21693)
- 6 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had discussions with the Chair of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry on the estimated publication date of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 report. (21802)
- 7N **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what preparations his Department is making for the roll-out of the infected blood compensation scheme. [Transferred] (21258)
- 8 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff left the UK Statistics Authority in each year since 2015. (21695)
- 9 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff left the Crown Commercial Service in each year since 2015. (21696)
- 10 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff left the Government Property Agency in each year since 2015. (21697)
- 11 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff have left the Civil Service Commission in each year since 2015. (21698)
- 12 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff in advisory non-departmental public bodies have left those bodies in each year since 2015. (21700)
- 13 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans he has to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the signing of the Entente Cordiale. (21595)
- 14 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the contract agreed by his Department with DF Press on 24 March 2024 under procurement reference CCCS23A10, for what purpose the press office services to be provided under that contract are required; and if he will publish schedule 20 of that contract agreement. (21607)
- 15 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to help increase business investment in Suffolk. (21636)
- 16 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the Royal Mail's fulfilment of the Universal Service Obligation in Portsmouth in 2023. (21794)

- 17 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment she has made of the potential implications for her Department's policies of Royal Mail's failure to meet the Universal Service Obligation. (21795)
- 18 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when she last met with representatives from Ofcom to discuss plans for reforming the universal service obligation. (21796)
- 19 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what proportion of her Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21741)
- 20 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent progress she has made on trade discussions with Switzerland. (21599)
- 21 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment of the economic impact of the free trade agreements with (a) Australia and (b) New Zealand since they came into force. (21600)
- 22 **Damian Green** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether the Terms of Reference for the BBC Funding Review Panel allow the Panel to consider all the funding options contained in the 6th report of the DCMS Select Committee of session 2019-21, and in the annex to that report. (21495)
- 23 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many grants her Department has made to (a) leisure centres and (b) swimming pools in (i) Lincolnshire and (ii) the East Midlands since 2010; and what the total value was of those grants. (21526)
- 24 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 December 2023 to Question 4035 on Veterans: Radiation Exposure, whether she has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the preparation of an instrument under the terms of section 3 of the Public Records Act 1958 to permanently retain the (a) ES and (b) AB series of files that were withdrawn from the National Archives in 2018. (21527)
- 25 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many members of the Government will be attending the Paris Olympic Games. (21836)
- 26 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many staff have left her Department since its creation. (21688)
- 27 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an estimate of the average age of attendees at Premier League football matches in the 2022-23 season. (21701)

- 28 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make it her policy to ban party political adverts from video streaming services. (21858)
- 29 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what proportion of her Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21742)
- 30 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Mayor of London on the designs for the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square. (21601)
- 31 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much Ofcom has spent to implement the Online Safety Act 2023; and how many staff have been (a) hired by and (b) seconded to Ofcom for implementation of that Act. (21852)
- 32 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with the Leader of the House on making parliamentary time available for scrutiny of Ofcom's guidance on age verification and age assurance before publication of a government response. (21853)
- 33 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what criteria her Department uses to determine who will be consulted on the Government's BBC funding model review; and if she will publish a list of those that have been consulted. (21707)
- 34 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many youth centres have been in operation each year since 2010. (21759)
- 35 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of young people that had access to a youth centre within five miles of their home in (a) 2010, (b) 2015 and (c) 2024. (21760)
- 36 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing non-repayable maintenance grant funding for higher education students from the least advantaged backgrounds. (21854)
- 37 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's data release Pupil absence in schools in England, published on 21 March 2024, how many children were subject to a (a) special guardianship and (b) child arrangements order by (i), age (ii) ethnicity and (iii) local authority in 2022/23. (21851)

- 38 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many households have taken part in the Boiler Upgrade Scheme in South Holland and the Deepings constituency since January 2022. (21528)
- 39 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of levels of energy (a) poverty and (b) security in (i) Newport West constituency and (ii) Wales. (21827)
- 40 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to help encourage the development of onshore wind projects. (21860)
- 41 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many staff have left her Department since its creation. (21689)
- 42 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what proportion of her Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21744)
- 43 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will take steps to reform the capacity market to ensure that new gas power plants have parity with interconnectors. (21586)
- 44 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the use of electricity interconnectors on energy (a) security and (b) supply. (21587)
- 45 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increasing the use of imported electricity on (a) industrial and (b) domestic energy prices. (21588)
- 46 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what proportion of electricity is forecast to be imported via interconnector by (a) 2030 and (b) 2040. (21589)
- 47 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made representations to HM Treasury on the inclusion of imported electricity in Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism taxation. (21590)
- 48 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department is taking steps to maintain energy security in the context of the availability of electricity supplies from (a) central and (b) western Europe. (21591)

- 49 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when her Department last made an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of imported electricity through interconnectors on energy security. (21592)
- 50 **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what was the process for declaring imports of (a) Orchidaceae, (b) Dendranthema, (c) Dianthus, (d) Gypsophila and (e) Solidago from the EU as medium risk. (21585)
- 51 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he expects his Department's Responsible Dog Ownership Working Group to report. (21672)
- 52 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how his Department calculated its assessment of the number of dogs which would be affected by a ban on XL Bully dogs. (21673)
- 53 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help maintain (a) Suffolk's coastline and (b) the cleanliness of bathing water. (21637)
- 54 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent estimate he has made of the number of payments made to farmers by the Rural Payments Agency in (a) Suffolk and (b) Suffolk Coastal constituency in each of the last five years. (21638)
- 55 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications to the Sustainable Farming Incentive 2023 have been (a) made and (b) approved in Suffolk Coastal constituency. (21642)
- 56 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of recent flooding on (a) food production and (b) the health of livestock. (21839)
- 57 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the UK's food security. (21840)
- 58 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of climate change on the breeding habits of swans. (21841)
- 59 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will meet Ebenezer Akore Yeboah of Coventry University to discuss single-use plastics, sorting waste and reducing power consumption. (21842)

- 60 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of funding UK-based studies of the (a) use of the Bacillus Calmette-Guérin vaccine to prevent bovine tuberculosis, (b) period of effectiveness of that vaccine and (c) benefits of that vaccine to the beef industry. (21611)
- 61 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many staff left his Department in each year since 2015. (21683)
- 62 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Answer of 28 March 2024 to Question HL3136 on Poultry: Animal Welfare, what his timeline is for consideration of the findings of the Animal Welfare Committee Opinion on the welfare implications of different methods and systems for the catching, carrying, collecting and loading of poultry; what recent discussions he has had with the (a) Welsh and (b) Scottish government; and when he plans to decide on next steps. (21616)
- 63 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to encourage agencies involved in water management to produce joint plans. (21724)
- 64 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21745)
- 65 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has provided financial assistance to farmers to repair flood damage. (21669)
- 66 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of levels of bovine tuberculosis. (21670)
- 67 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the ministerial department figures in his Department's workforce management information data for February and March 2023, for what reason the payroll staff numbers are different between the two months but the payroll staff costs are identical. (21608)
- 68 **Martin Vickers** (Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the report entitled Emission Factors for Domestic Solid Fuels Project - Work Package 1 Report, published on 3 January 2024. (21619)

- 69 **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for publication of the report on improving sampling and analysis of microplastics in surface waters and sediments. (21576)
- 70 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has received advice from relevant stakeholders on the potential risk of timber-frame constructions with UPVC cladding since the fire in Moss Hall Grove in Barnet in June 2023. (21804)
- 71 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help support Barnet Council to remediate properties with timber-frames and UPVC cladding in line with (a) PAS 9980 and (b) other applicable standards. (21805)
- 72 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he plans to provide cladding remediation funding for (a) leaseholders, (b) shared ownership leaseholders and (c) freeholders who purchased their home under the Right to Buy scheme in timber-frame properties with UPVC cladding. (21806)
- 73 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that signatories of the developer remediation contract are taking responsibility for buildings where they are a contractor. (21807)
- 74 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 2 April 2024 to Question 19958 on Flats: Fire Prevention, if he will make it his policy to commit to quality assurance measures equivalent to the Self Remediation Terms including a post-remediation Qualifying Assessment. (21808)
- 75 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of publishing guidance for leaseholders on how they can access the dispute resolution process under the Developer Self Remediation Terms. (21809)
- 76 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what criteria a company must meet in order to be included on the Homes England Fire Risk Assessor Panel and authorised to carry out FRAEWs for buildings in the Cladding Safety Scheme. (21810)
- 77 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether any companies have been removed from the Homes England Fire Risk Assessor Panel for the Cladding Safety Scheme. (21811)

- 78 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many audits his Department has conducted under the Developer Self Remediation Terms in relation to (a) building assessments and (b) post-remediation qualifying assessments between April 2023 and March 2024. (21812)
- 79 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many audits conducted by his Department from April 2023 to March 2024 under the Developer Self Remediation Terms have required the developer to undertake corrective action in relation to (a) Building and (b) Post-remediation Qualifying Assessments. (21813)
- 80 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that developers who began work under Self Remediation Terms before 6 April 2024 continue to make progress on that work. (21814)
- 81 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has provided specific guidance to Right to Manage directors on their responsibilities under the developer remediation contract. (21815)
- 82 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that best practice under the developer remediation contract is (a) captured and (b) shared. (21816)
- 83 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the impact of Stewart Milne Homes Northwest England (Developments) entering administration on building safety remediation in England. (21817)
- 84 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what data his Department holds on the number of buildings expected to have remediation paid for by a building owner that meets (a) the Developer Test (b) the Contribution Condition as of 15 April 2024. (21818)
- 85 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department has taken to ensure that when a building owner enters administration, qualifying leaseholders remain protected from non-cladding remediation costs under the Building Safety Act. (21819)
- 86 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made any assessment of the number of weeks to obtain planning permission for building safety remediation works following the transition to a new Building Safety Regulator on 6 April 2024. (21820)

- 87 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what information his Department published on the treatment of jointly owned properties under the Building Safety Act's leaseholder protections, prior to his Department's Call for evidence: Jointly owned properties, published on 21 March 2024. (21821)
- 88 **Alun Cairns** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the impact of his Department's funding for Pub Is The Hub on local communities. (21632)
- 89 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of its plans to address water scarcity in Greater Cambridge on the water bills of Anglian Water customers in (a) Suffolk and (b) Suffolk Coastal constituency. (21641)
- 90 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when property owners will need to comply with regulations requiring planning permission for short-term lets exceeding 90 days per year; and whether his Department plans to introduce interim measures in advance of that date. (21773)
- 91 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many staff working on Levelling Up have left his Department since its creation. (21684)
- 92 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to help ensure people who have to leave a property due to mould and damp are rehoused. (21727)
- 93 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21746)
- 94 **John Penrose** (Weston-super-Mare): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he plans to respond to the letters of 9 February and 13 March 2024 from the hon. Member for Weston-super-Mare on behalf of a constituent relating to building costs. (21612)
- 95 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department will encourage the use of traditional architectural styles in new developments. (21596)
- 96 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department have made an assessment of the impact of the local government finance settlement on Havering Council. (21597)

- 97 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an assessment of the adequacy of the state of Havering Council's finances. (21598)
- 98 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Elmet and Rothwell): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential (a) costs and (b) merits of requiring freeholders to allow the installation of electric vehicle charging points where requested by leaseholders. (21621)
- 99 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure standards of (a) quality and (b) sustainability in new housing developments. (21849)
- 100 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make it his policy to facilitate greater involvement of architects in the development stage of new housing schemes. (21850)
- 101 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many staff have left her Department since its creation. (21687)
- 102 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, which Department is responsible for foreign direct investment into research and development in the UK. (21659)
- 103 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department has taken steps to align the activities of UK Research and Innovation and the UK Health Security Agency. (21662)
- 104 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what proportion of her Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21747)
- 105 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the effectiveness of funding provided by UK Research and Investment for research papers. (21593)
- 106 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will take steps to ensure that research papers funded through UK Research and Innovation are politically neutral. (21594)
- 107 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress her Department has made on the establishment of the Connectivity in Low Earth Orbit scheme. (21764)

- 108 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what recent discussions she has had with Ofcom on the eligibility of satellite broadband for the universal service obligation scheme. (21765)
- 109 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Mayor of London on licensing electric black cabs. (21622)
- 110 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the service provided by Great Western Railway. (21828)
- 111 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many recorded accidents have there been on the A1 between Peterborough and the Colsterworth interchange in the last five years. (21859)
- 112 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many accidents were recorded on the (a) A1, (b) A2 and (c) A5 in each of the last five years. (21861)
- 113 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average time between (a) requesting and (b) receiving a driving test slot is in (i) England, (ii) the South East and (iii) Portsmouth South constituency. (21790)
- 114 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many people were in Portsmouth South constituency were waiting to be allocated a driving test slot as of 15 April 2024. (21791)
- 115 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of car driving test slots in Portsmouth South constituency. (21792)
- 116 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department (a) is taking steps to reduce the time taken for to receive a practical car driving test slot in Portsmouth South constituency and (b) plans to increase the number of slots for such tests in that area. (21793)
- 117 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21748)
- 118 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Elmet and Rothwell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support the installation of electric vehicle charging points for residential apartments. (21620)

- 119 **Bob Stewart** (Beckenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of installing ticket barriers at Hayes railway station in the context of trends in fare evasion on the Mid-Kent line. (21613)
- 120 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the impact of potholes on drivers in Warwickshire. (21757)
- 121 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much and what proportion of Government funding has been allocated to the construction of the Manchester Tunnel between Manchester Piccadilly station and the proposed HS2 Manchester Airport; and whether he plans to amend the specification to allow Northern Powerhouse Rail trains to operate. (21643)
- 122 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Ashley railhead is required for the Northern Powerhouse Rail core route; and how much funding has been allocated for that railhead. (21644)
- 123 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Ashley Satellite Infrastructure Maintenance Base – Rail is required for the Northern Powerhouse core route; and how much funding has been allocated for its construction. (21645)
- 124 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the junction between Phase 2b of HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail will be removed from the adapted Northern Powerhouse Rail scheme; and how much funding has been allocated to the construction of that junction. (21646)
- 125 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the (a) route and (b) preliminary design for Northern Powerhouse Rail west of the HS2 Junction at Hoo Green has been determined; and how much funding has been allocated to that route. (21647)
- 126 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish plans for the proposed (a) upgrade, (b) electrification and (c) provision for use by freight trains to access the Fiddlers Ferry line of the Warrington to Stockport line between Thelwall and Warrington Bank Quay; and how much budget has been allocated for that route. (21648)
- 127 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, where will the new Warrington Bank Quay station be located; how many platforms that station will have; and what the Northern Powerhouse Rail budget is for that station. (21649)

- 128 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Arpley Chord will be used to connect the Northern Powerhouse Rail core route to the West Coast Mainline; and how much budget has been allocated to upgrade that line. (21650)
- 129 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans Northern Powerhouse Rail has to upgrade the Fiddlers Ferry line; and how much budget has been allocated to that line. (21651)
- 130 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether feasibility work has been undertaken for the proposed tunnel to Marsden; and how much budget has been allocated to that tunnel. (21652)
- 131 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the estimated timescale is for the (a) completion and (b) opening of the (i) Northern Powerhouse Rail core route between Manchester and Liverpool and (ii) eastern tunnel section between Manchester and Marsden. (21653)
- 132 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether Northern Powerhouse Rail will include a six-platform surface turnback station at Manchester Piccadilly; and what the estimated cost of that station is. (21654)
- 133 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an estimate of the cost of (a) lengthening the Manchester East tunnel by 259 metres and (b) other parts of the new gyratory road junction at J6 of the M56 at Q3 2019 prices; and whether those changes are planned to be implemented as part of the Northern Powerhouse Rail core route. (21655)
- 134 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what additional work his Department plans to carry out within (a) the Edge Hill Cutting, (b) the station throat and (c) to the platform arrangements to accommodate extra services to the southern approach to Liverpool Lime Street as proposed by Northern Powerhouse Rail and HS2; and how much budget has been allocated to this element of Northern Powerhouse Rail at Q3 2019 prices. (21656)
- 135 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many enquiries the Equality Advisory and Support Service has responded to in each of the last five years. (21729)
- 136 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he has made an assessment of the potential benefits to carers in Newport West of increasing the Carer's Allowance to £93 a week. (21829)
- 137 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national

newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21749)

138 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to help support women in Hornsey and Wood Green constituency to return to work after a career break. (21732)

139 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for elective surgery for people in Suffolk Coastal constituency. (21635)

140 **Alex Davies-Jones** (Pontypridd): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions she has had with the Health and Safety Executive on monitoring public exposure to silica dust. (21870)

141 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 14 March 2022 to Question 133232 on Antibiotics: Drug Resistance and to the policy paper entitled UK five-year action plan for antimicrobial resistance: 2019 to 2024, published on 24 January 2019, what recent progress her Department has made on halving healthcare-associated Gram-negative blood stream infections. (21728)

142 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of (a) complaints and (b) litigation claims against the NHS; and what steps she is taking to support the resolution of those complaints. (21714)

143 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will take steps to monitor the number of GP appointments that are freed up as a result of Pharmacy First. (21715)

144 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the prices available to (a) large companies and (b) independent pharmacies for the purchase of pharmaceuticals from wholesalers. (21716)

145 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a rebate scheme for the cost of pharmaceuticals for community pharmacies. (21717)

146 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the establishment grant for pharmacies extending into Pharmacy First for (a) consulting and (b) waiting facilities. (21718)

147 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to expand the number of clinical pathways under Pharmacy First services. (21719)

- 148 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance she issues for GPs on working with Pharmacy First to reduce their workloads. (21721)
- 149 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the new Living Wage rate on community pharmacies. (21722)
- 150 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to tackle delays to payments to community pharmacies operating Pharmacy First. (21723)
- 151 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of her Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21750)
- 152 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the impact of air quality on the health of residents in Warwick and Leamington constituency. (21758)
- 153 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of average waiting times for young people to access mental health services in Warwickshire. (21761)
- 154 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment his Department has made of the situation of Hindus in Sri Lanka after the recent arrest and assault of Tamil Hindu worshippers. (21705)
- 155 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what discussions he has had with counterparts in Tajikistan on reports of recent disappearances of activists and opposition leaders in that country. (21706)
- 156 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of ratifying the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. (21730)
- 157 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment his Department has made of the potential implications for its policies of reports of the conscription of Rohingya boys as child soldiers by the government of Myanmar. (21825)
- 158 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent steps his Department has taken to help ensure women and girls in Gaza have access to sanitary products. (21830)

- 159 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what discussions he has had with his Caribbean Community counterparts on the security situation in Haiti. (21831)
- 160 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what progress his Department has made on its preparations for this year's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. (21832)
- 161 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how many Ministers are scheduled to attend this year's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. (21833)
- 162 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how many Ministerial visits have taken place to Southern African Development Community nations in each of the last ten years. (21834)
- 163 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent steps his Department has taken to support the recovery efforts in Tanzania after the recent floods. (21835)
- 164 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had with his Senegalese counterpart. (21837)
- 165 **Mrs Pauline Latham** (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has made representations to his Gambian counterpart on (a) that country's obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and (b) ensuring a continuing ban on female genital mutilation. (21623)
- 166 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to prevent regional escalation resulting from recent attacks on Israel by Iran. (21797)
- 167 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) his Ethiopian counterpart and (b) other international partners on ensuring the adequacy of access for humanitarian deliveries in the Amhara region of Ethiopia. (21630)
- 168 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions has he had with partners in West Africa on partnerships relating to climate mitigation. (21631)
- 169 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21751)

- 170 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what extra resource is being provided for police forces to support their increased caseloads in enforcing the ban on XL Bully dogs. (21671)
- 171 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how his Department monitors compliance with bail conditions in domestic abuse cases; and what measures are in place to intervene when violations occur. (21774)
- 172 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to (a) assess and (b) improve the effectiveness of existing legal measures designed to protect (a) minority ethnic women and (b) all people from domestic abuse. (21775)
- 173 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing new policies to help improve protection for people at risk of domestic homicide in all regions. (21776)
- 174 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he (a) is taking and (b) plans to take steps to assess the efficacy of restraining orders in preventing repeat incidents of domestic violence (i) in minority ethnic communities and (ii) generally. (21777)
- 175 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for what reason sponsors are required to obtain consent from people they are sponsoring abroad before his Department will process queries; and what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of this change on the processing time of sponsorship cases. (21778)
- 176 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department has taken to support sponsors in obtaining consent from persons abroad within the five-day deadline; and what support his Department provides for cases where obtaining such consent within the deadline is not possible. (21779)
- 177 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department provides funding to the Home Office Islamic Network; and how much staff time was taken to run that network in the last 12 months. (21682)
- 178 **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many foreign nationals held in the prison estate have previously been deported. [Transferred] (20835)
- 179 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will list the companies that are licensed to supply tasers to police forces in the UK. (21505)

- 180 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to increase the number and proportion of (a) police officers and (b) other police staff who are female. (21785)
- 181 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to improve the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of female police officers. (21786)
- 182 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he is taking steps to encourage (a) flexible working and (b) other practices to support gender-inclusivity in police forces. (21787)
- 183 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he is taking steps to encourage (a) alternative working and (b) other arrangements to support people in police forces with (i) additional needs, (ii) disabilities and (iii) other health conditions. (21788)
- 184 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of trends in the level of police officer resignations; and what steps he is taking to ensure the (a) adequacy of police officer numbers and (b) long-term sustainability of the workforce. (21789)
- 185 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of applications for citizenship were refused in each year since 1994. (21822)
- 186 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21753)
- 187 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police officers have retired due to ill health in the last five years. (21667)
- 188 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Leader of the House, how many staff left her Office in each year since 2015. (21694)
- 189 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to answer Question 17804 tabled by the Rt hon. Member for Garston and Halewood. (21548)
- 190 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to answer Question 17805 tabled by the Rt hon. Member for Garston and Halewood. (21549)

- 191 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the letter sent to the Rt hon. Member for Garston and Halewood on 22 March 2024, reference UIN No 7162/7163, how many RAF aircraft were serviceable in each month since January 2023. (21552)
- 192 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget for the Armed Forces Apprenticeship Programme was in each financial year since 2019. (21553)
- 193 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what budget his Department plans to provide for the Armed Forces Apprenticeship Programme in the (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26 financial years. (21554)
- 194 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to publish the operating model for Defence Equipment and Support. (21555)
- 195 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people are working on the Defence Equipment and Support operating model. (21556)
- 196 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the annual budget is for the Weapons Support Team at Defence Equipment and Support in the (a) 2023-24, (b) 2024-25 and (c) 2025-26 financial year. (21557)
- 197 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 21 March 2024 to Question 18996 on Ministry of Defence: Rented Housing, what the total cost was of renting 6,747 unoccupied properties from Annington Homes Ltd in the latest period for which data is available. (21558)
- 198 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 21 March 2024 to Question 18996 on Ministry of Defence: Rented Housing, what the total cost of renting 37 unoccupied Bulk Lease Hire Properties was. (21559)
- 199 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2024 to Question 18053 on Iron and Steel: Procurement, what his planned timetable is for introducing a new condition which will require suppliers delivering larger value contracts to provide detailed supply chain maps. (21560)
- 200 **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 participated in joint exercises in each year since 2019. (21562)

- 201 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 March 2024 to Question 17716 on Defence Equipment & Support: Staff, what the total cost of contingent labour was in each financial year since 2018-19. (21563)
- 202 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2024 to Question 16606 on Ministry of Defence: Christmas, what the cost of the event was. (21565)
- 203 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his letter, reference PQN/23-24/2024/04115, if he will provide a breakdown by position of the 60 individuals at Defence Equipment and Support who earn more than £100,000 a year. (21567)
- 204 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Royal Navy warships to be boosted with new cutting-edge launchers, published on 26 March 2024, how many trainable decoy launchers are being purchased. (21531)
- 205 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Royal Navy warships to be boosted with new cutting-edge launchers, published on 26 March 2024, what the in-service date is for the new trainable decoy launchers. (21532)
- 206 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's press release entitled Royal Navy warships to be boosted with new cutting-edge launchers, published on 26 March 2024, how many ships will be fitted with the new trainable decoy launchers. (21533)
- 207 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many former full-time Armed Forces personnel (a) applied to and (b) joined the Reserves in each year since 2010. (21535)
- 208 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many former full time Armed Forces personnel voluntarily withdrew their application to join the Reserves after (a) three, (b) six and (c) 12 months in each year since 2010. (21536)
- 209 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many appeals against medical assessments of potential full time UK Armed Forces recruits were (a) submitted, (b) successful and (c) unsuccessful in each year since 2010. (21538)
- 210 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much income the Defence Infrastructure Organisation has generated by renting out Service Family Accommodation properties to non-service personnel each year since 2010. (21540)

- 211 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many notices to quit have been issued by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to (a) service and (b) non service families in Service Family Accommodation properties in the UK in each year since 2010. (21541)
- 212 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many notices to quit have been issued by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to (a) service and (b) non service families in Service Family Accommodation properties in the UK in each month since January 2023. (21542)
- 213 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much humanitarian aid has been delivered to civilians in Gaza with the support of Armed Forces personnel in each month since October 2023. (21543)
- 214 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much humanitarian aid his Department has delivered into Gaza by (a) land crossings, (b) maritime deliveries and (c) airdrops in each month since October 2023. (21544)
- 215 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many airdrops of humanitarian aid into Gaza the UK Armed Forces have made since October 2023. (21545)
- 216 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) Royal Navy, (b) Army and (c) RAF personnel worked on military recruitment in each year since 2010. (21546)
- 217 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether Armed Forces Recruiting Offices allow for walk-ins by potential new recruits. (21547)
- 218 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much the Royal Navy spent on advertising (a) above the line, (b) on Tiktok, (c) on Facebook and Instagram, (d) on Snapchat and (e) on Twitter in each financial year since 2017. (21504)
- 219 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many military personnel are waiting for medical treatment. (21506)
- 220 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many military personnel were waiting for medical treatment on 15 April in each of the last five years. (21507)
- 221 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of armed forces personnel were (a) Medically Not Deployable and (b) Medically Limited Deployable in each year since 2010, broken down by service branch. (21508)

- 222 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 February 2024 to Question 12520 on Aircraft Carriers, when the UK Carrier Strike Group with a wholly sovereign air wing and escort fleet last sailed on (a) exercise and (b) deployment. (21509)
- 223 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21754)
- 224 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many watchkeeper drones the UK has. (21668)
- 225 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people recalled to prison were recalled due to (a) new offences, (b) a lack of address and (c) non-compliance with appointments in the latest 12 months for which data is available. (21675)
- 226 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people that had served sentences of 12 months or less were released from custody without a permanent address in the latest period for which data is available. (21676)
- 227 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people who were released from remand had no fixed address in each of the last three years. (21677)
- 228 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for how many and what proportion of people on community sentences with a supervision element was a breach recorded in the last year for which figures are available. (21678)
- 229 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people on community sentences were assessed under the offender assessment system as lacking stable accommodation in the last year for which figures are available. (21679)
- 230 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to ensure people leaving prison have settled accommodation upon release. (21766)
- 231 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to help ensure prison leavers do not become homeless upon release. (21767)

- 232 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Community Accommodation Service Tier 3 programme in ensuring prison leavers find settled accommodation following up to 12 weeks of temporary accommodation. (21768)
- 233 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of prison leavers went on to live in settled accommodation after using the Community Accommodation Service Tier 3 in the most recent period for which figures are available. (21769)
- 234 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of prison leavers are employed six months after their release. (21770)
- 235 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to ensure prison leavers are aware of the resettlement services available. (21771)
- 236 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure support is provided to prison leavers between the end of the HM Prison and Probation Services' Creating Future Opportunities CFO3 project and CFO Activity Hubs and delivery of the CFO Evolution programme; and how information will be disseminated to prison leavers. (21772)
- 237 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 15 March 2024 to Question 17263 on Prisons: Dogs, how many times the National Dog and Technical Support Group were deployed in prisons in each year since 2015. (21502)
- 238 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 15 March 2024 to Question 17264 on Prisons: Restraint Equipment, how many Nico 9 stun grenades were used in prisons in each year since 2015. (21503)
- 239 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of prison leavers were homeless in each year since 2010. (21510)
- 240 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners were transferred to hospital for (a) physical and (b) mental health concerns in each year since 2010. (21511)
- 241 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many (a) male prisoners, (b) women prisoners and (c) young offenders were transferred to hospital under the Mental Health Act 1983 in each year since 2010. (21512)
- 242 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison staff required hospital treatment following a prisoner assault in each year since 2015. (21513)

- 243 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the average time from sentence to start of community payback in each year since 2015. (21514)
- 244 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have not completed their first session of community payback. (21515)
- 245 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average waiting time was for a (a) rape, (b) murder, (c) GBH and (d) robbery trial in each year since 2010. (21516)
- 246 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of court trials for (a) rape, (b) sexual assault, (c) violence against a person, (d) murder, (e) theft, (f) possession of weapons and (g) fraud have been delayed each year since 2010. (21517)
- 247 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many psychologists were employed in prisons on average in each year since 2010. (21518)
- 248 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate he has made of the number of rape trials that have been postponed within 24 hours' notice in each year since 2010. (21519)
- 249 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the unused court capacity was in each year since 2015. (21520)
- 250 **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners sentenced to custodial sentences had previously received at least one (a) community and (b) suspended sentence in each year since 2010. (21521)
- 251 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21755)
- 252 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the contract agreed by his Department with Press Data Ltd. on 1 April 2024 under procurement reference 410700/1338489, if he will publish the (a) work specification set out in Schedule 20 of that contract and (b) list of words used by the contractor to generate daily media briefings for his Department. (21606)

- 253 **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the Answer of 23 November 2023 to Question 2542 on Legal Aid Scheme: Manchester and Middlesbrough, what progress has been made on preparing the evaluation report into the early legal advice pilot scheme; and when he plans to publish that report. (21609)
- 254 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Prime Minister, how many staff left the Prime Minister's Office in each year since 2015. (21685)
- 255 **Damian Collins** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an (a) assessment of the impact on the economy and (b) estimate of the number of recipients of (i) audio-visual (A) tax relief and (B) expenditure credit, (ii) museums and gallery exhibition tax relief and (iii) theatres and orchestras tax relief since 2010. [Transferred] (20980)
- 256 **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and West Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the report entitled Property income review: simplifying income tax for residential landlords, published by the Office for Tax Simplification on 25 October 2022, if he will take steps to introduce legislative proposals for a brightline test to clarify when property letting activities subject to income tax would qualify as a trade. (21603)
- 257 **Dame Margaret Hodge** (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will list the organisations that attended HMRC Stakeholder Conference 2024. (21500)
- 258 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the number of people who are in (a) paid employment and (b) receipt of universal credit in (i) Newport West constituency and (ii) Wales. (21838)
- 259 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing non-repayable maintenance grants for higher education students from the least advantaged backgrounds. (21857)
- 260 **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21752)
- 261 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government will ensure that at least 30% of the future International Climate Finance commitment will be allocated to supporting nature's recovery. (21618)
- 262 **Jeff Smith** (Manchester, Withington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Government's BBC funding model review. (21708)

- 263 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what plans he has to meet the First Minister of Wales. (21826)
- 264 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, how many staff left the Equality and Human Rights Commission in each year since 2015. (21699)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 18 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what proportion of his Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21756)
- 2N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will extend the Automotive Transformation Fund (a) into and (b) beyond the 2025-26 financial year; and whether any contracts with suppliers to deliver the Automotive Transformation Fund extend (i) into and (ii) beyond the 2025-26 financial year. (21628)
- 3N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential reasons for skills shortages. (21713)
- 4N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made representations to Royal Mail on the impact of price rises on SMEs. (21498)
- 5N **James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 11 December 2023 to Question 5143 on Baby Care Units: Parental Leave, what her planned timetable is for bringing forward the remaining statutory instruments under the Neonatal Care (Leave and Pay) Act 2023. (21856)
- 6N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she has taken to publicly advertise application opportunities to the BBC funding model review panel. (21571)
- 7N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much VisitBritain spent on the promotion of tourism to London under its GREAT-funded international campaigns in financial years (a) 2021-22, (b) 2022-23, and (c) 2023-24. (21604)

- 8N **Stephanie Peacock** (Barnsley East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of her Department's (a) advertising and (b) marketing expenditure was on (i) local newspapers in print and online, (ii) national newspapers in print and online, (iii) social media, (iv) search engines, (v) broadcast and on-demand television and (vi) other channels in the most recent year for which data is available. (21743)
- 9N **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the number of childminders on the (a) Early Years Register and (b) Childcare Register in (i) each region and (ii) each local authority in each year since 2018. (21627)
- 10N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has had discussions with Ofgem to ensure that heat pump installation companies under the Energy Company Obligation scheme provide (a) a suitable service for customers to assist with problems and (b) provide advice on the optimal use of the new heating system. (21617)
- 11N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many recorded incidents of disease were connected to imports from the EU of (a) gypsophila, (b) solidago, (c) orchids, (d) dianthus and (e) chrysanthemum between 2010 and 2020. (21583)
- 12N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of declaring (a) Orchidaceae, (b) Dendranthema, (c) Dianthus, (d) Gypsophila and (e) Solidago from the EU as medium risk on the floristry industry. (21584)
- 13N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what data his Department holds on the number and proportion of people who have access to a good quality (a) green and (b) blue space within 15 minutes' walk of their home, by parliamentary constituency. (21639)
- 14N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what methodology his Department uses to determine the number and proportion of people who have access to a good quality (a) green and (b) blue space within 15 minutes' walk of their home. (21640)
- 15N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20051 Import Controls: Fees and Charges, whether consignments from the EU (a) inspected at Sevington border control post and (b) subject to the Border Target Operating Model which do not pass through any border control post other than Sevington will be liable for charges levied by the Government other than the Common User Charge. (21633)

- 16N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the operational hours for Sevington border control post are for the week commencing 6 May 2024; and whether the post will have the capacity to carry out inspections overnight. (21634)
- 17N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) issuing a moratorium on intensive poultry-farming units and (b) lowering the population threshold at which an environmental permit to operate is required. (21602)
- 18N **James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 April 2024 to Question 19486 on Sewage: Repairs and Maintenance, if he will issue guidance to (a) local authorities and (b) water companies on whether they have a statutory duty to enforce sewage misconnections under Section 59 of the Building Act 1984. (21855)
- 19N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what financial assistance he is making available to farmers following recent extended wet weather. (21522)
- 20N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an estimate of the number of timber-frame homes in England that have similar UPVC cladding installed as the properties involved in the Moss Hall Grove fire in Barnet in June 2023. (21803)
- 21N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to monitor the interventions made by social housing providers to tackle damp and mould in residential properties. (21725)
- 22N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what guidance he provides to local authorities on the provision of suitable accommodation when private landlords fail to tackle damp and mould in residential properties. (21726)
- 23N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will introduce a scheme which allows local authorities to purchase properties which frequently flood from their owners. (21523)
- 24N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, on what dates the AI and Copyright Code of Practice Working Group met in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (21580)
- 25N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will publish the attendance of each meeting of the AI and Copyright Code of Practice Working Group in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (21581)
- 26N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will publish minutes of the AI and Copyright Code of Practice Working Group meetings in (a) 2023 and (b) 2024. (21582)

- 27 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to support the development of electric propulsion systems. (21660)
- 28N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding her Department has provided to support research into pandemic preparedness in the financial year 2023-24. (21661)
- 29N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Higher Education Statistics Authority report entitled Higher Education Provider Data: Business and Community Interaction 2022/23, published on 4 April 2024, what assessment her Department has made of the reasons for the decline in the number of spinouts from 2021-22 to 2022-23. (21663)
- 30N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Higher Education Statistics Authority report entitled Higher Education Provider Data: Business and Community Interaction 2022/23 published on 4 April 2024, what assessment her department has made of the reasons for the decline in higher education income from collaborative research with business from 2021-22 to 2022-23. (21664)
- 31N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK Science and Technology Framework, last updated on 9 February 2024, what her Department's planned timetable is for publishing the long-term national plan for research and innovation infrastructure. (21665)
- 32N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the UK Science and Technology Framework, last updated on 9 February 2024, what assessment her Department has made of its progress against the goal of working with industry and philanthropic partners to increase inward investment by Summer Recess 2023. (21666)
- 33N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, in which financial year funding allocated through (a) the rapid charging fund, (b) the local electric vehicle infrastructure capability fund and (c) other electric vehicle charging funds will expire. (21629)
- 34N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many zero-emission buses have been allocated funding under the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas scheme 1 as of 15 April 2024; and how many and what proportion of those buses (a) have been ordered and (b) are on the road as of that date. (21868)

- 35N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 19 March 2024 to Question 18584 on High Speed 2 Line, what train services were included in the business case. (21781)
- 36N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 19 March 2024 to Question 18584 on High Speed 2 Line, when he plans to publish the phase one updated business case. (21782)
- 37N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with Hitachi on its rail plant in Newton Aycliffe. (21783)
- 38N **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 14 December 2023 to Question 5623 on Elizabeth Line and Southeastern: Repairs and Maintenance, what progress the cross Whitehall task force has made on (a) mitigations against redundancies and (b) bringing forward (i) existing refurbishment and (ii) new contracts for (A) Southeastern Rail and (B) Elizabeth Line trains. (21784)
- 39N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether it remains his Department's policy for benefits to continue to be increased in line with inflation. (21657)
- 40N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the permitted working hours criteria for Employment and Support Allowance. (21711)
- 41N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the number of weeks for which a person can undertake training and remain eligible for universal credit. (21712)
- 42N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the time taken to assign to an investigator a complaint to the Independent Case Examiner. (21869)
- 43N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the ending Disability Cost of Living Payments on people with disabilities. (21862)
- 44N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20581 on Pensions: Consumer Information, what steps he plans to take to report progress towards the Dashboards Available Point to (a) Parliament and (b) other key stakeholders. (21614)
- 45N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20580 on Pensions: Consumer Information, what the (a) estimated and (b) actual costs of the project are. (21615)

- 46N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 April 2024 to Question 19659 on NHS 111: Dental Health, if she will provide breakdown of calls by symptom group by region. (21740)
- 47N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to implement section 95 of the Health and Care Act 2022. (21624)
- 48N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how her Department plans to use Section 95 (3) 251ZA Information Standards (Compliance) of the Health and Care Act 2022 to ensure that NHS providers meet the communication needs of patients set out in the Accessible Information Standard. (21625)
- 49N **Lilian Greenwood** (Nottingham South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the Care Quality Commission in enforcement of the Accessible Information Standard across the NHS. (21626)
- 50N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many Perinatal Mortality Review Tool reviews into (a) stillbirths and (b) baby deaths had an external panel member in the last year. (21496)
- 51N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding has been allocated to the Maternity and Newborn Safety Investigation programme; and whether that funding is time limited. (21497)
- 52N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure that the IT systems used by (a) GPs and (b) community pharmacists enable the provision of one set of patient records. (21720)
- 53N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make it her policy to make an assessment of the potential impact of any proposed amendments to Part IX of the Drug Tariff on (a) patients with continence care needs, (b) continence care services, (c) the range of continence devices available to clinicians and patients and (d) new product development and innovation in medical devices in the continence sector. (21863)
- 54N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of bowel cancer diagnosis services in (a) Stockport and (b) Greater Manchester. (21865)
- 55N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that staffing levels of mental health professionals in the NHS meet levels of demand for their services. (21798)

- 56N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Sixth-Fifth Report of the Committee on Public Accounts of Session 2022-23 on Progress in improving NHS mental health services, HC 1000, if she will make an assessment of the reasons for the reported shortage of mental health professionals in the NHS workforce. (21799)
- 57N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of trends in the level of average waiting times for receiving NHS mental health (a) treatment and (b) other support services on the (i) wellbeing and (ii) employment of patients requiring those services. (21800)
- 58N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues of the impact of trends in the number of patients waiting for mental health treatment on the economy. (21801)
- 59N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether his Department is taking steps through the Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict initiative to help support Ukrainian officials to investigate alleged acts of sexual violence by Russian forces since 2022. (21674)
- 60N **Mr Laurence Robertson** (Tewkesbury): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent assessment he has made of the food security situation in East Africa; and what steps his Department is taking to alleviate the problems. (21524)
- 61N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether the (a) Prime Minister and (b) Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs has raised the impact of Article 23 of the Basic Law on Hong Kong's (i) autonomy and (ii) civil liberties with his Chinese counterpart. (21733)
- 62N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had with his Vietnamese counterpart on furthering the bilateral relationship. (21734)
- 63N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what support his Department offered to Taiwan after the recent earthquake. (21735)
- 64N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what (a) diplomatic and (b) cultural steps his Department plans to take with the Secretary of State for Defence to support the planned Carrier Strike Group deployment to the Asia Pacific in 2025. (21736)
- 65N **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how many UK-based staff from his Department worked in (a) HM Embassy or the High Commission and (b) Consulates General, Consulates or Deputy High Commissions in (i) China, (ii) South Korea, (iii) Vietnam, (iv) the Philippines, (v) India and (vi) the Asia Pacific region in 2023. (21737)

- 66N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent assessment he has made of the level of risk to the safety of aid workers in (a) Israel and (b) the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and what steps he is taking to help protect (i) international aid agencies and (ii) their employees from (A) threats and (B) other hindrance. (21871)
- 67N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the safety of aid workers operating in (a) Israel and (b) Palestine. (21568)
- 68N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to help implement effective deconfliction in Gaza in order to facilitate the safe delivery of humanitarian aid. (21569)
- 69N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of reports that a UNICEF humanitarian convoy was hit by live ammunition in northern Gaza on 9 April 2024. (21570)
- 70N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of including hospitality roles on the immigration salary list. (21709)
- 71N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing minimum income thresholds for spouse/partner visas. (21710)
- 72N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that facial recognition systems are used in a way that maintains the right of the privacy for members of the public. (21864)
- 73N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the passport application process for adopted people who do not have access to parental birth records. (21731)
- 74N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Answer of 23 February 2023 to Question 126744, when he expects to appoint a new anti-corruption champion. (21605)
- 75N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many senior responsible owner roles are vacant in his Department as of 15 April 2024. (21550)
- 76N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the letter sent to the Rt hon. Member for Garston and Halewood on 27 February, reference 3427, if he will provide a breakdown of the type of fraud for each year since 2010. (21551)

- 77N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2024 to Question 18055 on Ajax Vehicles: Testing, how many claims for compensation on noise induced hearing loss were related to the AJAX project in each year since 2019. (21561)
- 78N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 13 March 2024 to Question 16605 on Ministry of Defence: Senior Civil Servants, how many senior responsible owner positions are filled with temporary cover. (21564)
- 79N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his letter, reference PQN/23-24/2024/04115, if he will provide a breakdown by position of the 149 individuals in his Department who earn more than £100,000 a year. (21566)
- 80N **Clive Efford** (Eltham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the oral statement of the Minister for Defence People and Families of 13 December 2023 on LGBT Veterans Independent Review, Official Report, column 898, what his planned timetable is for a full debate on the recommendations of the Etherton report. (21501)
- 81N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Armed Forces Careers Offices operated in each year since 2010. (21529)
- 82N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Armed Forces Careers Offices operated in each region in each year since 2010. (21530)
- 83N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) priorities and (b) objectives are of the Future Force Design Review; who is leading the Review; when he plans it will be completed; and whether he plans to publish the recommendations of the Review. (21534)
- 84N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications to join the (a) Army, (b) Maritime and (c) RAF Reserves were voluntarily withdrawn after (i) three, (ii) 6six and (iii) 12 months in each year since 2010. (21537)
- 85N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Service Family Accommodation properties were rented out to non-service personnel by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation in each year since 2010. (21539)
- 86N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the UK's participation in the military operation in defence of Israel on 13 April 2024 was carried out under the terms of the agreement signed between the British Armed Forces and the Israeli Defence Force on 2 December 2020. (21847)

- 87N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether Israel sought military assistance from the UK for the action taken against Iranian drones and missiles on 13 April 2024. (21848)
- 88N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2024 to Question 20104 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many emergency pest control requests were responded to within three hours. (21823)
- 89N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2024 to Question 20104 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many routine pest control requests were responded to within fifteen days. (21824)
- 90N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20231 on Ministry of Defence: Aviation and with reference to page 13 of the Cabinet Office Guidance on Ministers' gifts (given and received), travel, hospitality received and meetings with external organisations and individuals, updated on 2 April 2024, for what reason the answer does not provide the total cost of each RAF flight. (21610)
- 91N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison (a) officers and (b) other staff have been (i) investigated, (ii) arrested and (iii) charged in relation to (A) drug smuggling and (B) corruption at HMP Five Wells in the last 18 months. (21680)
- 92N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison (a) officers and (b) other staff have been (i) investigated, (ii) arrested and (iii) charged in relation to (A) drug smuggling and (B) corruption at HMP Berwyn in the last two years. (21681)
- 93N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an estimate of the average cost of obtaining the (a) sentencing remarks and (b) judge's summing-up to HM Courts and Tribunals over the last 12 months. (21738)
- 94N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an estimate of the average number of words in a judge's sentencing remarks from court proceedings at HM Courts and Tribunals over the last 12 months. (21739)
- 95N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Breathing Space (Debt Respite Scheme) to 180 days. (21658)
- 96N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20431, whether HMRC has taken enforcement action on oil originating in Russia and imported from a refinery in India since 21 July 2022. (21845)

- 97N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20433, (a) how many such consignments have been declared and (b) whether HMRC has taken such enforcement action since 21 July 2022. (21846)
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Questions for Answer on Friday 19 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tim Loughton** (East Worthing and Shoreham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether provisions have been made for employees of The Bodyshop who were made redundant. (21499)
- 2N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20753 on Flood Control, how many schemes that went through an appraisal process have been deferred (a) in total and (b) to a date beyond the end of the current programme of works in March 2027; and when he plans to publish more information on those schemes. (21780)
- 3N **Steve McCabe** (Birmingham, Selly Oak): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to require broadband companies to gain the consent of (a) the local authority and (b) residents before erecting telephone poles. (21525)
- 4N **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, for what reason the type B procurement of Lot 4 of Project Gigabit was not successful. (21762)
- 5N **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has made an assessment of the economic impact of delays in the Project Gigabit Lot 4 procurement process on households in the North East of England. (21763)
- 6N **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her Department's timescales are for responding to The Hughes Report, published by the Patient Safety Commissioner on 7 February 2024. (21866)
- 7N **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to The Hughes Report, published by the Patient Safety Commissioner on 7 February 2024, if she will ensure that people impacted by bowel mesh are eligible for financial redress. (21867)
- 8N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with which airlines his Department has held discussions on the Rwanda scheme in the last six months. (21577)

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- 9N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police stations have been tested for reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. (21578)
- 10N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police stations has reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete been identified in. (21579)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 22 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what criteria she applied in the selection of members for the BBC funding model review panel. (21572)
- 2N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has required specific (a) competencies and (b) experience from applicants to the BBC funding model review panel. (21573)
- 3N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she has taken to ensure a transparent selection process for the BBC funding model review panel. (21574)
- 4N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she has taken to publicly advertise opportunities to apply for membership on the BBC funding model review panel. (21575)
- 5N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps the department is taking to ensure swift justice for victims of violence against women and girls. (21844)
- 6N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will provide additional funding for charities that support women who are victims of domestic violence. (21843)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 23 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential (a) environmental and (b) commercial impact of proposals for a high voltage direct current transmission line from Morocco to the UK. (21704)
- 2N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, with reference to the UK-Morocco Strategic Framework for Cooperation on Climate Action, Clean Energy and Green Growth, signed on 9 May 2023, whether co-operation with Morocco on clean energy will include activity within Western Sahara. (21702)
- 3N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, pursuant to the Answer of 9 February 2024 to Question 12714 on Western Sahara: Natural Resources, whether it is his policy that commercial activity in Western Sahara requires the agreement of recognised representatives of the Saharawi people to be compliant with international law. (21703)