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Questions tabled on Tuesday 16 April 2024

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 17 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff left the Prime Minister's Office in each year since 2015. [Transferred] (21685)
- 2N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to Q25 of the evidence given by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) to the EFRA Committee on 26 March 2024, HC 163, whether the Prime Minister has asked the Cabinet Office to investigate the compliance of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs with the Ministerial Code. [Transferred] (21050)
- 3 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing non-repayable maintenance grants for higher education students from the least advantaged backgrounds. [Transferred] (21857)
- 4 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what extra resource is being provided for police forces to support their increased caseloads in enforcing the ban on XL Bully dogs. [Transferred] (21671)
- 5 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, 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. [Transferred] (21852)

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- 6 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Elmet and Rothwell): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, 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. [Transferred] (21621)
- 7 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (21838)
- 8 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether the Government will ensure that at least 30% of the future International Climate Finance commitment will be allocated to supporting nature's recovery. [Transferred] (21618)
- 9 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what plans he has to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the signing of the Entente Cordiale. [Transferred] (21595)
- 10N **Alyn Smith** (Stirling): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that (a) the UK visa system and (b) Government discourse on migration encourage international students to choose (i) Scotland and (ii) the UK as their study destination. [Transferred] (21439)
- 11 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, 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. [Transferred] (21777)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 18 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Security Vetting Appeals Panel staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22024)
- 2 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Senior Salaries Review Body staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22025)
- 3 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Social Mobility Commission staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22026)

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- 4 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Queen Elizabeth Memorial Committee staff have left that organisation in each year for which data is available. (22027)
- 5 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Commissioner for Public Appointments staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22028)
- 6 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Equality Hub staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22029)
- 7 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Evaluation Task Force staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22030)
- 8 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Government Equalities Office staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22031)
- 9 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Government Estates Management staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22032)
- 10 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Infrastructure and Projects Authority staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22033)
- 11 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22034)
- 12 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Privy Council Office staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22035)
- 13 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many UK Commission on Covid Commemoration staff have left that organisation in each year since its creation. (22036)
- 14 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many civil service staff have left in each year since 2015. (22037)
- 15 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the administration costs of his Department were in each year since his appointment. (22080)
- 16 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much her Department has spent on UK Defence and Security Exports in each year since 2019. (21890)

- 17 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many people were employed in total in Defence Equipment and Security Exports in each year since 2019. (21892)
- 18 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the key priorities of UK Defence and Security Exports are over the next (a) 12 months and (b) five years. (21893)
- 19 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, which domestic events UK Defence and Security Exports have provided support for in each year since 2019. (21894)
- 20 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to provide information to domestic defence firms on the services provided by her Department's regional international trade advisers. (21905)
- 21 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many Competition and Markets Authority staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22038)
- 22 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many Companies House staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22039)
- 23 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many The Insolvency Service staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22040)
- 24 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22041)
- 25 **Julian Knight** (Solihull): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many British Hallmarking Council staff have left that organisation in each year since 2015. (22042)
- 26 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to improve trade links with the Republic of China (Taiwan). (21927)
- 27 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has had recent discussions with her counterpart in the Republic of China (Taiwan). (21928)
- 28 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to paragraph 102 of her Department's response to the Regulating for Growth Consultation, published in February 2024, what her planned timetable is for laying secondary legislation to extend the Growth Duty to (a) Ofcom, (b) Ofwat and (c) Ofgem. (22170)

- 29 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with sports governing bodies on banning transgender athletes participating in women's sporting competitions. (21873)
- 30 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to support (a) Australian rules football, (b) ice hockey and (c) surfing. (21920)
- 31 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the impact of the Youth Parliament on the involvement of younger people in politics. (22182)
- 32 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to help ensure that the British Youth Council remains active. (22183)
- 33 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the impact of the British Youth Council on the political literacy of young people. (22184)
- 34 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to provide funding to continue the operation of the Youth Parliament. (22185)
- 35 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the cost to the public purse was of supporting the (a) Youth Parliament, (b) Youth Select Committee and (c) Make Your Mark Programme since their inception. (22186)
- 36 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent discussions she has had with British Youth Council on its closure. (22092)
- 37 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that children are not hungry at school. (22161)
- 38 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help increase childcare provision in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (21878)
- 39 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to assess the potential impact of the cost of childcare on single parents. (22069)
- 40 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure the availability of childcare (a) before and (b) after school. (22070)

- 41 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure the availability of childcare placements in school holidays. (22071)
- 42 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure childcare provision is available for (a) night workers and (b) shift workers working anti-social hours. (22072)
- 43 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure the affordability of anti-social hours' childcare. (22073)
- 44 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to improve access to artificial intelligence training. (21931)
- 45 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of the proportion of time spent by secondary school teachers spending teaching subjects they are not trained in. (21998)
- 46 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's Postgraduate initial teacher training targets for the 2024/25 academic year, for what reason the target number of secondary trainee teachers of Religious Education has been reduced to 580. (21999)
- 47 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of secondary school trainee teachers of (a) physics, (b) chemistry, (c) foreign languages, (d) religious education, (e) mathematics and (f) computing have been recruited to begin training in Autumn 2024. (22000)
- 48 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of closing schools so they can be used as polling stations on children's educational attainment. (22090)
- 49 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she has taken to ensure the UK's energy security, in the context of ongoing regional conflicts in the Middle East. (22109)
- 50 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to ensure a just transition when moving from fossil fuels to a hydrogen-based economy. (22173)
- 51 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she plans to launch a consultation on the renewable liquid heating fuel obligation before 23 July 2024. (21995)
- 52 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the (a) scope and (b) terms of reference of the consultation on the renewable liquid heating fuel obligation will be. (21996)

- 53 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps the Government is taking to support the use of renewable liquid fuels following the removal of renewable liquid fuel import tariffs from the US in February 2023. (21997)
- 54 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of the size of the global market for recycled rigid plastics; and what steps his Department is taking to develop (a) recycling capabilities of local authorities and (b) the global market for recycled rigid plastics. (21984)
- 55 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure water companies are held accountable for sewage discharge. (22112)
- 56 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of resources allocated to enforcement agencies responsible for checking pets entering the UK to effectively counter puppy and kitten smuggling. (22114)
- 57 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with relevant stakeholders on the potential ban on importing dogs and cats under the age of six months; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of that ban on levels of illegal pet trade. (22115)
- 58 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will designate the swift as a species of bird which re-uses its nest under Schedule ZA1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. (21967)
- 59 **George Eustice** (Camborne and Redruth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will designate the swift under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 on birds which are protected by special penalties. (21968)
- 60 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reverse biodiversity loss in Lincolnshire. (21877)
- 61 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when the recipients of the £6 million air quality grant will be announced for the 2023-24 period. (22137)
- 62 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the Department plans to increase the air quality grant for 2024. (22138)

- 63 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to Table 1.2 of his Department's national statistics entitled Farm business income in England 2023/24 forecast, updated on 14 March 2024, whether his Department plans to provide financial support to dairy farmers in the context that their average farm business income in real terms is forecast to decrease by the greatest percentage among all farm types from financial year 2022-23 to financial year 2023-24. (22188)
- 64 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to provide financial assistance to farmers in debt. (22189)
- 65 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that financing is available to farmers who wish to invest in sustainable energy projects. (22190)
- 66 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to reform the eligibility criteria for the Flood Recovery Framework to include more (a) households and (b) businesses that have experienced flooding. (22196)
- 67 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish the responses to the call for evidence on The Fur Market in Great Britain which closed on 28 June 2021. (22091)
- 68 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which ports will be included in the Pollack Compensation Scheme; and how many vessels will be eligible in each port. (22010)
- 69 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he made an assessment of the potential merits of providing support to small scale fleets that follow a seasonal fishery and will not achieve the 30 per cent of landings value required by the Pollack compensation scheme. (22011)
- 70 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to his Ministerial Direction in relation to a pollack compensation scheme, published on 10 April 2024, whether he received legal advice on the potential for this scheme to set a precedent. (22012)
- 71 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent estimate he has made of the cost of the Pollack compensation scheme; and how his Department plans to fund this scheme. (22013)

- 72 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Pollack compensation scheme, whether he made an assessment of the potential merits of compensating for shore-based supply chain losses as part of that scheme. (22014)
- 73 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many vessels under eight metres in length are eligible for the pollack compensation scheme. (22015)
- 74 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many vessels between eight and ten metres in length are eligible for the pollack compensation scheme. (22016)
- 75 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many vessels between 10 and 15 metres in length are eligible for the pollack compensation scheme. (22017)
- 76 **Daniel Zeichner** (Cambridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many vessels over 15 metres in length are eligible for the pollack compensation scheme. (22018)
- 77 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department took to increase levels of housebuilding in Birmingham in 2023. (22160)
- 78 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if his Department will make an estimate of the number of leaseholders who purchased leases between 14 February and 20 July 2022. (22124)
- 79 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, in relation to historic building safety defects, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of protecting (a) leaseholders and (b) non-qualifying leaseholders from a landlord's legal costs being recovered through the service charge. (22125)
- 80 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what criteria his Department plans to use to assess the effectiveness of the Fire Safety Reinsurance Facility; and over what timeframe he plans to use these criteria. (22126)
- 81 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities with reference to the research entitled EWS1 or equivalent lender data on mortgage valuations for flats: October 2023 to December 2023, published by his Department on 21 March 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the proportion of mortgage valuations on high rise flats that required an EWS1 form or equivalent in 2023. (22127)

- 82 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's quarterly release of EWS1 (or equivalent) lender data on mortgage valuations for flats, published on 21 March 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the fact that 1 in 6 EWS1 requests for mortgage valuations from October to December 2023 were for low rise buildings (1-4 storeys). (22128)
- 83 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what information his Department holds on the percentage change in the average selling price of properties since 14 June 2017 of (a) flats affected by cladding and building safety defects (b) flats not affected by cladding and building safety defects. (22129)
- 84 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the Fifth Report of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee Report of Session 2024/25 on Shared Ownership, HC 61, published on 28 March 2024, what information his Department holds on transactions by registered providers to buy back shares from shared ownership leaseholders due to building remediation issues. (22130)
- 85 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what discussions his Department has had with manufacturers of (a) cladding and (b) insulation on financial contributions to building safety remediation works. (22131)
- 86 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the oral contribution of 26 March 2024 by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Building Safety, Official Report, column 1415, whether remediation contribution orders taken out by his Department will (a) recover and (b) reimburse funds paid by leaseholders. (22132)
- 87 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the oral contribution of 26 March 2024 by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Building Safety, Official Report, column 1414, whether his Department plans to publish a list of building owners who continue to hold up remediation. (22133)
- 88 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to the oral contribution of 26 March 2024 by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Building Safety, Official Report, column 1414, how many building owners his Department has identified in the reducing core of building owners who continue to hold up remediation; and how many buildings such owners own. (22134)
- 89 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what information his Department holds on the average time taken between a building entering the Cladding Safety Scheme pipeline for investigation and entering the pre-application stage of the scheme. (22135)

- 90 **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what the fail rate for the competency assessment for registration to be a class (a) two, (b) three and (c) four building inspector was in each of the last three years. (22136)
- 91 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what progress his Department has made on developing plans for implementation of the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act since 29 August 2023. (21970)
- 92 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when his Department plans to commence the consultation process on the implementation of the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023. (21971)
- 93 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what options are available to those people who have been placed in temporary accommodation in a different Council area and therefore do not meet either Councils' criteria for accessing the Household Support Fund. (22099)
- 94 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the different criteria used by local authorities for the Household Support Fund on people being placed outside their local authority. (22100)
- 95 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking with local authorities to ensure that people in need of access to the Household Support Fund are not stopped from accessing it by differences in the criteria used by local authorities. (22101)
- 96 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent discussions he has had with local authorities on ensuring that people who need to access the Household Support Fund are not excluded by variations in eligibility criteria between councils. (22102)
- 97 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what guidance his Department issues to people placed in Slough by Hillingdon Borough Council who cannot access Household Support Funding because Hillingdon's scheme stipulates that such funding is available to residents of that Borough and Slough Borough Council's scheme stipulates that people placed in Slough temporarily by another borough must apply to their originating borough. (22103)
- 98 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to ensure holiday caravan owners have the same protections under the Mobile Homes Act 2013 as residential park home owners. (22163)

- 99 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what guidance his Department has issued on claiming single person discount on council tax when an elector (a) owns and (b) resides in more than one property. (22175)
- 100 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what guidance his Department has issued on claiming local council tax support when an elector (a) owns and (b) resides in more than one property. (22176)
- 101 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what guidance his Department or the predecessor Department has issued on registration on the electoral roll when an elector (a) owns and (b) resides in more than one property. (22177)
- 102 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department or the predecessor Department has issued guidance to owners who (a) were former social tenants and (b) are renting out a Right to Buy property that they have purchased within the first five years of ownership. (22178)
- 103 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has made an estimate of the number of asylum seekers presenting as homeless. (21874)
- 104 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how much funding has been allocated from the (a) UK Community Renewal Fund, (b) Levelling Up Fund, (c) Community Ownership Fund and (d) UK Shared Prosperity Fund to projects in (i) Scotland, (ii) Wales, (iii) England and (iv) Northern Ireland (A) overall and (B) in each financial year for which figures are available; and if he will publish a breakdown by project. (22166)
- 105 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has had recent discussions with (a) BT and (b) Ofcom on the adequacy of provision of public phone boxes in rural areas. (21875)
- 106 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many households in North Shropshire constituency currently do not have access to a gigabit broadband connection. (22194)
- 107 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many premises will benefit from current live gigabit contracts in North Shropshire constituency. (22195)
- 108 **Stephen Crabb** (Preseli Pembrokeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions officials in his Department have had with (a) Great Western Railway and (b) Network Rail on disruption to rail services to and from Wales during the construction of Old Oak Common Station. (21951)

- 109 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has plans to use revenue raised through the increase in car tax from 1 April 2024 to support (a) public transport and (b) environmental initiatives. (22111)
- 110 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Mayor of London on the affordability of black cabs for drivers. (22187)
- 111 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester, Gorton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending the eligibility criteria for plug-in vehicle grants to private cars. (22139)
- 112 **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the A1 between Newark and Grantham is due to be resurfaced. (21907)
- 113 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to review legislation that allows landowners to use their farmland for (a) motocross and (b) other non-agricultural activities. (22191)
- 114 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of legislation on the proximity of motocross events to residential areas. (22192)
- 115 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the Government supports local authorities in their provision of (a) lollipop men and women and (b) other road safety measures for children. (21921)
- 116 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department is taking steps to secure the (a) electricity grid and (b) electric vehicle infrastructure from remote disruption by foreign actors. (21991)
- 117 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether the proposed HS2 station at Manchester Airport will be constructed according to the design set out in the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill; and what the estimated cost of the construction is. (21985)
- 118 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the estimated cost is of the proposed Manchester Metrolink infrastructure in the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill. (21986)
- 119 **Sir Gavin Williamson** (South Staffordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what is the estimated cost of the Northern Powerhouse core route between Manchester Piccadilly and Liverpool Lime Street stations. (21987)
- 120 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to help people claim each benefit to which they are entitled. (22162)

- 121 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of waiting times to speak to the Disability Service Centre. (22084)
- 122 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing recipients of Attendance Allowance to report a change in circumstances digitally. (22085)
- 123 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what (a) restrictions and (b) guidance are in place for landlords renting out properties to immediate family members and receiving (i) housing benefit and (ii) universal credit for that property. (22174)
- 124 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential impact for his Department's policies of defined benefit pensions. (22181)
- 125 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Carer's Allowance cases were flagged as potentially in need of investigation by the VEPs system in the 2023-24 financial year; and of these, how many (a) were and (b) were not investigated. (21977)
- 126 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Carer's Allowance overpayments have been referred to HM Courts and Tribunals Service since February 2022. (21978)
- 127 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Carer's Allowance cases his Department pursued for overpayments of (a) between (i) £500 and £999.99 and (ii) £1,000 and £2,000 and (b) more than £2,000 in 2023-24. (21979)
- 128 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 3.18 of the National Audit Office report entitled Investigation into overpayments of Carer's Allowance, published on 26 April 2019, what changes were made to the business rules of the Verify Earnings and Pensions Service that revised downwards the number of alerts that were forecast to be generated from 380,000 to 75,000. (21980)
- 129 **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the total cost to the public purse of the Verify Earnings and Pensions Alerts service since it was introduced. (21981)
- 130 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to extend (a) member and (b) trade union representation to the Board of the Pension Protection Fund. (22172)

- 131 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the implications for his Department's policies of the report entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues published by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman on 21 March 2024, HC 638. (21990)
- 132 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to work with local authorities to increase access to support services for people with autism. (22157)
- 133 **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate on the waiting times for (a) assessment for and (b) diagnosis of autism in (i) adults and (ii) children in Lewisham East constituency. (22158)
- 134 **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the guidance submitted to medical professions on the prescription of semaglutide on the availability of that drug for people suffering from type 2 diabetes. (22202)
- 135 **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is working with her international counterparts to tackle supply issues relating to (a) semaglutide and (b) other glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists licensed for treating patients with type 2 diabetes. (22203)
- 136 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the 4% increase in NHS dental charges on access to dental care for low-income (a) people and (b) families. (22110)
- 137 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to protect the titles for all (a) psychologists, (b) psychotherapists, (c) counsellors and (d) other psychological therapy providers. (22164)
- 138 **Jo Gideon** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Written Statement of 9 December 2022 on Health Update, HCWS 433, what her planned timetable is for completion of the steps required to implement the introduction of further advertising restrictions on TV and online for less healthy food and drink products; when she plans to bring forward proposals for the necessary secondary legislation. (22180)
- 139 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many births took place in the Maternity Unit at Pilgrim Hospital in Boston in each year since 2000. (21876)

- 140 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking legislative steps to stop private clinics prescribing puberty-blockers to children. (21879)
- 141 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people (a) applied for and (b) received employment and support allowance for inflammatory bowel disease in (i) Preston, (ii) Lancashire and (iii) England in each year since 2020. (21884)
- 142 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in (a) Preston, (b) Lancashire and (c) England have (i) applied for and (ii) received Personal Independence Payments for inflammatory bowel disease in each year since 2020. (21885)
- 143 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that maternity services are reviewing (a) initiatives and (b) services based on the experiences of bereaved parents to ensure high standards of care for all patients in line with national and local guidelines. (22001)
- 144 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has had discussions with NHS England on ensuring that (a) reviews, (b) investigations and (c) complaints processes relating to maternity services include consideration of the (i) impact of ethnicity on the care received and (ii) potential role of (A) racism and (B) discrimination. (22002)
- 145 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Child Death Review Statutory and Operational Guidance (England), published in October 2018, whether her Department is taking steps to ensure that every family that loses a child to Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood is assigned a key worker to act as a single point of contact. (22003)
- 146 **Kwasi Kwarteng** (Spelthorne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that maternity and neonatal complaints systems are (a) transparent and (b) compassionate for parents. (22004)
- 147 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of research on the impact of (a) microplastics and (b) nanoplastics on (i) atheromas and (ii) other cardiovascular events. (21966)
- 148 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of research by Professor Martin Schwendler and Dr Chiara Herzog on changes to epithelial cells caused by vaping. (22056)

- 149 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the risk of people moving from non-nicotine to nicotine vapes. (22057)
- 150 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessments of the potential merits of a full advertising ban on companies promoting vaping products. (22058)
- 151 **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 banning the use of vapes in (a) public spaces, (b) bars and (c) vehicles with child passengers. (22059)
- 152 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to encourage pregnant women to undertake smoking cessation programmes. (22060)
- 153 **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 vaping on the health of pregnant women; and whether she plans to take steps to encourage pregnant women to stop vaping. (22061)
- 154 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help increase the number of people participating in smoking cessation programmes. (22062)
- 155 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she plans to develop vaping cessation programmes. (22063)
- 156 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of NHS speak up guardians in (a) primary and (b) secondary care settings. (22064)
- 157 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress NHS Property Services Ltd has made on the disposal of Bootham Park Hospital. (22068)
- 158 **Keir Mather** (Selby and Ainsty): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce A&E waiting times at York Hospital for residents of Selby and Ainsty constituency. (22204)
- 159 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to improve access to breast screening for people with physical disabilities that prevent them from holding the required position for sufficient time to complete the screening. (22193)
- 160 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions her Department has had with NHS England and Barts Health NHS Trust on the ongoing dispute. (22171)

- 161 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of her Department's drug strategy on the number of people who are in (a) drug and (b) alcohol treatment. (22144)
- 162 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the recent increase in cases of tuberculosis. (21929)
- 163 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the reasons for the recent increase in cases of tuberculosis. (21930)
- 164 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking with NHS England to (a) promote the adoption of the principles of value-based procurement in the purchase and dispensing of absorbent continence products and (b) help ensure that those principles continue to be adopted in the context of short-term savings being pursued by NHS organisations. (21932)
- 165 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to ensure that NHS organisations take into account (a) patient experience and outcomes, (b) whole system costs, (c) laundry costs and (d) the environmental impact when purchasing absorbent continence products. (21933)
- 166 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when her Department plans to make a decision on financial redress for those harmed by pelvic mesh or sodium valproate. (21934)
- 167 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to increase the public's awareness of the side effects that can arise from taking weight loss drugs such as Ozempic. (21989)
- 168 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to improve early intervention for mental health conditions in working-age adults. (21992)
- 169 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 7 March 2024 to Question 15636 on Blood Cancer: Drugs, on what date her Department first became aware of challenges presented by the appraisal of combination therapies; and what solutions her Department is considering with NHS England to ensure continued equal access to combination medicines for multiple myeloma across the UK. (21993)

- 170 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will have discussions with NHS England on the effectiveness of its Commercial Framework in tackling challenges presented by the appraisal and reimbursement system when applied to combination medicines and medicines with multiple indications. (21994)
- 171 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 26 March 2024 to Question 19417 on Mental Health Services: Parents, what steps her Department is taking to provide community mental health services to bereaved (a) fathers and (b) partners following pregnancy or baby loss. (22093)
- 172 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent steps his Department has taken to implement the FCDO disability inclusion and rights strategy 2022 to 2030, published on 16 February 2022. (22143)
- 173 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking to support UN-led Yemeni peace talks; and what progress he has made towards achieving an inclusive political settlement in Yemen. (22097)
- 174 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of Iranian support for the Houthis on the stability of (a) Yemen and (b) the wider Middle East region. (22098)
- 175 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what the cost to the public purse was of providing humanitarian assistance in Yemen in (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24. (22104)
- 176 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of recent regional military action on the peace process in Yemen. (22105)
- 177 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of proscribing the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation in the context of the recent military actions by Iran. (22108)
- 178 **Vicky Ford** (Chelmsford): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent steps he has taken to secure guarantees from participants in the Sudan conflict for the safe delivery of humanitarian assistance. (22140)
- 179 **Vicky Ford** (Chelmsford): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, if he will increase multi-year funding to support (a) the most food-insecure people in Sudan and (b) Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries. (22141)
- 180 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, when he last met with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to discuss the sale of arms to Israel. (22117)

- 181 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to (a) investigate and (b) verify claims on Israel's compliance with international law. (22118)
- 182 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had with his Asian Pacific counterparts on climate change mitigation measures. (21975)
- 183 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent steps his Department has taken to increase collaboration with (a) French, (b) German and (c) American Overseas Development Agencies. (21976)
- 184 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how much aid his Department has provided to China in the last five years. (21923)
- 185 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, with reference to the policy paper entitled UK–St Helena development partnership summary, published in July 2023, whether he has taken recent steps to support tourism in St Helena. (21924)
- 186 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how many UK nationals have requested consular assistance in Zimbabwe in each of the last three years. (21925)
- 187 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he plans to expand the consular mission in Harare. (21926)
- 188 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what discussions his Department has had with international partners on civil liberties in Hong Kong. (21988)
- 189 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that there are an adequate number of firefighters with (a) adequate and (b) reliable equipment to tackle fires in cities in England. (22159)
- 190 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he is taking steps to enhance the enforcement capabilities at borders to prevent the smuggling of puppies and kittens into the UK. (22113)
- 191 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 26 March 2024 to Question 19034 on Asylum: Rwanda, when he plans to publish the Memorandum of Understanding on the voluntary relocation of people to Rwanda. (21963)
- 192 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 13 November 2023 to Question 359 on Abortion: Demonstrations, what progress his Department has made on implementing safe access zones. (22094)

- 193 **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, what assessment the Commission has made of the level of performance of the Polycom phone system. (21872)
- 194 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, what the cost to the public purse has been of maintenance work on the Estate in each financial year since 2019-20; and whether the Commission has made an estimate of maintenance costs for the next two financial years. (22077)
- 195 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Leader of the House, what estimate she has made of the cost to the public purse of (a) transport, (b) venue hire and accommodation, (c) printed materials including backdrops, (d) security, (e) staffing, (f) filming and photography and (g) other costs of each public meeting since her appointment. (22079)
- 196 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Leader of the House, what the administration costs of her office were in each year since her appointment. (22081)
- 197 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how long the vanguard-class submarines have been on patrol at sea on average in each of the last 10 years. (22043)
- 198 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Prime Minister's Oral Statement of 15 April 2024 on Iran-Israel Update, Official Report, column 23, how many RAF (a) Typhoons and (b) planes were deployed to intercept Iranian drones fired into Israel on 13 April 2024; and what steps he is taking to protect service personnel in the region. (22106)
- 199 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many vacant posts in Air Command are being actively recruited for. (21887)
- 200 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many vacant posts in (a) Head Office and (b) Corporate Services were withdrawn since the introduction of internal recruitment restrictions in July 2023. (21889)
- 201 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many vacant posts in Army Command are being actively recruited for.. (21896)
- 202 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many vacant posts in Navy Command have been withdrawn since the introduction of internal recruitment restrictions in July 2023. (21897)
- 203 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many posts in his Department are (a) vacant and (b) not being actively recruited for as of 16 April 2024. (21899)

- 204 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many posts in Head Office and Corporate Services are (a) vacant and (b) not being actively recruited for as of 16 April 2024. (21900)
- 205 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many officials in his Department attended (a) domestic and (b) overseas trade shows in each year since 2019. (21901)
- 206 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many vacant posts in Strategic Command have been withdrawn since the introduction of internal recruitment restrictions in July 2023. (21902)
- 207 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many vacant posts in his Department are being actively recruited for as of 16 April 2024. (21903)
- 208 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many vacant posts in Head Office and Corporate Services are being actively recruited for as of 16 April 2024. (21904)
- 209 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many ships his Department plans to fit with the Dragonfire directed energy weapon. (21880)
- 210 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which ship his Department plans to fit first with the Dragonfire directed energy weapon. (21881)
- 211 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's definition of full operating capability for the Dragonfire directed energy weapon programme is. (21882)
- 212 **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's definition of initial operating capability for the Dragonfire directed energy weapon programme is. (21883)
- 213 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate he has made of the cost of (a) the SSN-AUKUS programme, (b) supporting the in-service (i) submarine and (ii) SSN fleet, (c) maintenance programmes on SSN submarines and (d) HM Naval Base Clyde in the 2022-23 financial year. (21964)
- 214 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost of the Defence Nuclear Enterprise for the 2022-23 financial year. (21965)
- 215 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people (a) joined and (b) left the Ministry of Defence Police in the last five years. (22150)

- 216 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many individuals were employed by the Ministry of Defence Police in each of the last five years. (22151)
- 217 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many officers are employed by the Ministry of Defence Police; and whether he has made an estimate of the number officers that will be required in financial year 2025-26. (22152)
- 218 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Ministry of Defence Police's new operational policing model. (22153)
- 219 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his Department's policy is on the use of soldiers from the Military Provost Guard Service. (22154)
- 220 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, for what reason the line management of the Ministry of Defence Police has moved to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation. (22155)
- 221 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has to improve the (a) accommodation and (b) infrastructure for the Ministry of Defence Police at Devonport. (22156)
- 222 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the guidance entitled Get a copy of military records of service, what the average waiting time is for applications to be processed in the latest period for which data is available. (21922)
- 223 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate he has made of the cost to the public purse of Trident renewal in the period between 2023 and 2050; and what proportion this would be of total Government spending in that period. (22076)
- 224 **Mr Ben Wallace** (Wyre and Preston North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many former members of the regular Army have regular reserve recall liability in the event of a national emergency as of 1 April 2024. (21948)
- 225 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Prime Minister, what the total administration costs were for his Office in the last year. (22083)
- 226 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what the cost to the public purse was of (a) staff and (b) running costs for his Department in financial year 2023-24; and how much he has allocated for 2024-25. (22078)
- 227 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what the administration costs of his Department were in each year since his appointment. (22082)

- 228 **Alun Cairns** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of restrictions on equity dilution on the capacity of fast growing companies to recruit. (21982)
- 229 **Alun Cairns** (Vale of Glamorgan): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of calling on the Investment Association to amend its principles of remuneration to provide greater flexibility for the dilution of equity in favour of employees in fast growing businesses. (21983)
- 230 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of the conflict between Iran and Israel on (a) global economic stability, (b) oil prices and (c) inflation. (22107)
- 231 **Jonathan Gullis** (Stoke-on-Trent North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what guidance HM Revenue and Customs has issued on to the sale of Right to Buy properties. (22179)
- 232 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 5.67, page 75 of the Spring Budget 2024, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the abolition of the Furnished Holiday Lettings tax regime on the number of businesses that will (a) continue as short-term holiday lets, (b) become longer term rental properties and (c) sell the property in question. (22169)

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- 1N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data, updated on 29 February 2024, what steps his Department has taken to mitigate the risks of red-rated legacy IT systems. (21953)
- 2N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answers of 15 April 2024 to Questions 20230 and 20234 on Cabinet Office: Visits Abroad, whether the share of the total flight costs attributable to the Deputy Prime Minister was £14,784.46; and whether the non-flight costs incurred by the Deputy Prime Minister on his visit to New York were £13,915.54. (21944)
- 3N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 15 November 2023 to Question 1306 on Energy: Prices, if she will make an (a) estimate of when the Supercharger

proposals will be fully implemented and (b) an assessment of the potential impact of their full implementation on the international competitiveness of UK electricity costs. (21911)

4N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much her Department has spent on the SME team at UK Defence and Security Exports in each financial year since 2019-20. (21891)

5N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made an estimate of the cost to the public purse of expenditure by UK Defence and Security Exports on (a) domestic and (b) overseas trade shows in each year since 2010. (21895)

6N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to Answer of 25 March 2024 to Question 19719 on INEOS: Belgium, how many (a) ethanol or (b) ethanol related products will be produced at the new Ineos site in Antwerp. (22167)

7N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has held discussions with UK Export Finance on (a) the closure of the ethanol plant at Grangemouth and (b) the proposed INEOS plant in Antwerp. (22168)

8N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data, updated on 29 February 2024, what steps (a) her Department and (b) the Student Loans Company have taken to mitigate the risks of red-rated legacy IT systems. (22006)

9N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the primary category of need for children in care aged (a) under one year, (b) one to four years, (c) five to nine years, (d) aged ten to 15 years and (e) 16 to 17 years in each of the last five years. (22055)

10N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to establish a register of children who are home educated. (22199)

11N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of mandating regular welfare checks for home educated children. (22200)

12N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many meetings Ministers in her Department have had with officials at Central Bedfordshire Council on the transition from a three to two tier school system in Central Bedfordshire. (22206)

- 13N **Alistair Strathern** (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many meetings officials in her Department have had with Central Bedfordshire Council officers on the transition from a three to two tier school system in Central Bedfordshire. (22207)
- 14N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the 2023 UK greenhouse gas emissions, provisional figures, published on 28th March 2024, what assessment she has made of the reasons for the increase in emissions from commercial buildings since 1990; and what steps her Department is taking to help reduce such emissions. (21937)
- 15N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he last met representatives of the (a) National Farmers Union and (b) National Pig Association UK; and what the results of those discussions were. (21906)
- 16N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support private investment in ocean recovery. (21935)
- 17N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to (a) preserve and (b) expand blue carbon habitats. (21936)
- 18N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions she has had with local authorities on the switching off of the public switched telephone network. (21915)
- 19N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of households with telecare devices still to transition from the public switched telephone network to the Digital Voice service. (21916)
- 20N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will provide additional resources to local authorities to effectively manage the switching off of the public switched telephone network. (21917)
- 21N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Public Switched Telephone Network charter, published on 18 December 2023, what steps her Department has taken to create a shared definition of vulnerable customer groups. (21918)
- 22N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to her Department's publication entitled Public Switched Telephone Network charter, published on 18 December 2023, when she plans to publish a definition of vulnerable customer groups. (21919)

- 23N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on taking steps to help protect vulnerable people from crime during the digital switchover of telephony services. (22197)
- 24N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, is she will hold discussions with the Local Government Association to help define the role of a digital champion in supporting (a) the digitisation of council services, (b) the digital switchover and (c) the 2G/3G switch off. (22198)
- 25N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to extend funding for the (a) rapid charging fund and (b) Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund beyond April 2025. (21972)
- 26N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether annual funding for the plug-in grant for cars has been reallocated to other funding pots since its expiry. (21973)
- 27N **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when he plans to publish the report on the study commissioned his Department on the inclusion of electrification in the renewable transport fuel obligation. (21974)
- 28N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his department has made to on the rising cost of car insurance premiums over the last year. (22122)
- 29N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority on the regulation of car insurance premiums. (22123)
- 30N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many miles vehicles in the Government Car Service fleet drove in financial years (a) 2021/22, (b) 2022/23 and (c) 2023/24; and how many vehicles were in the fleet at the end of each of those years. (21943)
- 31N **David Linden** (Glasgow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20383 on State Retirement Pensions: Women, whether his Department received the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's provisional views on injustice and remedy experienced due to maladministration in communication about the 1995 Pensions Act in November 2023. (22116)
- 32N **Pat McFadden** (Wolverhampton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data, updated on 29 February 2024, what steps his Department has taken to mitigate the risks of red-rated legacy IT systems. (21954)

- 33N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made a recent assessment of the effectiveness of the help us, help you campaign. (21912)
- 34 **Ashley Dalton** (West Lancashire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking with pharmaceutical companies to increase the supply of semaglutide. (22201)
- 35N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to improve NHS England's handling of complaints made by (a) staff, (b) patients and (c) carers. (22065)
- 36N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to address defensive culture in the handling of NHS complaints. (22066)
- 37N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she is taking steps to ensure that people with low agency have an opportunity to raise concerns and complaints within the NHS; and what recent discussions she has had with NHS leaders on this matter. (22067)
- 38N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department taking steps to bring waiting times for mental health patients in-line with waiting times for physical health patients. (22119)
- 39N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of NHS provision for the treatment of ADHD in (a) Oxfordshire and (b) England. (22120)
- 40N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of NHS provision for the diagnosis of ADHD in (a) Oxfordshire and (b) England. (22121)
- 41N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help ensure that (a) young and (b) vulnerable people have access to free contraception. (21955)
- 42N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to eliminate (a) cervical and (b) other cancer caused by human papillomavirus. (21956)
- 43N **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to NICE guidance entitled Integrated health and social care for people experiencing homelessness, published on 16 March 2022, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people experiencing homelessness have somewhere safe and secure to recover when discharged from hospital. (21957)

- 44N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number and proportion of NHS providers that have adopted two stage shared decision-making across all admitted pathways. (22045)
- 45N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many emergency hospital admissions there have been following falls by patients aged 65 and over in each financial year since 2010-11. (22046)
- 46N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many training places for district nurses her Department plans to make available in September 2025. (22047)
- 47N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many care contacts were carried out by district nurses in each of the last 10 years. (22048)
- 48N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of capacity in district nursing on the timeliness of patient discharge from hospital in 2023. (22049)
- 49N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the contract awarded by her Department to Ethypharm UK Ltd on 27 January 2022 for the storage and management of the Department's Naloxone buffer stock, how many packs of Naloxone were distributed from the buffer stock for use by patients in the UK in the (a) 2021-22, (b) 2022-23, and (c) 2023-24 financial year. (21945)
- 50N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, pursuant to the answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20677 on UNRWA: Finance, what evidence his Department has received from Israel confirming allegations made against UNRWA; and whether he has shared that evidence with (a) UNRWA and (b) governments that have reinstated funding to UNRWA. (22050)
- 51N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, pursuant to the Answer of 15 April 2024 to Question 20677 on UNRWA: Finance and with reference to the measures and conditions set out in correspondence published by the EU Commissioner on 6 March 2024, whether (a) he and (b) the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs has had discussions with UNRWA to (i) seek similar assurances and (ii) ascertain the detailed undertakings relating to changes in personnel, policy and precedents. (22051)
- 52N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what (a) criteria he is using and (b) conditions he has set for UNRWA to determine the resumption of funding to that organisation; and what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the interim reports of the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services and Catherine Colonna. (22052)

- 53N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2024 to Question 18736 on Hamas: UNRWA, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of Israel's cooperation with the investigations carried out by the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services and Catherine Colonna; and whether the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs has had discussions with his Israeli counterpart on that country's cooperation with those investigations. (22053)
- 54N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, with reference to the Note to Correspondents on the Independent Review of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) of 20 March 2024, what assessment he has made of the (a) adequacy of the mechanisms and procedures UNRWA has in place to ensure compliance with the Humanitarian Principle of neutrality and (b) potential implications of that Note for his policies towards UNRWA; and if will resume funding to UNRWA. (22054)
- 55N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether an Elbit Systems UK (a) company, (b) subsidiary and (c) agent has been issued with a licence to export aero-engines for military use since 2008. (22086)
- 56N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether military aero-engines have been exported to (a) Elbit subsidiaries and (b) companies owned by Elbit Systems Ltd in Israel. (22087)
- 57N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how much funding the UK plans to provide to the Productive Safety Net Programme in the 2024-25 financial year. (21913)
- 58N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what criteria his Department uses to determine whether to it can enter into discussions on establishing potential asylum partnerships akin to the UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership. (21941)
- 59N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, if he will take steps to (a) help support Chagossians to return to British Indian Ocean territory and (b) hold a referendum on the ownership of that territory. (21952)
- 60N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, with reference to his Department's Freedom of Information response of 20 March 2024 (reference number FOI2023/23127), when his Department was told by the Israeli Foreign Ministry that that there were 80 British national lone soldiers in the Israeli Defence Forces. (22165)
- 61N **Michael Shanks** (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, with reference to the oral contribution of 15 April 2024 by the Prime Minister, Official Report, column 37, whether he plans to publish the interim findings of the UN review into UNRWA. (22205)

- 62N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress his Department has made on processing asylum applications for people who arrived in the UK between 7 March and 19 July 2023. (21938)
- 63N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people who have claimed asylum since 20 July 2023 will be subject to the duty to remove imposed by the Illegal Migration Act. (21939)
- 64N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to Qq 5 to 13 of the oral evidence given by his Department's Permanent Secretary to the Committee of Public Accounts on 15 April 2024, HC 639, when he plans to publish accounting officer advice relating to the (a) Illegal Migration Act 2023 and (b) Safety of Rwanda Bill. (21940)
- 65N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been convicted under section 53 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in each year since 2010. (21942)
- 66N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution of the then Minister for Immigration of 17 October 2023, Official Report, column 54WH, what recent progress the Government has made on establishing a specific route to family reunion for Afghan nationals who are family members of individuals resettled to the UK under pathway 1 of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme. (22008)
- 67N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of including HGV drivers as (a) an eligible occupation for a skilled worker visa and (b) on the immigration salary list. (22088)
- 68N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing a seasonal visa scheme for qualified HGV drivers. (22089)
- 69N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many vacant posts in Army Command were withdrawn since the introduction of internal recruitment restrictions in July 2023. (21886)
- 70N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many posts in Navy Command are (a) vacant and (b) not being actively recruited for as of 16 April 2024. (21888)
- 71N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many posts in Army Command are (a) vacant and (b) not being actively recruited for. (21898)

- 72N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service family accommodation properties there are in Aldershot. (22145)
- 73N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service family accommodation properties there are in Plymouth. (22146)
- 74N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service family accommodation properties there are in Southampton. (22147)
- 75N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service family accommodation properties there are in Salisbury. (22148)
- 76N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service family accommodation properties there are in Devon. (22149)
- 77N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 April 2024 to Question 20584 on Air Force: Training, what the target number of Royal Air Force pilots was for successful completion of Phase 2 Military Flying Training in each of the training years between 2018-19 and 2023-24. (21958)
- 78N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 April 2024 to Question 20584 on Air Force: Training, what the average cost was of training a Royal Air Force pilot to Phase 2 Military Flying Training in the each of the training years between 2018-19 and 2023-24. (21959)
- 79N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 April 2024 to Question 20584 on Air Force: Training, for what reason fewer pilots successfully completed Phase 2 Military Flying Training in the training years (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24; and what assessment he has made of the potential impact of that reduction in numbers on the UK's preparedness for military conflict. (21960)
- 80N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 April 2024 to Question 20584 on Air Force: Training, how many RAF pilots completed their phase 2 training but did not complete training to the level required to operate Front Line Operational Conversion Units in each year since 2018-19. (21961)
- 81N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 16 April 2024 to Question 20584 on Air Force: Training, what constitutes a Front Line Operational Conversion Unit; what the average cost of such a Unit was in each year since 2018-19; and how many such Units the RAF had in each such year. (21962)

- 82N **Mr Ben Wallace** (Wyre and Preston North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many former members of the regular Army have regular reserve call out liability as of 1 April 2024. (21947)
- 83N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data, updated on 29 February 2024, what steps his Department has taken to mitigate the risks of red-rated legacy IT systems used in (a) his Department and (b) HM Courts and Tribunals Service. (22007)
- 84N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, in how many court buildings in England and Wales reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete has been identified. (21914)
- 85N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data, updated on 29 February 2024, what steps his Department has taken to mitigate the risks of red-rated legacy IT systems. (22005)
- 86N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing non-repayable maintenance grants for higher education students from the least advantaged backgrounds. (22095)
- 87N **Mr Ben Wallace** (Wyre and Preston North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, by how much (a) Resource Departmental Expenditure Limits and (b) Capital Departmental Expenditure Limits will be reduced following the cancellation of the northern leg of HS2 in each affected Department; and if he will publish in which Departments these savings will be made. (21946)

Questions for Answer on Monday 22 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Damian Collins** (Folkestone and Hythe): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 20 March 2024 to Question 18418 on Sports: Concussion, who the members of the Sports Concussions Research Forum are; and what terms of reference were set for that forum's formulation of a report to identify priority research questions. (21969)
- 2N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report by Bite Back entitled Fuel us, don't fool us, published in February 2024, what steps she is taking to implement the nine pm watershed restriction of unhealthy food and drink adverts online and on television. [Transferred] (21167)

- 3N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data, updated on 29 February 2024, what steps his Department has taken to mitigate the risks of red-rated legacy IT systems. (21950)
- 4N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to support the roll-out of human papillomavirus vaccines worldwide. (22019)
- 5N **Dr Philippa Whitford** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has made representations to his German counterpart on Germany's refusal to permit the entry of British-Palestinian surgeon Dr. Ghassan Abu Sittah.[R] (22020)
- 6N **Dame Nia Griffith** (Llanelli): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data, updated on 29 February 2024, what steps his Department has taken to mitigate the risks of red-rated legacy IT systems. (21949)
- 7N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many trainee probation officers have resigned from the service within (a) one week, (b) one month and (c) three months of starting their role as a trainee probation officer. (22021)
- 8N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many vacancies in the probation service there are as of 16 April 2024, by region. (22022)
- 9N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many vacancies for band (a) three, (b) four and (c) five prison officers there are as of 16 April 2024, by (i) prison and (ii) region. (22023)
- 10N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps the department is taking to ensure swift justice for victims of violence against women and girls. [Transferred] (21844)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

- 1 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): What steps he is taking to reform the private rented sector. (902392)
- 2 **Steve Double** (St Austell and Newquay): What recent estimate he has made of the additional cost to the public purse of councils delivering public services in coastal areas. (902393)
- 3 **James Morris** (Halesowen and Rowley Regis): What assessment he has made of the impact of metro mayors on their local economies. (902394)

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- 4 **Clive Efford** (Eltham): What steps he is taking to help prevent (a) leaseholders and (b) tenants paying for the remediation of fire defects. (902395)
 - 5 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): Whether he has made an estimate of the number of planning authorities which do not have an up to date Local Plan. (902396)
 - 6 **Dr James Davies** (Vale of Clwyd): What assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Community Ownership Fund on local communities. (902397)
 - 7 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Towns Fund on local communities. (902398)
 - 8 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): What assessment he has made of the adequacy of the level of Government funding allocated to local authorities. (902399)
 - 9 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): What steps he is taking to reduce the number of families in temporary accommodation. (902400)
 - 10 **Mrs Flick Drummond** (Meon Valley): What the criteria are for allocation of Round 4 of the Community Ownership Fund. (902401)
 - 11 **Karl McCartney** (Lincoln): What assessment he has made of the impact of metro mayors on their local economies. (902402)
 - 12 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool, Wavertree): What progress he has made on ending rough sleeping. (902403)
 - 13 **Simon Baynes** (Clwyd South): What assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the Community Ownership Fund on local communities. (902404)
 - 14 **Will Quince** (Colchester): What steps his Department is taking to end rough sleeping. (902405)
 - 15 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): What steps he is taking to help improve the efficiency of the planning system. (902406)
 - 16 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): What steps his Department is taking to help promote interfaith dialogue. (902407)
 - 17 **Giles Watling** (Clacton): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to tackle anti-democratic extremism. (902408)
 - 18 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What assessment he has made of the strength of the Union. (902409)
 - 19 **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): What progress his Department has made on delivering Levelling Up funding to local authorities. (902410)
 - 20 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): What steps he is taking to increase levels of home ownership. (902411)
 - 21 **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): What steps he is taking to increase engagement between his Department and elected mayors. (902412)

- 22 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): What recent progress he has made on cladding remediation for residential buildings. (902413)
- 23 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds North West): Whether he is taking steps to encourage property developers to incorporate net zero measures in planning applications. (902414)
- 24 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): Whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Transport on incorporating connectivity measures into National Development Management Policies. (902415)
- 25 **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): What steps he is taking to bring together islands from across the UK to discuss shared challenges. (902416)

Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

- T1 **Patricia Gibson** (North Ayrshire and Arran): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902417)
- T2 **John Spellar** (Warley): (902418)
- T3 **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): (902419)
- T4 **Virginia Crosbie** (Ynys Môn): (902420)
- T5 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): (902421)
- T6 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): (902422)
- T7 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): (902423)
- T8 **Mr Richard Bacon** (South Norfolk): (902424)
- T9 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): (902425)
- T10 **Mr Virendra Sharma** (Ealing, Southall): (902426)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 23 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data, updated on 29 February 2024, what steps his Department has taken to mitigate the risks of red-rated legacy IT systems. (22074)

- 2N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans the Government has for land that was formerly earmarked for HS2. (22208)
- 3N **Carol Monaghan** (Glasgow North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill on the (a) physical and (b) mental wellbeing of people with (i) M.E. and (ii) other chronic diseases. (22044)
- 4N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to return NHS Trusts to pre-pandemic procurement practices. (22209)
- 5N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what his priorities are for the UN Summit of the Future on 22-23 September 2024. (22142)
- 6N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many vacancies there are in frontline police roles, including Police Community Support Officers, as of 16 April 2024. (22210)
- 7N **Sarah Edwards** (Tamworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when he plans to introduce legislation protecting shopworkers from serial or abusive shoplifters. (22211)
- 8N **Darren Jones** (Bristol North West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 26 March 2024 to Question 19426 on Immigration: Appeals, how many appeals were made before the (a) First and (b) Upper Tribunal between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2023; how many and what proportion of these appeals were successful; and what the total cost to the public purse was for these appeals. (22096)
- 9N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information his Department holds on the number of Afghan nationals who are family members of individuals resettled to the UK under pathway 1 of the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme who have (a) applied for and (b) been granted (i) entry clearance under refugee family reunion rules, (ii) leave outside those rules and (iii) leave to enter or remain in the UK under other immigration routes. (22009)
- 10N **Nick Thomas-Symonds** (Torfaen): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the policy paper entitled Transforming for a digital future: 2022 to 2025 roadmap for digital and data, updated on 29 February 2024, what steps his Department has taken to mitigate the risks of red-rated legacy IT systems. (22075)
- 11N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will publish a complete list of prisons in England and Wales in which the 18-day prisoner early release scheme has (a) applied and (b) continues to apply. (21908)

- 12N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, which prisons will be included in the extension of the end of custody supervised licence measure from 35 to 60-days. (21909)
- 13N **Kevin Brennan** (Cardiff West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidance his Department has published on when a person with an end of custody supervised licence should be recalled to prison. (21910)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 24 April

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

- 1 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): What steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to safeguard Northern Ireland's place in the Union. (902377)
- 2 **Steven Bonnar** (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): What assessment he has made of the state of the Union. (902378)
- 3 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): What steps he is taking to help increase GDP in Northern Ireland. (902379)
- 4 **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): If he will hold discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on the long-term sustainability of Northern Ireland's natural environment. (902380)
- 5 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): What recent assessment he has made of the impact of the restoration of devolved Government on Northern Ireland. (902381)
- 6 **Sarah Jones** (Croydon Central): What recent discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on the expansion of integrated education in Northern Ireland. (902382)
- 7 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): What discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on the development of a Programme for Government. (902383)
- 8 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): What assessment he has made with Cabinet colleagues of the potential merits of extending the Contract for Difference scheme to Northern Ireland. (902384)
- 9 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): What discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the date of the commencement of the Corporation Tax (Northern Ireland) Act 2015. (902385)
- 10 **Mike Kane** (Wythenshawe and Sale East): What assessment he has made of the potential impact of the deadline for uncompleted inquests and civil litigation into Troubles-era offences under the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Act 2024 on victims. (902386)

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- 11 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): What recent discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Executive on the redevelopment of Casement Park. (902387)
 - 12 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): If he will hold discussions with the Northern Ireland Executive on the adequacy of resources for tackling NHS waiting times in Northern Ireland. (902388)
 - 13 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): What assessment he has made of the impact of the restoration of the Northern Ireland Assembly on Northern Ireland. (902389)
 - 14 **Kirsten Oswald** (East Renfrewshire): What assessment he has made of the impact of the Spring Budget 2024 on Northern Ireland. (902390)
 - 15 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): What progress he has made on ensuring the long-term availability of veterinary medicines in Northern Ireland. (902391)