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Questions tabled on Friday 19 April 2024

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 23 April

Questions for Written Answer

- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether UK Export Finance took steps relating to the Mozambique Liquefied Natural Gas Project in response to the Palma attack of 24 March 2021. (22783)
- 2 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to help (a) support the growth and (b) increase the number of high-value tech companies based in the UK. (22786)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact of the time taken to implement health and safety checks on EU imports on (a) inventory levels for, (b) costs incurred by and (c) business continuity planning by the retail sector in Slough constituency in each of the last three years.

Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many defence firms did UK Defence and Security Exports support to attend the recent (a) Sea Air Space and (b) Space Symposium conferences in the United States.

Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many defence firms did UK Defence and Security Exports support to attend the recent FIDAE conference in Chile. (22670)

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- 6 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the cost is for companies to purchase a showcase pod for a UK Defence and Security Exports supported event. (22672)
- 7 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what trade missions UK Defence and Security Exports has supported in each year since 2019. (22674)
- 8 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many staff members at UK Defence and Security Exports work in the regional team that covers (a) Europe, (b) Middle East, (c) Central Asia and (d) South Asia. (22675)
- 9 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many defence firms were supported by UK Defence and Security Exports to attend the Saudi Arabia World Defence Show in February 2024. (22676)
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the nuanced sessions listed on the UK Defence and Security Experts Faculty website, how many nuanced sessions UK Defence and Security Exports has delivered in each year since 2019.
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the average number of businesses were that attended a UK Defence and Security Exports supported Defence and Security Exports Day in each year since 2019. (22678)
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many SME's have used the UK Defence and Security Exports

 Export Faculty in each year since 2019. (22679)
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many firms registered to the UK Defence and Security Exports Export Faculty in each year since 2019.
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the UK Defence and Security Exports Export Faculty's collaboration with the wider departmental Export Academy. (22681)
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many businesses on average attended a meet the buyer event that was organised by UK Defence and Security Exports in each year since 2019. (22683)
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many sessions on (a) export licencing, (b) doing business with prime contractors, (c) working with the media, (d) preparing for events, (e) finance for export, (f) support from other government departments and bodies, (g) developing export strategies, (h) global market focus sessions, (i) business

- culture and know how across the world and (j) pitching for international contracts have been held by the UK Defence and Security Exports Export Faculty in each year since 2019. (22684)
- Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many defence firms did UK Defence and Security Exports support to attend Secours Expo from 31 January to 3rd February 2024 in France. (22685)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department issues to schools on balancing inclusivity and religious freedoms. (22795)
- 19 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what guidance her Department issues to non-religious schools on enforcing policies that restrict (a) prayer and (b) other religious practices. (22796)
- 20 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to (a) monitor and (b) address potential discrimination in schools against students based on their religious practices. (22797)
- 21 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to make an assessment of the adequacy of school policies on (a) religious practices and (b) inclusivity. (22798)
- Peter Gibson (Darlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that universities are following English proficiency requirements for foreign students. (22818)
- 23 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of people who started teacher training courses did not finish the course in each of the last five years. (22666)
- 24 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's consultation outcome entitled Children's social care: stable homes, built on love, published on 21 September 2023, how she is monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of that consultation by local authorities.
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to her Department's consultation outcome entitled Children's social care: stable homes, built on love, published on 21 September 2023, if she will expand the implementation of that consultation outcome to more local authority areas.
- 26 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 18 April 2024 to Question 21031 on Carbon Emissions: Suffolk Coastal, if her Department will provide a breakdown of funding granted through Energy Company Obligation Schemes to residents of Suffolk Coastal constituency. (22728)

- 27 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions she has had with Ofgem on trends in the level of commercial energy tariff standing charges. (22824)
- Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what guidance her Department issues to companies that have difficulties paying the standing charges on their commercial energy tariffs. (22825)
- 29 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of energy tariff standing charges on small businesses. (22826)
- 30 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department has taken to help SMEs pay their energy standing charges. (22827)
- 31 Alexander Stafford (Rother Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will take legislative steps to cap standing charges for (a) commercial and (b) domestic energy suppliers. (22828)
- Dr Thérèse Coffey (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 18 April 2024 to Question 21017 on Darwin Plus, if he will provide a breakdown of Darwin Plus fund projects funded since 2019.
- 33 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has undertaken consultations with (a) stakeholders and (b) investors in relation to Operation Timber in the last 12 months. (22799)
- 34 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of the potential cost to the public purse of Operation Timber. (22800)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the time taken to introduce health and safety checks on imports from the EU on (a) biosecurity and (b) food safety standards. (22805)
- 36 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether it remains his policy that the new health and safety checks for EU imports will begin on 30 April 2024. (22806)
- Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of efforts to encourage other countries to ratify the Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement. (22816)

- Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of hedgerow protections. (22817)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many full time staff work in the Environment Agency Economic Crime Unit. (22665)
- **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to reduce the use of (a) single-use and (b) other plastic waste. (22773)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has made an estimate of the cost of implementing a reinsurance scheme for people affected by the building safety crisis. (22808)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of building insurance costs on people affected by building safety issues. (22809)
- **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the cost of implementing a reinsurance scheme for people affected by building safety issues.

 (22810)
- **Mrs Helen Grant** (Maidstone and The Weald): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what progress his Department has made on ending rough sleeping; and whether it remains his policy to end rough sleeping this year. (22718)
- **Kit Malthouse** (North West Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what his Department's policy is on mandating the use of swift bricks in (a) new housing developments and (b) renovation work. (22833)
- Owen Thompson (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
 Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential
 implications for his policies of the letter to his Department on Tackling the
 Recruitment & Retention Crisis from Leading Violence Against Women and Girls
 organisations, published on 20 March 2024.
- **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of calls from a coalition of Violence Against Women and Girls organisations for an independent taskforce to tackle recruitment and retention in that sector. (22765)

- 48N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will hold discussions with Ofcom on changes in the number of mobile phone social tariff subscribers since July 2023. [Transferred] (22519)
- 49 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of Meta's decision to lower to minimum age for access to WhatsApp to 13 on children's levels of exposure to extremist content. (22801)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what comparative assessment she has made of the regulatory approach by (a) the UK and (b) other advanced digital economies on enforcing a minimum age for the use of encrypted messaging services. (22803)
- Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how much funding her Department plans to provide to UK Research and Innovation in the next three financial years. (22712)
- Dr Thérèse Coffey (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 19 April 2024 to Question 21014 on Minibuses: Driving Licences, if he will publish a breakdown of the £3 million per year Bus Service Operators Grant by operator in receipt of the grant. (22726)
- 53 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has made an estimate of how many road traffic accidents are caused by (a) potholes and (b) poor road conditions each year.

 (22667)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an estimate of the number of accidents during driving tests (a) in total and (b) in vehicles that lack dual control in 2022-23. (22739)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an estimate of the number of driving examiners who were off work as a result of injuries sustained during the examination of drivers in 2022-23.
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an estimate of the costs associated with driving examiners taking time off work as a result of injuries sustained when conducting driving tests. (22741)
- 57 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish the risk assessments in place for driving examiners conducting tests in vehicles without dual control. (22742)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many driving examiners have raised concerns to the DVSA about the safety of examining drivers in vehicles without dual control. (22743)

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- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up on the obligations of developers to repair roads (a) adjacent to development sites and (b) on routes where used by trucks accessing development sites. (22753)
- Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of requiring all (a) e-bikes and (b) e-scooters to be registered to an owner. (22771)
- Paul Blomfield (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of classifying covid-19 as an occupational disease for healthcare workers; and whether his Department has had discussions with relevant professional bodies on this matter.

(22721)

- 62 Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many fraudulent advance Universal Credit claims have been identified by their machine learning algorithm. (22688)
- Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, the total cost of his Department's use of machine learning algorithms to identify fraudulent benefit claims. (22689)
- Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost per claim is for successfully identified fraudulent Universal Claims using his Department's machine learning algorithm. (22690)
- Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to page 10 of the NAO's Report on Accounts 2022-2023, when his Department intends to report to Parliament on the impact of data analytics on protected groups and vulnerable claimants. (22691)
- Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of the advance Universal Credit claims flagged by his Department's machine learning algorithm as potentially fraudulent were (a) from protected groups and (b) vulnerable claimants. (22692)
- Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many of the advance Universal Credit claims flagged by his Department's machine learning algorithm as potentially fraudulent were from (a) protected groups and (b) vulnerable claimants. (22693)
- Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of the advance Universal Credit claims flagged by his Department's machine learning algorithm as potentially fraudulent were found to be fraudulent. (22694)

- Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of the advance Universal Credit claims flagged by his Department's machine learning algorithm as potentially fraudulent in which claimants were (a) from protected groups and (b) vulnerable claimants were found to be fraudulent.
- 70 Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) large and (b) unusual underpayments have been referred for analysis since June 2023. (22696)
- 71 Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to paragraph 4.2 of the report by the National Audit Office entitled Department for Work and Pensions Accounts 2022-23, published on 6 July 2023, whether his Department still plans to bring forward a Fraud and Error Bill.
- 72 Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of staff working on fraud and error in his Department work on (a) preventing fraud and error upfront and (b) detecting fraud and error after it has happened. (22698)
- 73 Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what information his Department holds on the average distance benefit recipients need to travel to their assigned Jobcentre; and what the longest distance was for a recipient was in the latest period for which data is available. (22699)
- 74 Dame Angela Eagle (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average number of Work Coaches was per Jobcentre in the latest period for which data is available; and what the average caseload was of a Work Coach in the same period. (22700)
- 75 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will hold discussions with the Department of Health in Northern Ireland on ambulance response times in that region. (22788)
- 76 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure (a) transparency and (b) parental consent in clinical trials involving children. (22789)
- 77 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what measures are in place to ensure informed consent in clinical trials. (22790)
- Justin Madders (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the impact of decoupling the age at which an individual can claim their NHS Pension from the State Pension Age.

 (22738)

- 79 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people operating as (a) hypnotherapists and (b) psychotherapists are (i) registered and (ii) regulated.
- 80 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of Pancreatic Cancer UK's Optimal Care Pathway recommendations. (22769)
- 81 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure that people eligible for NHS continuing healthcare funding have access to services. (22770)
- 82 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to monitor (a) the enforcement of dress codes and (b) other human rights abuses in Iran. (22791)
- 83 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking with his international counterparts to tackle human rights violations in Iran (a) relating to recent protests and (b) generally. (22792)
- 84 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment he has made of the impact of sanctions on Iran's human rights (a) policies and (b) practices. (22793)
- 85 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had with his Iranian counterpart about (a) the treatment of women, (b) freedom of expression and (c) other human rights issues. (22794)
- Mrs Pauline Latham (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what data his Department holds on the number of UK nationals that entered the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus through Ercan International Airport in Northern Cyprus in each year since 2010.
- Mrs Pauline Latham (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in (a) the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and (b) Cyprus on the potential merits of introducing direct flights from UK airports to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in the last 12 months.
- Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Israeli attack on Iran on 19
 April 2024 on the wider regional (a) military and (b) humanitarian situation. (22756)
- 89 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had with his allied counterparts on how to tackle the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (22757)
- 90 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking at the UN to increase the supply of humanitarian aid to Gaza. (22758)

- 91 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has had discussions at the UN on the potential use of UN peacekeepers to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza. (22759)
- 92 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he is having discussions with Gazans living in the UK on Government support for their relatives living in Gaza. (22760)
- 93 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what discussions he has had on the provision of UK medical and surgical (a) services and (b) personnel in Gaza. (22761)
- John McDonnell (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, with reference to the oral contribution of the Prime Minister in response to the the hon. Member for Liverpool Riverside during the Oral Statement of 15 April 2024 on Iran-Israel Update, Official Report, column 54, for what reason the United Kingdom abstained on the vote for admitting a Palestinian state as a full member of the United Nations on 18 April 2024.
- 95 Lloyd Russell-Moyle (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how many people arriving in the UK aboard any floating vessel or structure have (a) had their phone confiscated by border force and (b) had their data digitally downloaded since 2022.
 (22779)
- 96 Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department plans to take to (a) monitor and (b) enforce the removal of illegal content on platforms with end-to-end encryption.

 (22802)
- 97 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the provisions on knives in the Criminal Justice Bill will also extend to weapons used for historical re-enactments. (22823)
- P8 Lloyd Russell-Moyle (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people arriving in the UK aboard any floating vessel or structure have been stopped under Schedule 7 Terrorism Act powers since the enactment of the Nationality and Borders Act. (22780)
- 99 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people arriving in the UK aboard any floating vessel or structure who have been stopped under Schedule 7 Terrorism Act powers since the enactment of the Nationality and Borders Act have had a lawyer present during a stop.

 (22781)
- 100 **Tulip Siddiq** (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when he plans to issue his Department's guidance on the circumstances in which exceptions will be made for asylum seekers from countries on the safe list.

 (22772)

- 101 Alison Thewliss (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what entitlements and restrictions will be attached to leave granted under section 8AA of the Immigration Act 1971 prior to the commencement of section 2(1) of the Illegal Migration Act 2023. (22744)
- 102 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department plans to publish guidance on the operation of section 8AA of the Immigration Act 1971. (22745)
- 103 Alison Thewliss (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department plans to publish draft guidance on the family reunion route for Afghan nationals under pathway one of the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme. (22746)
- 104 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how much the recent refurbishment of the reception in Richmond House cost. (22722)
- 105 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many security passes are valid for use on the Parliamentary Estate by (a) MPs, Peers and their staff; (b) staff supporting Parliamentary activities in each House, (c) staff supporting non-Parliamentary activities, (d) security guards; (e) police officers; (f) contractors and (g) any other category.
- 106 **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, how many people are employed by (a) the House of Commons and (b) any joint body with the House of Lords (i) in total and (ii) in full time equivalent roles. (22725)
- 107 Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 20 December 2023 to Question 6422 on UK Defence and Security Exports, how many times the Defence and Security Exports Inter-Ministerial Group met since December 2023 and on what dates. (22668)
- 108 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what criteria he uses to determine whether to hold a vote in Parliament on (a) military action and (b) the deployment of defence operations in the Middle East. (22754)
- 109 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent steps the armed forces have taken to deliver humanitarian aid into Gaza. (22755)
- 110 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what discussions he has had with the Sentencing Council on the implementation of guidelines that require judges to consider factors such as poverty and social deprivation in sentencing; and whether his Department will provide training on these factors.

- 111 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what guidelines his Department has issued on ensuring the (a) anonymity and (b) safety of jurors in high-profile cases. (22804)
- Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many convictions under joint enterprise legislation have been successfully overturned on appeal. (22832)
- 113 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he is developing economic models to forecast (a) price trends and (b) growth potential in cryptocurrencies. (22784)
- 114 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether self-employed individuals who file their tax returns late but owe no tax are penalised. (22787)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 24 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Thérèse Coffey** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many prosecutions Companies House has launched for giving false information in registration of a company in each year since 2019. (22723)
- 2N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps UK Defence and Security Exports is taking to help encourage SMEs to attend UK Defence and Security Exports supported (a) domestic and (b) overseas events. (22671)
- 3N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many trade missions has UK Defence and Security Exports supported each year since 2019. (22673)
- 4N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many defence firms attended a trade mission that was supported by UK Defence and Security Exports in each year since 2019. (22682)
- 5N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much does it cost for a business to purchase a space at the Larkhill UK capability showcase. (22686)
- 6N Maria Eagle (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what channels can SMEs use to feed into export policy. (22687)

- 7N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 7 February 2024 to Question 12549, whether the proposed £200 million guaranteed loan facility for Harland & Wolff under the Export Development Guarantee Scheme is compliant with the Subsidy Control Act; and whether legal advice has been sought on this matter. (22704)
- 8N Kenny MacAskill (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 18 April 2024 to Question 21358 on INEOS:

 Belgium, if he will provide a breakdown of the €200 million of UK content by the

 (a) sectors and (b) nature of (i) goods and (ii) services. (22822)
- 9N Emily Thornberry (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 19 April 2024 to Question 20567 on Food: Japan, which two products were included in the second tranche submitted to the Japanese authorities other than Armagh Bramley Apples, Ayrshire New Potatoes, Beacon Fell Lancashire Cheese, Bonchester Cheese, Buxton Blue, Carmarthen Ham, Cornish Sardines, Darnibole Wine, Dorset Blue Cheese, Dovedale Cheese, Exmoor Blue Cheese, Fal Oyster, Fenland Celery, Gloucestershire Cider, Gloucestershire Perry, Lakeland Herdwick, Native Shetland Wool, New Season Comber Potatoes, Newmarket Sausage, Orkney Beef, Orkney Lamb, Rutland Bitter, Scottish Wild Salmon, Shetland Lamb, Swaledale Cheese, Swaledale Ewes Cheese, Teviotdale Cheese, Traditional Welsh Cider, Traditional Welsh Perry, Vale of Clwyd Denbigh Plum, Vale of Evesham Asparagus, West Wales Coracle Caught Salmon, West Wales Coracle Caught Sewin, Whitstable Oysters, Worcestershire Cider, Worcestershire Perry and Yorkshire Forced Rhubarb.
- 10N Jonathan Edwards (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions has she had with OFGEM on the licence application by Green Gen Cymru to operate as an Independent Distribution Network Operator. (22715)
- 11N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions has she had with the Welsh Government on an application to OFGEM by Green Gen Cymru for a license to operate as an Independent Distribution Network Operator. (22716)
- 12N **Jonathan Edwards** (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the enforcement powers of the Energy Ombudsman. (22717)
- 13N Sarah Green (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the recommendations on upgrading the electricity grid in the report by Electricity Systems Operators entitled Beyond 2030, published on 19 March 2024.

- 14N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment has she made of the adequacy of the Energy Company Obligation Scheme in ensuring that households receive an acceptable quality of service by companies under the scheme. (22774)
- 15N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment has she made of the adequacy of the Energy Company Obligation redress schemes in ensuring that households receive fair and timely redress for problems arising from the scheme. (22775)
- 16N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the protection afforded to households who are affected by poor standard of workmanship provided by the companies under the Energy Company Obligation Scheme.
- 17N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the protection afforded to households who are affected by high charges from companies operating under the Energy Company Obligation Scheme. (22777)
- 18N Liz Saville Roberts (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an estimate of the number of households in Wales affected by (a) charges which represent a significant proportion of their income and (b) poor standards of workmanship under the Energy Company Obligation Scheme since July 2022.
- 19N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to reduce the costs of error in the last three financial years. (22733)
- 20N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department has taken to reduce the costs of error in the last three financial years. (22734)
- 21N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
 Housing and Communities, what information his Department holds on the
 amount that local authorities have spent on repairing potholes (a) nationally and
 (b) in York in the latest period for which data is available. (22748)
- 22N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department and its predecessor Department have taken to reduce the costs of error in the last three financial years. (22732)
- 23N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of switching from ISDN to SIP lines on the resilience of emergency service networks.

- 24N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what data her Department holds on the number of silent calls received by emergency services on (a) ISDN and (b) SIP lines. (22711)
- 25N **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to page 13 of the UK Science and Technology Framework, published by her Department on 6 March 2023, what steps the Government is taking to increase expenditure on innovative products. (22731)
- 26N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department has taken to reduce the costs of error in the last three financial years. (22735)
- 27N Alex Cunningham (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to develop a net zero road map for the haulage industry. (22729)
- 28N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he plans to introduce regulation for truck maintenance service providers.

 (22730)
- 29N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much his Department spent on repairing potholes (a) nationally and (b) in York in the latest period for which data is available. (22749)
- 30N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the road network is safe for (a) cyclists and (b) cars in the context of trends in the number of potholes. (22750)
- 31N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information his Department holds on the number of accidents there have been involving (a) cars and (b) cyclists due to potholes in the last 12 months. (22751)
- 32N Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the number of potholes on the number of people cycling. (22752)
- 33N **Jonathan Ashworth** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department has taken to reduce the costs of error in the last three financial years. (22736)
- 34N **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether arms exported from the United Kingdom were used in the attack by Israeli Defence Forces on the Maghazi refugee camp in Gaza on 16 April 2024. (22747)
- 35N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll and Bute): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to support Sudanese Christians. (22737)

- 36N **Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to reply substantively to the correspondence of 11 March 2024 from the hon. Member for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, reference MC2024/04369.
- 37N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in (a) France and (b) Spain on the procurement of a new modular training aircraft for the Royal Air Force. (22705)
- 38N **Mr Kevan Jones** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department paid General Dynamics UK in 2023-24 for the Ajax programme. (22706)
- 39N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 18 April 2024 to Question 21848 on Iran: Israel, what the basis was for UK military action in defence of Israel. (22819)
- 40N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many tanks are in service with the Army as of 19 April 2024. (22814)
- 41N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a knife amnesty. (22701)
- 42N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many cases have been forwarded to the Prosecution Service concerning people who are based in Confucius Institutes in the last two years. (22702)
- 43N Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of cases referred by the Criminal Cases Review Commission for appeal were successful in each year since 2019. (22830)
- 44N Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help support victims of historic miscarriages of justice to appeal their convictions. (22831)
- 45N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the contract agreed by his Department with ZK Analytics Limited on 18 March 2024, procurement reference 23425, if he will publish the deliverables specified in Annex F of that contract. (22713)
- 46N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the effectiveness of the (a) Enterprise Investment Scheme and (b) Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme for attracting investment in the screen sector. (22707)
- 47N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the of the impact of changes made to the (a) Enterprise Investment Scheme and (b) Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme on levels of investment in the UK screen sector since 2018. (22708)

- 48N Sir Chris Bryant (Rhondda): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the levels of private investment in independent UK film production companies through the (a) Enterprise Investment Scheme and (b) Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme between (i) 2012 and 2017 and (ii) 2018 and 2023.
- 49N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress he has made on the UK Green Taxonomy financial proposals. (22703)
- 50N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much additional funding the Welsh Government received based on updated calculations to the Barnett Formula at the end of the 2023-24 financial year. (22782)
- 51N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 April 2024 to Question 21846 on Oil: Imports, in how many cases action has (a) been taken and (b) not been taken where investigations have concluded. (22820)
- 52N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 18 April 2024 to Question 21846 on Oil: Imports, what volume of oil has been identified as being from Russia in cases where investigations have been concluded.

Questions for Answer on Thursday 25 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to tackle climate change. (22813)
- 2N Duncan Baker (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has had discussions with the Minister for the Cabinet Office on the potential merits of designating veterans ID cards as an accepted form of voter identification at polling stations. [Transferred] (902484)
- 3N **Richard Foord** (Tiverton and Honiton): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will have discussions with the Minister for the Cabinet Office on the potential merits of reviewing regulations on online political campaigning before the next General Election. [Transferred] (902499)
- 4N Christine Jardine (Edinburgh West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the potential impact of the UK's constitutional arrangements on the strength of the Union.

 [Transferred] (902490)

5N **Kevin Foster** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data the Office for Veterans' Affairs holds on the number and proportion of veterans who have informed their GP that they served in the armed forces.

[Transferred] (902485)

- 6N Yasmin Qureshi (Bolton South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make it her policy to commission an independent review of the Commission on Human Medicines' Expert Working Group's report on Hormone Pregnancy Tests.

 [Transferred] (902487)
- 7N Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the cases of Just Stop Oil protestors who were imprisoned on remand for slow-marching. (22811)
- 8N Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the reasons for which some Just Stop Oil protestors who were under the age of 18 were held on remand in adult prisons. (22812)

Questions for Answer on Friday 26 April

Questions for Written Answer

1N Tulip Siddiq (Hampstead and Kilburn): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many allegations of bullying have been made against Ministers by staff in her Department in each of the last 12 months. (22767)

Questions for Answer on Monday 29 April

Questions for Written Answer

1N Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce the level of pollution in the River Wear. (22815)