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Questions tabled on Wednesday 24 April 2024

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 25 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce flooding in urban areas. [Transferred] (23305)
- 2 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether the Government is taking steps to protect the historic county status of (a) Essex and (b) other counties. [Transferred] (23153)
- 3 **Tahir Ali** (Birmingham, Hall Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department plans to limit advertisements promoting food products that are high in sugar. [Transferred] (23303)

Questions for Answer on Friday 26 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to mitigate potential wildfires in Surrey. (23450)
- 2 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the risk of potential wildfires in Surrey. (23451)

- 3 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on potential insurance claims and damages as a result of wildfires in Surrey. (23452)
- 4 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much the British Business Bank has spent on external consultancies in the last five years. (23371)
- 5 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much UK Export Finance has spent on external consultancies in the last five years. (23373)
- 6 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department has taken to find an alternative producer of batteries for electric vehicles for the vacant Cambois site since the collapse of Britishvolt and Recharge Industries. (23484)
- 7 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of the remaining industrial land at the Cambois site for a gigafactory. (23485)
- 8 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has made an assessment of the impact of the establishment of a data centre at the Cambois site on the availability of the industrial land to provide the additional electricity infrastructure needed for a gigafactory at that site. (23486)
- 9 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what infrastructure upgrades are required for the proposed Data Centre in Cambois. (23487)
- 10 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of permanent jobs that will be created by the data centre at Cambois. (23488)
- 11 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps her Department is taking to encourage the establishment of gigafactories to support future levels of vehicle manufacturing. (23489)
- 12 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether end-use restrictions apply to controlled goods exported to Israel. (23632)
- 13 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, for what policy reason retailers may not sell 125ml servings of wine in taster packs. (23438)
- 14 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what comparative assessment she has made of trends in the levels of steel production between (a) the UK and (b) European Union Member States. (23661)

- 15 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps she is taking to help increase domestic steel production. (23662)
- 16 **Ben Bradley** (Mansfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to help support people who have trained as youth workers to enter the youth workforce. (23564)
- 17 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she is taking steps to use (a) the Turner Prize and (b) other high-profile art competitions to enhance the (i) visibility and (ii) understanding of multicultural arts (A) in the UK and (B) internationally. (23545)
- 18 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to help (a) mitigate the risks associated with loot boxes in video games and (b) increase awareness of the potential dangers associated with gambling for younger users. (23627)
- 19 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how much the Charity Commission has spent on external consultancies in the last five years. (23372)
- 20N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of prohibiting the practice of intentionally rendering commercial videogames inoperable when support ends. [Transferred] (23259)
- 21 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the number of (a) primary and (b) secondary school places. (23550)
- 22 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much the Education and Skills Funding Agency has spent on external consultants in each of the last five years. (23375)
- 23 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent steps her department has taken to increase the number of places for (a) children with autism and (b) children with special needs in schools. (23389)
- 24 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of not increasing pupil premium funding in line with inflation on disadvantaged students. (23390)
- 25 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the failure to agree a deal to build a gigafactory in Cambois on (a) the Gen Zero Campus in Ashington and (b) Energy Central Campus in Blyth. (23491)
- 26 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for publication of the latest Relationships, Sex, Health and Education statutory guidance. (23622)

- 27 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, what metric was used to calculate the hourly rate childcare providers are paid to deliver free hours childcare for children aged nine months to four years. (23460)
- 28 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to paragraph 2.8 of the Spring Budget 2024, HC 560, whether trends in the level of (a) wage growth, (b) inflation and (c) National Living Wage rises were used to calculate the hourly rate paid to childcare providers to deliver free hours childcare for children aged nine months to four years. (23461)
- 29 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many apprenticeship starts there have been among young people aged (a) under 19 and (b) 19 to 24, by level, for each academic year since 2018-19. (23462)
- 30 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the National Audit Office's value for money report entitled Preparations to extend early years entitlements for working parents in England on the expansion of government funded childcare, published on 24 April 2024, what steps she is taking to track the number of childcare staff required in each region for the expansion in 30-hours funded childcare, in addition to her Department's national level projection. (23463)
- 31 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the National Audit Office's value for money report entitled Preparations to extend early years entitlements for working parents in England on the expansion of government funded childcare, published on 24 April 2024, which local authorities she estimates will need to increase their childcare hours by 20% or more by September 2025. (23464)
- 32 **Bridget Phillipson** (Houghton and Sunderland South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to para 3.11 of the National Audit Office's value for money report entitled Preparations to extend early years entitlements for working parents in England on the expansion of government funded childcare, published on 24 April 2024, what indicators she plans to use to track progress of the childcare roll-out; and what criteria would need to be met for her Department to change its assessment of the likelihood of meeting the September (a) 2024 and (b) 2025 phases of the roll-out. (23465)
- 33N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for the Home Department to help prevent people (a) promoting, (b) encouraging and (c) glorifying terrorism at universities.

[Transferred] (23258)

- 34 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate she has made of the number of households that have received compensation for having had a pre-payment meter fitted against their will. (23547)
- 35 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much Ofgem has spent on external consultancies in the last five years. (23376)
- 36 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the press release dated 15 April 2024 issued by the company Framatome, entitled Framatome has signed contracts worth multi-billion euros for Sizewell C in the UK, what the monetary value is of the contracts referred to; and for what reason the contracts were signed in advance of a final investment decision for the construction of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell. (23457)
- 37N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Prime Minister's speech on Net Zero on 20 September 2023, whether the Prime Minister had discussions with the Net Zero Council on the content of that speech prior to its delivery. [Transferred] (23161)
- 38 **Lloyd Russell-Moyle** (Brighton, Kemptown): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to improve EPC rating metrics to more accurately assess low-carbon heating systems. (23540)
- 39 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to help encourage uptake in the use of hydrogen. (23664)
- 40 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the policy paper entitled Assessment of the F gas Regulation in Great Britain, published on 16 December 2022, if he will make an assessment of what the research and development requirements will be for businesses switching from f-gas to alternative gases to meet the quotas set out in that report; and whether he has had recent discussions with relevant industry stakeholders on the adequacy of resourcing for that research and development. (23515)
- 41 **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the policy paper entitled Assessment of the F gas Regulation in Great Britain, published on 16 December 2022, whether he has had recent discussions with relevant industry stakeholders on their ability to meet the quotas in that report. (23516)
- 42 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the responses to his Department's call for evidence on the fur trade. (23544)

- 43 **Andrew Selous** (South West Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether planning authorities are required to undertake checks to prevent the discharge of sewage or dirty mains water into rivers from individual (a) residential and (b) commercial properties. (23437)
- 44 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2024 to Question 20109 on Rivers: Repairs and Maintenance, whether he has held recent discussions with his counterpart in the Welsh government on riparian landowners responsibilities for watercourse management. (23638)
- 45 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 2 April 2024 to Question 20109 on Rivers: Repairs and Maintenance, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of reviewing the role of conveyancers in advising on the responsibilities of riparian ownership. (23639)
- 46 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2024 to Question 20109 on Rivers: Repairs and Maintenance, whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of climate change on future insurance costs for riparian landowners. (23640)
- 47 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2024 to Question 20109 on Rivers: Repairs and Maintenance, when expects the independent review of statutory powers and responsibilities associated with Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management assets across all flood risks and coastal erosion to be published. (23641)
- 48 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 3 April 2024 to Question 20109 on Rivers: Repairs and Maintenance, whether his Department has had discussions with the Welsh Government on the independent review of statutory powers and responsibilities associated with Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management. (23642)
- 49 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps he is taking to help reduce the number of families living in temporary accommodation. (23548)
- 50 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department still plans to provide funding for (a) walking and (b) cycling routes in Bedlington in the context of the failure to agree a deal to build an electric vehicle gigafactory in Cambois. (23494)

- 51 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department has done a recent assessment of (a) housing need and (b) housing mix in (i) Cambois, (ii) Sleekburn and (iii) North Blyth since the failure to agree a deal to build an electric vehicle gigafactory in Cambois. (23495)
- 52 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what estimate he has made of the total amount of revenue raised by local authorities via the use of debt recovery agencies in the last 12 months. (23612)
- 53 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent estimate he has made of the number of rough sleepers in England. (23666)
- 54 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the United Kingdom and India collaborate on space programmes. (23637)
- 55 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the eligibility criteria are for projects to receive funding under the Local Transport Fund; and whether his Department has issued guidance to local authorities on how they should consult hon. Members throughout the process. (23602)
- 56 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department still plans to improve transport links between Cambois and North Blyth in the context of the failure to agree a deal to build an electric vehicle gigafactory in Cambois. (23492)
- 57 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department still plans to provide funding for infrastructure around the A189 in the context of the failure to agree a deal to build an electric vehicle gigafactory in Cambois. (23493)
- 58 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what guidance his Department issues on best practice in tackling potholes. (23518)
- 59 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what data his Department holds on (a) expected future rail passenger demand and (b) the potential factors affecting future rail passenger demand. (23606)
- 60 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the export of British luxury cars to Russia via third countries; and whether he has had discussions with industry representatives on this issue. (23478)
- 61 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many medical professionals' assessments of fitness to drive have been received by the DVLA in each month of the last five years. (23644)

- 62 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many medical professionals' assessments of fitness to drive have been received by the DVLA in each year since 2004. (23645)
- 63 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of the time taken to process medical professionals' assessments of fitness to drive on the issuing of driving licences. (23646)
- 64 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of the fees for a medical professionals' assessment of fitness to drive on the number of such assessments being issued to DVLA driving license applicants. (23647)
- 65 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his planned timetable is for publishing the review of medical professionals' fees for driver licensing. (23648)
- 66 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many disabled people have been enrolled onto the Universal Support programme since it began. (23596)
- 67 **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what proportion of disabled people on the Universal Support pilot found employment. (23597)
- 68 **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to reduce levels of in-work poverty in (a) Lanark and Hamilton East constituency, (b) Scotland and (c) the UK. (23514)
- 69 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of Access to Work applicants were awaiting a decision on (a) 1 January, (b) 1 February and (c) 1 March in (i) 2007, (ii) 2008, (iii) 2009 and (iv) 2010. (23533)
- 70 **George Galloway** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will meet representatives of Women Against State Pension Inequality to discuss the Parliamentary and Health Services Ombudsman's findings and recommendations in its report entitled Women's State Pension Age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024. (23405)
- 71 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of lowering the State Pension age to 60. (23387)
- 72 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many overpayments his Department is seeking to recover for Carer's Allowance due to (a) breaches to the earnings limit, (b) exceeding the limit for breaks from caring role in a given period, (c) not caring for 35 hours per week, (d) other, (e) a combination of reasons and (f) overall. (23453)

- 73 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, at what financial threshold his Department (a) starts an investigation and (b) seeks overpayment recovery for Carer's Allowance. (23454)
- 74 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he has taken to prevent large value overpayments from accruing for Carer's Allowance since 2019. (23455)
- 75 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many alerts from the Verified Earnings and Pensions service informing his Department of carers' earnings information were (a) passed and (b) not passed on to carers in each of the last 5 years; and whether he has made an assessment of the effectiveness of VEPs in preventing large value overpayments for Carer's Allowance. (23456)
- 76 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 18 April 2024 to Question 21862 on Cost of Living Payments: Disability, what estimate he has made of the average financial impact per claimant of the discontinuation of Disability Cost of Living Payments. (23607)
- 77 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he is taking steps to ensure that single claimants with long-term disabilities receive the same benefits under Universal Credit as under the legacy system. (23483)
- 78 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending the eligibility criteria for Carer's Allowance to a larger number of unpaid carers; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of unpaid care work on the (a) physical and (b) mental health of women. (23527)
- 79 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment his Department has of the potential merits of extending the eligibility criteria for Carers Allowance for carers with overlapping benefits. (23528)
- 80 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of extending the eligibility criteria for Carers Allowance for carers with overpayments of National Insurance contributions. (23529)
- 81 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of increasing the weekly earning limits for Carer's Allowance. (23530)
- 82 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department is providing additional support to carers to help with rising energy costs. (23531)

- 83 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department is providing additional support to carers to help with rising costs of living. (23532)
- 84 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he Department has made of the potential impact of financial (a) hardship and (b) abuse on trends in the levels of women prosecuted for benefit fraud in the last 12 months. (23658)
- 85 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing (a) periods of amnesty and (b) lower repayment plans to help tackle fraud in the welfare system. (23659)
- 86 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of undertaking post-legislative scrutiny of the Fraud Act 2006 and its potential impact on female welfare claimants. (23660)
- 87 **Sir Philip Davies** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the (a) number of people working within the NHS with the title of Chief Executive and (b) average salary of such people. (23444)
- 88 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help improve patient access to primary care services. (23549)
- 89 **George Galloway** (Rochdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet the hon. Member for Rochdale to discuss (a) maternity and (b) accident and emergency services at Rochdale Infirmary. (23404)
- 90N **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her planned timetable is for publishing the revised NHS Accessible Information Standard. (23386)
- 91 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans her Department has to (a) expand and (b) improve autism services in (i) Lancashire and (ii) Preston for (A) adults and (B) children. (23391)
- 92 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the backlog in issuing education, health and care (EHC) plans for children; and whether she plans to make an assessment of the impact of delays on the (a) short and (b) long term development of children. (23392)
- 93 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure that mental health discharge processes protect the (a) patient and (b) community. (23521)

- 94 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make it her policy to require an independent second assessment prior to discharging a person from mental health services. (23522)
- 95 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance she issues to mental health services on their obligations to a people that (a) police and (b) local authorities find too unwell to be in the community. (23523)
- 96 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is to receive results from a colonoscopy in (a) Stepping Hill Hospital and (b) Greater Manchester. (23613)
- 97 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of reviewing general practice funding streams to account for potential additional resource requirements in socio-economically deprived communities. (23562)
- 98 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking ensure Integrated Care Schemes are able to support staff retention schemes. (23563)
- 99 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an estimate of the number of pharmacies that have closed in Coventry North West constituency since 2019; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of pharmacy closures on primary care standards. (23619)
- 100 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of increasing funding for community pharmacies on funding for secondary care. (23620)
- 101 **Taiwo Owatemi** (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what medications have been reimbursed to community pharmacies below the market price for pharmacy procurement in (a) 2021, (b) 2022, (c) 2023 and (d) 2024. (23621)
- 102 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her timetable is for the rollout of Endo Barriers on the NHS. (23480)
- 103 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to help ensure equitable provision of Hormone Replacement Therapy for women. (23482)
- 104 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of introducing a separate nursing pay spine on trends in the level of pay progression within the nursing profession. (23663)

- 105 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure parity between (a) clinical and (b) recently insourced nonclinical staff in the one-off covid bonus payment. (23667)
- 106 **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what progress he has made on preparing legislation to transpose into UK law the provisions of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement; and when he plans to ratify of that Treaty. (23513)
- 107 **Stephen Farry** (North Down): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, pursuant to the Answer of 16 January 2024 to Question UIN 7644 on Gaza: Israel, what recent assessment he made of the implications for his policies of allegations that Israel has used starvation as a weapon of war. (23610)
- 108 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking with his international counterparts to help secure peace between Israel and Palestine in the Holy Land. (23604)
- 109 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking to help counter the influence of unfriendly foreign actors on Libya's oil industry. (23445)
- 110 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increases in the number of fuel smuggling routes from Libya on regional stability. (23446)
- 111 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of levels of corruption in Libya's (a) oil industry and (b) national oil bodies. (23447)
- 112 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking to discourage multinational energy companies from engaging in corrupt practices in the oil industry in Libya. (23448)
- 113 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs has had discussions with the Prime Minister of Israel on the reported finding of mass graves in Gaza. (23525)
- 114 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has had discussions with the UN on the reported finding of mass graves in Gaza. (23526)
- 115 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking with international partners to maintain global focus on the Sudan (a) conflict and (b) humanitarian crisis. (23554)
- 116 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking to help build a consensus among neighbouring and regional states to end the war in Sudan. (23555)

- 117 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has made an assessment of the impact on sanctions on businesses that support the (a) Sudanese Armed Forces and (b) Rapid Support Forces on the flow of weapons used in the conflict. (23556)
- 118 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support survivors and (b) help prevent the further use of rape as a weapon of war in Sudan. (23557)
- 119 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment he has made of the potential impact on food security in (a) Sudan and (b) South Sudan of disruption of the planting season. (23558)
- 120 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what diplomatic representations he has made to discourage states channelling (a) weapons and (b) funding to the parties to the war in Sudan. (23559)
- 121 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking to help prevent the flow of resources to the Rapid Support Forces across the border from Libya; and whether his Department is monitoring the potential for onward flows to Sudan as a result of the Russian supply of arms within Libya. (23560)
- 122 **Stephen Morgan** (Portsmouth South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his department is taking to help reopen the Adre crossing in Sudan. (23561)
- 123 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the humanitarian and refugee situation following the increased violence in Myanmar near the Thai border. (23466)
- 124 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has had discussions with his Thai counterpart on support for refugees from the conflict in Myanmar. (23467)
- 125 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had with regional partners on the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan. (23468)
- 126 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking to support NGOs operating in Afghanistan. (23469)
- 127 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had with regional partners on the humanitarian situation in Haiti. (23470)
- 128 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether his Department is taking steps to support NGOs operating in Haiti. (23471)

- 129 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional support for measures to support (a) stability and (b) reconstruction in Haiti. (23472)
- 130 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether his Department has undertaken contingency planning with the British Overseas Territories in the Caribbean for steps to be taken in the event of a deterioration in the humanitarian situation in Haiti. (23473)
- 131 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of recent clashes between protestors and police in Georgia; and what discussions he has had with international partners on the protection of civil liberties in that country. (23481)
- 132 **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on the (a) Strategic Export Licensing Criteria and (b) licenses issued to Israel. (23507)
- 133 **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of The Technical Report for the United Nations Secretary-General, published on 22 April 2024. (23508)
- 134 **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the level of settler violence in the West Bank. (23509)
- 135 **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help increase access to medical care for children in Gaza. (23510)
- 136 **Tommy Sheppard** (Edinburgh East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the UK's strategic, long-term approach to supporting security in the Middle East. (23511)
- 137 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent discussions he has had on progress on the introduction of public registers of beneficial ownership in the (a) Crown Dependencies and (b) Overseas Territories. (23506)
- 138 **Barry Gardiner** (Brent North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to page 38 of the Independent Review of Border Force by Alexander Downer, published on 20 July 2022, how many and what proportion of officers who are unable to remain in their post because their reasonable adjustments can no longer be accommodated (a) have moved to a lower pay scale, (b) have chosen to take part in the Voluntary Exit Scheme, (c) are over the age of 50 and (d) had been placed on reasonable adjustments in the last five years. (23361)

- 139 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking the help reduce the number of drug offences in (a) East Devon constituency and (b) Devon. (23623)
- 140 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help tackle violence against women and girls in East Devon constituency. (23624)
- 141 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help tackle anti-social behaviour in (a) East Devon constituency and (b) Devon. (23625)
- 142 **Simon Jupp** (East Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of trends in the level of crime in (a) East Devon constituency and (b) Devon. (23626)
- 143 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many cases of scam telephone calls using number spoofing were reported in each of the last five years. (23542)
- 144 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department is taking steps to support (a) businesses and (b) other organisations whose numbers are used by (i) nuisance callers and (ii) criminals in number spoofing scams. (23543)
- 145 **Keir Mather** (Selby and Ainsty): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when he plans to raise the minimum income threshold for the spouse/partner visa to (a) £34,500 and (b) £38,700. (23618)
- 146 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the aid budget of preparations to transport migrants to Rwanda including costs (a) paid to the Rwandan Government, (b) defending legal challenges (c) passing the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill and (d) for flights and accommodation in the last 12 months. (23362)
- 147 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an estimate of potential future costs to the aid budget of plans to transport migrants to Rwanda including costs (a) paid to the Rwandan Government, (b) defending legal challenges and (c) flights and accommodation for the next 12 months. (23363)
- 148 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been (a) arrested, (b) prosecuted and (c) convicted using facial recognition software. (23609)
- 149 **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of applicants refused asylum did not appeal that decision in the last 12 months. (23611)

- 150 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had discussions with homelessness stakeholders on measures within the Criminal Justice Bill. (23665)
- 151 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the Next Generation (Fixed) Communication Network programme. (23393)
- 152 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the Sea Venom project. (23395)
- 153 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the Skynet 6 programme. (23396)
- 154 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the SPEAR Cap 3 programme. (23397)
- 155 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the Submarine Dismantling project. (23398)
- 156 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made on the Submarine Waterfront Infrastructure Future Project. (23399)
- 157 **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made on the TEUTATES facility. (23400)
- 158 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the first E-7 Wedgetail aircraft is expected to achieve initial operating capability within the Royal Air Force. (23414)
- 159 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the proportion of work on the new CH-47ER helicopters that will take place in the UK. (23415)
- 160 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the total cost is of the five MESAR radars ordered from Northrop Grumman as part of the UK E-7 Wedgetail programme; and whether those MESAR radars have been delivered as of 24 April 2024. (23419)
- 161 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many and what proportion of RAF Typhoon aircraft are Tranche (a) 1, (b) 2 and (c) 3 variants. (23420)
- 162 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated initial operating capability date is for the Royal Navy's proposed submersible ship nuclear replacement submarines. (23421)

- 163 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the cost of refitting HMS Somerset was; who undertook the retrofitting work; and when the refit was (a) started and (b) completed. (23422)
- 164 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated out of service date is for each of the Royal Navy's Type 23 frigates. (23423)
- 165 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has for stored Challenger 2 tanks that are not being upgraded to Challenger 3 standard. (23424)
- 166 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Challenger 2 tanks his Department owned on 31 March 2023; and where those tanks were located. (23425)
- 167 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many multiple launch rocket systems his Department owns; how many he plans to upgrade; and what the projected (a) cost of and (b) timescale for such upgrades is. (23426)
- 168 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated initial operating capability date is for the Boxer vehicle in Army service. (23427)
- 169 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether Tranche 1 Typhoon aircraft are used to maintain quick reaction alert flights at (a) RAF Coningsby and (b) RAF Lossiemouth. (23428)
- 170 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many Tranche 1 Typhoon aircraft are stored at RAF Shawbury. (23429)
- 171 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the estimated initial operating capability date is for advanced electronically scanned radar on Typhoon aircraft. (23430)
- 172 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether Tranche 1 Typhoon aircraft are fitted to carry Meteor air-to-air missiles. (23431)
- 173 **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what military aid the UK has provided to Israel since 7 October 2023. (23631)
- 174 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many troops were serving in the British Army as of 24 April (a) 2010 and (b) 2024. (23653)

- 175 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many maintenance callouts have been made to Cameron Barracks for (a) roofing, (b) loss of heating and hot water, (c) electrics (d) pest control and (e) damp and mould issues since April 2022. (23565)
- 176 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Cameron Barracks as of 24 April 2024. (23566)
- 177 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many maintenance callouts have been made to Leuchars Station for (a) roofing, (b) loss of heating and hot water, (c) electrics (d) pest control and (e) damp and mould issues since April 2022. (23567)
- 178 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Leuchars Station as of 24 April 2024. (23568)
- 179 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many maintenance callouts have been made to HMNB Clyde for (a) roofing, (b) loss of heating and hot water, (c) electrics (d) pest control and (e) damp and mould issues since April 2022. (23569)
- 180 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at HMNB Clyde. (23570)
- 181 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to RM Condor for maintenance issues relating to (a) roofing, (b) loss of heating and hot water, (c) electrics (d) pest control and (e) damp and mould since April 2022. (23571)
- 182 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at RM Condor. (23572)
- 183 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to HMS Dalriada for maintenance issues relating to (a) roofing, (b) loss of heating and hot water, (c) electrics, (d) pest control and (e) damp and mould since April 2022. (23573)
- 184 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at HMS Dalriada as of 24 April 2024. (23574)
- 185 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many maintenance callouts have been made to (a) HMS Caledonia and (b) HMS Scotia for (i) roofing, (ii) loss of heating and hot water, (iii) electrics, (iv) pest control and (v) damp and mould since April 2022. (23575)

- 186 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at (a) HMS Caledonia and (b) HMS Scotia. (23576)
- 187 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to University Royal Naval Unit East Scotland for maintenance issues relating to (a) roofing, (b) loss of heating and hot water, (c) electrics, (d) pest control and (e) damp and mould since April 2022. (23577)
- 188 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at University Royal Naval Unit East Scotland. (23578)
- 189 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 22 February 2023 to Question 146784 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many compensation payments for issues relating to service family accommodation were made in each year between 1 April 2017 and 1 April 2022; and what the value of such payments was in each year. (23579)
- 190 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prisoners have been released early under the End of Custody Supervised License scheme since October 2023. (23546)
- 191 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the end of custody supervised licence scheme on rates of recidivism among early-release prisoners. (23552)
- 192 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been convicted of criminal damage to war memorials in the last five years. (23374)
- 193 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on trends in the cost of living in Scotland. (23551)
- 194 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the hon. Member for Lancaster and Fleetwood, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, with reference to the Electoral Commission's guidance entitled Reporting candidate spending in the long campaign for a UK Parliamentary general election, published on 6 March 2024, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the changes from the guidance published ahead of the 2015 general election; and whether the Commission consulted political parties during the development of the revised guidance. (23649)
- 195 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the hon. Member for Lancaster and Fleetwood, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, with reference to the Electoral Commission's guidance, Reporting candidate spending in the long campaign for a UK Parliamentary general election, what the evidential basis is for the assertion that an item of candidate spending provided by

a party counts towards both (a) the long campaign spending limit for a candidate and (b) the party spending limit; how the treatment of notional expenditure and agent-authorised expenditure differs; and whether the Commission has made an assessment of the potential impact on party spending limits. (23650)

196 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the hon. Member for Lancaster and Fleetwood, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, with reference to the Electoral Commission's guidance, Reporting candidate spending in the long campaign for a UK Parliamentary general election, what assessment the Commission has made of the impact of General Data Protection Regulations on their (a) interpretations of and (b) guidance on long campaign returns and spending. (23651)

197 **Alexander Stafford** (Rother Valley): To ask the hon. Member for Lancaster and Fleetwood, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, with reference to the Electoral Commission's guidance, Reporting candidate spending in the long campaign for a UK Parliamentary general election, whether it is a requirement for a candidate to publish a candidate spending return for the long campaign; and what guidance the Commission has provided to hon. Members on this. (23652)

198 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the model rules for reporting by platform operators with respect to sellers in the sharing and gig economy on (a) costs to HMRC and (b) tax revenues. (23475)

199 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has received recent projections from the Office for Budget Responsibility on the potential impact of the model rules for reporting by platform operators with respect to sellers in the sharing and gig economy on (a) costs to HMRC and (b) tax revenues. (23476)

200 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much HM Revenue and Customs has spent on external consultancies in the last five years. (23377)

201 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the personal allowance threshold for pensioners to £15,000. (23388)

202 **Ian Lavery** (Wansbeck): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take legislative steps to enable subsidies equivalent to those from the US and EU to help attract manufacturers to build gigafactories in the UK. (23490)

203 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions has he had with the Bank of England on bank rates. (23479)

- 204 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an assessment of the impact of interest rate rises on the affordability of mortgages for low-income mortgage holders. (23654)
- 205 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 28 March 2024 to Question 20114 on Mortgages, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the Financial Conduct Authority's report entitled, Mortgage Charter uptake data, published on 22 March 2024. (23655)
- 206 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the maximum amount of any mortgage on which Support for Mortgage Interest can be claimed. (23656)
- 207 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reverting Support for Mortgage Interest from an interest-bearing loan to (a) an interest free loan and (b) a grant. (23657)

Questions for Answer on Monday 29 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to promote independent news networks by ensuring that (a) Government and (b) other public announcements are made by buying space on news websites not owned by newspaper groups (i) in areas where no local printed newspapers are available and (ii) generally. (2369)
- 2N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department issues on how (a) schools, (b) NHS trusts and (c) other public bodies should respond to ransomware attacks. (23407)
- 3N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has received reports from the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on Israel's compliance with International Humanitarian Law since January 29 2024. (23534)
- 4N **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department has shared legal advice from the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on Israel's compliance with International Humanitarian Law with officials (a) within her Department and (b) officials that are members of the PCS Union. (23535)

- 5N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure a smooth transition for students with special educational needs and disabilities from (a) key stage 2 to key stage 3 and (b) key stage 4 to key stage 5. (23498)
- 6N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many and what proportion of householders declined the instillation of a smart meter in 2023. (23411)
- 7N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will have discussions with Ofgem on ensuring that energy consumers who are not in debt are not financially disadvantaged as a result of energy companies minimising exposure to their commercial risk of bad debt through higher standing charges. (23585)
- 8N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions she has had with Ofgem on compensation from energy companies to consumers for the forcible installation of prepayment meters. (23586)
- 9N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions she has had with Ofgem on the number of people who have yet to receive compensation from energy companies for the forced installation of prepayment meters. (23587)
- 10N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions she has had with Ofgem on the number of people who have yet to be assessed as eligible for compensation from energy companies for the forced installation of prepayment meters. (23588)
- 11N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what options are available to members of the public who wish to complain about responses provided by their local transmission operators. (23589)
- 12N **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of enabling transition between technologies when applying for Renewable Heat Incentive payments when a given technology is not feasible after technical review. (23512)
- 13N **Steven Bonnar** (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce new border checks on imports of food and animal products from the European Union on the 30 April 2024. (23590)
- 14N **Steven Bonnar** (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the impact of potential delays to new border checks on medium risk imports of food and animal products from the European Union on UK businesses. (23591)

- 15N **Steven Bonnar** (Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce border checks on medium-risk imports of (a) food and (b) animal products from the EU. (23592)
- 16N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to paragraph 138 of the Border Target Operating Model, published in August 2023, whether restrictions will be placed on people bringing (a) animal and (b) plant products for food into the UK from the EU for personal use. (23474)
- 17N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of cash losses incurred by his Department arising from (a) theft, (b) fraud, (c) arson, (d) sabotage and (e) gross carelessness in the last 12 months. (23501)
- 18N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of the use of private consultants by his Department in the last 12 months. (23502)
- 19N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of mobile phone contracts for (a) Ministers and (b) staff since 2010. (23503)
- 20N **Steve Reed** (Croydon North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of his Department's use of (a) marketing businesses and (b) communications agencies in each year since 2010. (23504)
- 21N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the number of non-decent homes in the (a) private rented and (b) social rented sector. (23439)
- 22N **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Sunderland West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether his Department is taking steps to support owner-occupiers to fix safety issues in their homes. (23440)
- 23N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many homes are classified as non-decent by (a) age and (b) tenure type in (i) Luton South constituency, (ii) Bedfordshire, and (iii) England. (23643)
- 24N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that most zero-emission buses for use in the UK are built in the UK. (23408)
- 25N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 February 2024 to Question 14383 on Avanti West Coast: Catering, whether his Department holds information on the amount of cash taken by Avanti for its on-board catering services in the last two years. (23601)

- 26N **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether it remains his Department's policy to support a third runway at Heathrow airport. (23538)
- 27N **Alan Brown** (Kilmarnock and Loudoun): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Answer by the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work to the Question from the hon. Member for Kilmarnock and Loudoun on 13 November 2023, Official Report, column 371, when he plans to contact Parkinson's UK to arrange a meeting to discuss Work Capability Assessments. (23517)
- 28N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the accessibility of Universal Credit support for people working in the farming sector. (23635)
- 29N **Tom Hunt** (Ipswich): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the rules on the level of National Insurance contributions that are required to receive the full State Pension on people that contracted out. (23598)
- 30N **John Spellar** (Warley): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many hon. Members he has held meetings on constituency cases with since his appointment. (23370)
- 31N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when the NHS England South West Complaints Team plans to provide a substantive response to the complaint made by the hon. member for Christchurch on behalf of a constituent under reference 2312-2050136; for what reason there has been no response to the complaint from the South West dental commissioning team; and what the contact details are for the person in charge of that team. (23364)
- 32N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many complaints have been received by the NHS England South West Complaints Team in each of the last six months; how many emanated from the Dorset Integrated Care Board; and how many of those have been outstanding for more than two months. (23365)
- 33N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much the administration of the Vaccine Damage Payment Scheme cost the NHS Business Services Authority in (a) 2021, (b) 2022 and (c) 2023. (23366)
- 34N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what evidence of (a) identity and (b) immigration status GPs require from patients seeking to access their services; and whether her Department provides guidance to GPs on ensuring that identification provided by those people is genuine. (23367)

- 35N **Sir David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether NHS England has issued a data privacy notice for ambulance services data to be part of the NHS Federated Data Platform product. (23378)
- 36N **Rosie Duffield** (Canterbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department has issued recent guidance to integrated care boards on their role in assessing the mental and emotional health of young people entering care using a person qualified to assess mental health as part of the initial health assessment. (23541)
- 37N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 27 February 2024 to Question 381 on Liver Diseases: Screening, where the 12 Community Diagnostic Centres planned to have fibroscans are located; and what further plans she has to roll out fibroscans by March 2025. (23539)
- 38N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many times NHS Trusts have been victims of ransomware attacks in the last 12 months; and whether (a) data has been (i) lost and (ii) made public and (c) a ransom has been paid in each case. (23406)
- 39N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make it her policy to enable second opinions in mental health settings. (23519)
- 40N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure that people with significant mental health issues are not discharged to the community. (23520)
- 41N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent an escalation of conflict in the Middle East. (23633)
- 42N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to help increase humanitarian aid to Gaza. (23634)
- 43N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has had recent discussions with his Israeli counterpart on injuries received by (a) children and (b) civilian men of working age in Gaza hit by Israeli drone fire. (23499)
- 44N **Seema Malhotra** (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has had recent discussions with his Israeli counterpart on the potential merits of the resumption of the supply of fresh water in Gaza. (23500)
- 45N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his policies on the sale of arms to Israel of reports of mass graves in Gaza. (23524)

- 46N **Barry Gardiner** (Brent North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to page 38 of the Independent Review of Border Force by Alexander Downer, published on 20 July 2022, whether he has made an estimate of how many and what proportion of Heathrow Border Force Officers unable to remain in their position because their reasonable adjustments can no longer be accommodated. (23360)
- 47N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle anti-social behaviour in public green spaces. (23496)
- 48N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many initial reception centres in Rwanda are ready to accommodate individuals deported under the UK-Rwanda treaty; and what is the maximum number of people those centres can accommodate. (23442)
- 49N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 24 April 2024 on Home Office: Vivastreet, on what date discussions with adult service websites to explore a set of voluntary principles to counter exploitation on their sites began; and what her planned timescale is for finalising the voluntary principles. (23443)
- 50N **Gerald Jones** (Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people in Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney constituency hold a Biometric Residency Permit. (23536)
- 51N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to ensure that the police have due regard to protecting the freedom of journalistic (a) photography and (b) other activity when implementing powers under the National Security Act 2023 relating to activity in the vicinity of prohibited places. (23458)
- 52N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will publish the guidance his Department issues to the police on the implementation of powers under the National Security Act 2023 with regard to protecting journalistic (a) photography and (b) other activity in the vicinity of prohibited places. (23459)
- 53N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will hold discussions with NATO allies on the potential merits of all member countries increasing defence spending to a minimum of 2.5% of their gross domestic product. (23409)
- 54N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many claims have been made by current or former service personnel in respect of adverse effects caused by being prescribed the drug mefloquine, larium, in each of the last three years for which information is available; and of those, how many have been resolved. (23368)

- 55N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress he has made on the PROTECTOR programme. (23394)
- 56N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made on the Type 26 Global Combat Ship Programme. (23401)
- 57N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress has been made on the Type 31 Programme. (23402)
- 58N **Maria Eagle** (Garston and Halewood): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 22 April 2024 to Question 22255 on Strategic Command: Vacancies, when he plans to complete the review into his Department's civil service workforce requirement. (23403)
- 59N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects his Department to conclude negotiations with Harland and Wolff on a loan under the Export Development Guarantee Scheme. (23381)
- 60N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much of the £6.6bn in R&D spend for defence announced in his Department's paper entitled Defence and Security Industrial Strategy: A strategic approach to the UK's defence and security industrial sectors, CP 410, published in March 2021, is (a) uncommitted and (b) unspent. (23382)
- 61N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the (a) UK and (b) German content is of the Challenger III main battle tank. (23383)
- 62N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many (a) serving personnel and (b) veterans are claiming Universal Credit by local authority for the latest reporting period. (23384)
- 63N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the (a) lethal and (b) non lethal military aid donated to Ukraine since February 2022. (23385)
- 64N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 17 April 2024 to Question 21043 on Afghanistan: Refugees, in how many and what proportion of reassessed ARAP applications has the applicant been assessed as being eligible for relocation. (23497)
- 65N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate he has made of when the review of applications to the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy that were made by people who supported UK Special Forces in Afghanistan will be completed. (23441)
- 66N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the UK has a (a) treaty and (b) other agreement with Israel to defend it from external attacks. (23599)

- 67N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many armed forces personnel are stationed in Israel; and what their (a) locations and (b) responsibilities are. (23600)
- 68N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 9 February 2024 to Question 12736 on Israel: Armed Forces, what the ranks are of the Israeli military personnel in the UK; whether they are from the Israeli (a) army, (b) navy and (c) air force; and to which UK military bases they are posted. (23628)
- 69N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when the Royal Air Force last conducted exercises with Israel's air force. (23629)
- 70N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what military agreements exist between the UK and Israel. (23630)
- 71N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many compensation payments were awarded to families living in service family accommodation in (a) January, (b) February, (c) March and (d) April 2024; and what the value of such payments was in each month. (23580)
- 72N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled Defence Command Paper 2023, published on 18 July 2023, how much of the £400 million announced for improving service accommodation has been spent as of 24 April 2024. (23581)
- 73N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to HMS Raleigh for maintenance issues relating to (a) roofing, (b) loss of heating and hot water, (c) electrics (d) pest control and (e) damp and mould since April 2022. (23582)
- 74N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at HMS Raleigh as of 24 April 2024.. (23583)
- 75N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on improving service accommodation at HMS Raleigh since April 2022. (23584)
- 76N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many convictions there were for murder in each year since 2005; and what the conviction rate was in the same period. (23614)
- 77N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many convictions there were for rape in each year since 2005; and what the conviction rate was in the same period. (23615)
- 78N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the reoffending rate was for people convicted of murder in each year since 2005. (23616)

- 79N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the reoffending rate was for people convicted of rape in each year since 2005. (23617)
- 80N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has made an estimate of the number of people paying basic rate income tax in the financial years (a) 2022-23 and (b) 2023-24. (23410)
- 81N **Alex Cunningham** (Stockton North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether his Department has made an assessment of the impact of changes in the level of social security benefits on people living in unsuitable housing. (23477)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 30 April

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether her Department plans to make a recommendation to the Prime Minister to appoint a new Trade Envoy for the Caribbean. (23449)
- 2N **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 24 April 2024 to Question 22631 on Flood Control, when the meeting with the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport's Flood and Water Group took place, and if he will publish the letter that Group wrote to his Department after the meeting. (23553)
- 3N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when she plans to publish the Telecare National Action Plan. (23432)
- 4N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will publish a list of meetings held by her Department with stakeholders on the Telecare National Action Plan. (23433)
- 5N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when she expects the national communications awareness campaign on the switching off of the Public Switched Telephone Network to begin; and how long it will last for. (23434)
- 6N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether there are telecare devices being sold that will no longer be fully operational after the Public Switched Telephone Network is switched off. (23435)
- 7N **Sir Chris Bryant** (Rhondda): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she plans to introduce legislation that will prohibit the sale of telecare devices that are incompatible with VoIP. (23436)

- 8N **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the number of commercial long haul (a) routes and (b) flights operating from airports in Northern Ireland. (23603)
- 9N **Ms Karen Buck** (Westminster North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking (a) separately and (b) with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to make an estimate of how much (i) housing benefit and (ii) housing element of Universal Credit is paid towards service charges of social housing tenants. [Transferred] (23094)
- 10N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment services for bowel cancer at Stepping Hill hospital. (23605)
- 11N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what the average time taken by his Department to respond to a freedom of information (FOI) request was in each of the last five years; how many and what proportion of FOI requests his Department did not answer within the target time in each of the last five years; and how many FOI requests to his Department have not been answered within the target time as of 24 April 2024. (23608)
- 12N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate he has made of when HMS Somerset will (a) complete her ongoing refit and (b) return to operational duty. (23412)
- 13N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on negotiations with Norway for the potential sale of Type 26 frigates to the Norwegian Navy. (23413)
- 14N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the total contract value is of the (a) AH-64E Apache, (b) P-B Poseidon, (c) E-7 Wedgetail and (d) CH-47ER contracts between his Department and Boeing. (23416)
- 15N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the unit cost is of each of the new CH-47ER helicopters recently ordered by his Department from Boeing. (23417)
- 16N **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the (a) name, (b) rank upon leaving and (c) year of joining company of all former (i) Army, (ii) Royal Navy and (iii) Royal Air Force officers at one star level or above who have left the service to work for Boeing over the last five years. (23418)

- 17N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many vacancies there were for band 3 prison officers in the Long Term High Security Estate - South at the start of each year from 2017 to 2023. (23505)

Oral Questions to the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

- 1 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): What recent assessment he has made of the impact of the Blue Belt Programme on ocean health. (902562)
- 2 **Stephen Hammond** (Wimbledon): What recent steps he has taken through the UN Security Council to support progress towards a sustainable peace in the Middle East. (902563)
- 3 **Kevin Foster** (Torbay): If he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the Open Doors report entitled World Watch List 2024. (902564)
- 4 **Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley): What diplomatic steps he is taking to strengthen international cooperation on tackling illegal migration. (902565)
- 5 **Chris Clarkson** (Heywood and Middleton): What diplomatic steps he is taking to strengthen international cooperation on tackling illegal migration. (902566)
- 6 **Mohammad Yasin** (Bedford): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (902567)
- 7 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): If the Government will revoke strategic export licences to Israel. (902568)
- 8 **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): What steps his Department is taking to support the welfare of staff in the British Embassy in Port-au-Prince. (902569)
- 9 **Ian Levy** (Blyth Valley): What steps he is taking to help get more aid into Gaza. (902570)
- 10 **Antony Higginbotham** (Burnley): What assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of Iran's role in the conflict in Gaza. (902571)
- 11 **Steve Tuckwell** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): What recent discussions he has had with his counterpart in Pakistan on the protection of human rights in that country. (902572)
- 12 **George Galloway** (Rochdale): If the Government will make an assessment of the potential impact of a military offensive in Rafah on the humanitarian situation in that area. (902573)
- 13 **Priti Patel** (Witham): What recent discussions he has had with his Polish counterpart on international parental child abduction. (902574)
- 14 **Giles Watling** (Clacton): What diplomatic steps he is taking to strengthen international cooperation on tackling illegal migration. (902575)

- 15 **Yasmin Qureshi** (Bolton South East): What recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. (902576)
- 16 **Alison Thewliss** (Glasgow Central): What recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the humanitarian situation in Sudan. (902577)
- 17 **Drew Hendry** (Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey): If he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the European Commission's proposal for an EU-UK youth mobility scheme. (902578)
- 18 **Fiona Bruce** (Congleton): What steps he is taking to support freedom of religion or belief in Nicaragua. (902579)
- 19 **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): What steps his Department is taking to support Jimmy Lai during his trial in Hong Kong. (902580)
- 20 **Michael Shanks** (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): If he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of trends in the level of conflicts resulting from global food insecurity. (902581)
- 21 **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): What steps he is taking to strengthen partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region. (902582)
- 22 **Naz Shah** (Bradford West): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (902583)
- 23 **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): What recent discussions he has had with his European counterparts on the potential recognition of a Palestinian state. (902584)
- 24 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): What steps he is taking to support peace and human rights in Colombia. [R] (902585)
- 25 **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): What recent discussions he has had with his international counterparts on antimicrobial resistance ahead of the UN General Assembly high-level meeting on that matter. (902586)

Topical Questions to the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

- T1 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (902587)
- T2 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): (902588)
- T3 **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): (902589)
- T4 **George Galloway** (Rochdale): (902590)
- T5 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): (902591)
- T6 **Chris Stephens** (Glasgow South West): (902592)

T7	Patricia Gibson (North Ayrshire and Arran):	(902593)
T8	Anna Firth (Southend West):	(902594)
T9	Rob Butler (Aylesbury):	(902595)
T10	Claire Hanna (Belfast South):	(902596)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 1 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the news story entitled Cabinet Office Minister writes to councils over spending on Trade Union facility time, published by his Department on 10 April 2024, which local authorities were sent the letter. (23594)
- 2N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the news story entitled Cabinet Office Minister writes to councils over spending on Trade Union facility time, published by his Department on 10 April 2024, how many hours of civil servants' time were used on the formulation of the (a) research, (b) letter and (c) associated press release. (23595)
- 3N **Sir David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her planned timescale is for ambulance service data to be active on the Federated Data Platform for use by participating hospital trusts. (23379)
- 4N **Sir David Davis** (Haltemprice and Howden): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data sets will flow into the Federated Data Platform; and what her planned timetable is for each of those data sets to be (a) visible and (b) in use on the Federated Data Platform by participating hospital trusts. (23380)
- 5N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information his Department holds on the number for fire fighting (a) appliances and (b) vehicles owned by the Fire and Rescue Service over the last five financial years, by each region. (23593)
- 6N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help tackle parental alienation. (23537)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 2 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how many staff in his Department were based in the Republic of India as of 15 April 2024. (23636)