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Questions tabled on Tuesday 30 April 2024

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 1 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps his Department is taking with local authorities to help tackle the illicit tobacco trade. (24094) [Transferred]

Questions for Answer on Thursday 2 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the average percentage of trade union members (a) voting in ballots and (b) voting in favour of industrial action in each month of 2023. (24297)
- 2 **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on how many industrial ballots did not meet the threshold set by the Trade Union Act 2016 for strike action in each month of 2023. (24298)
- 3 **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the average number of workdays lost in each strike action in each month in 2023. (24299)
- 4 **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the number of industrial ballots submitted by trade unions in each industrial sector in each month of 2024. (24300)

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- 5 **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department holds data on (a) the average proportion of trade union members (i) voting in ballots and (ii) voting in favour of industrial action in each month of 2024; and the number of industrial ballots that did not meet the threshold required for strike action under the Trade Union Act 2016 in the first quarter of 2024. (24301)
- 6 **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the average number of workdays lost in each strike action in each (a) week and (b) month of 2024 as of 30 April 2024. (24302)
- 7 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 22 April 2024 to Question 21236 on Livestock: Exports, if he will make an assessment of the reasons for the change since 2020. (24290)
- 8 **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many times her Department has taken enforcement action against businesses for non-compliance with minimum wage legislation in each financial year since 2015. (24254)
- 9 **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, in how many cases businesses in Wales were found to be non-compliant with minimum wage legislation in each year since 2019. (24255)
- 10 **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many employers in Wales her Department named as being non-compliant with minimum wage legislation in each year since 2019. (24256)
- 11 **Jo Stevens** (Cardiff Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many minimum wage investigations did HMRC conclude in each financial year since 2019 in Wales. (24257)
- 12 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had recent discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority on the potential lessons it has learnt from the collapse of Football Index. (24238)
- 13 **Martyn Day** (Linlithgow and East Falkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the requirement for Academy schools to provide parents with an annual report of their child's progress. (24264)
- 14 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the potential impact of free school meals on educational attainment. (24191)
- 15 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions her Department has had with the Department for Education in Northern Ireland on special educational needs training for teachers. (24239)

- 16 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to increase access to electrical appliance repair and reuse skills training. (24275)
- 17 **Nickie Aiken** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to help support people who require entry to a neighbour's property for the purpose of recording their energy meter readings. (24324)
- 18N **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when she plans to respond to the consultation entitled Empowering drivers and boosting competition in the road fuel retail market, published on 16 January 2024. (24278)
- 19 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the Government Response to the consultation entitled Proposed amendments to the Boiler Upgrade Scheme Regulations, published on 14 March 2024, how many and what proportion of responses supported the proposal to cease requiring grant applicants to comply with any fabric-related Energy Performance Certificate recommendations. (24279)
- 20 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to Table 16 of the Impact Assessment for the Carbon Budget Order 2021, published on 16 April 2021, if she will publish an annual undiscounted table of the costs and benefits of each option. (24347)
- 21 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of extending right to repair rules to include all electrical products. (24274)
- 22 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate he has made of his Department's spending on agricultural payment schemes in the financial year 2022-2023. (24213)
- 23 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications were (a) made and (b) rejected to access funding under schemes within the flood recovery framework in the last two years; what total amount was that has been paid out through the flood recovery framework; and how many and what proportion of applicants received the maximum pay out of £25,000 under the flood recovery framework. (24355)
- 24 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many applications to have beavers introduced under the wildlife licensing scheme, CL50, have been (a) made and (b) accepted. (24214)

- 25 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a legal definition of vegetarianism. (24339)
- 26 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing guidance for (a) food manufacturers and (b) hospitality venues serving food on the definition of vegetarianism. (24340)
- 27 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how his Department defines vegetarian food; and whether restaurants using the same gloves to prepare food for (a) vegetarians and (b) non-vegetarians are defined as vegetarian. (24341)
- 28 **Jane Hunt** (Loughborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he expects the bovine tuberculosis vaccine to be deployed. (24342)
- 29 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timescales are for publishing the results of the consultation entitled The Fur Market in Great Britain, which closed on 31 May 2021. (24222)
- 30 **Henry Smith** (Crawley): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his expected timetable is for reviewing the use of cages for laying hens. (24223)
- 31N **Dan Jarvis** (Barnsley Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 17 April 2024 to Question 902272 on Disinformation, how many information threats the Defending Democracy Taskforce has responded to. [Transferred] (24046)
- 32 **Anthony Mangnall** (Totnes): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the Answer of 22 April 2024 to Question 21381 on Telemedicine: Older People, whether her Department undertook an economic impact assessment of Public Switched Telephone Network migration. (24325)
- 33N **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether she has had recent discussions with UK-based companies on trends in the level of cyber security jobs moved abroad. [Transferred] (24011)
- 34 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether officials in his Department have had recent discussions with Cross Country trains on plans to add additional stops at Worcestershire Parkway station on their Bristol to Manchester services. (24235)
- 35 **Jack Brereton** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing funding for an awareness campaign to help tackle negative perceptions over the long-term (a) viability and (b) reliability of second-hand electric vehicles. (24291)

- 36 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he is taking steps to help (a) ensure that regulations on cost-sharing flights do not disproportionately affect the general aviation community, (b) support pilots in meeting potential new regulatory requirements and (c) minimise the (i) financial and (ii) operational costs of meeting those requirements. (24288)
- 37 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the Feedback on Proposed changes to the advertising element of the cost sharing regulations, published on 29 February 2024, what stakeholder consultations on the proposed changes to cost-sharing regulations were undertaken by the Civil Aviation Authority; and if he will make it his policy to ensure that (a) all relevant stakeholders and (b) general aviation organisations are consulted before the proposed changes are finalised. (24289)
- 38 **Sir Oliver Heald** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many blue badges were issued due to children having a medical condition in 2023. (24177)
- 39 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make it his policy to require National Highways to publish all the full business cases for road schemes that have been produced since January 2020. (24220)
- 40 **Justin Madders** (Ellesmere Port and Neston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the level of competition in the fuel distribution services industry. (24253)
- 41 **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many meetings a Universal Support scheme participant has with their personal adviser on average (a) prior to employment and (b) when in post; and what proportion of those meetings are (i) online and (ii) in person. (24197)
- 42 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to Q9 of the oral evidence by Gareth Parry to the Work and Pensions Committee on 17 April 2024, HC 697, whether the Work and Health Programme will end in November 2024. (24265)
- 43 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent progress his Department has made towards the full rollout of the Universal Support programme. (24266)
- 44 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many disabled people have been supported into work by the Universal Support programme as of 30 April 2024. (24267)
- 45 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what national specialist employment support his Department plans to provide for disabled people, in the context of the planned ending of funding for the Work and Health Programme. (24268)

- 46 **Sir Oliver Heald** (North East Hertfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many claims for (a) Disability Living Allowance and (b) the Personal Independence Payment were made for children in the last 12 months. (24176)
- 47N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing paramedics to certify Med3 Fit Notes. [Transferred] (24025)
- 48 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on the number of people who were claiming (a) Employment Support Allowance and (b) out of work Universal Credit where their main disabling condition was (i) attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, (ii) anxiety and depression and (iii) autistic spectrum disorders, in each month since November 2008. (24294)
- 49 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on the number of people who were claiming (a) Disability Living Allowance and (b) Personal Independence Payment where their main disabling condition was (i) attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, (ii) anxiety and depression and (iii) autistic spectrum disorders, in each month since November 2008. (24295)
- 50 **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of making Group B Strep a notifiable disease on the (a) prevention and (b) treatment of this infection in newborns. (24343)
- 51 **Siobhan Baillie** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what systems her Department has in place to (a) track and (b) report cases of Group B Strep infection; and if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of making Group B Strep a notifiable disease on those systems. (24344)
- 52 **Andrew Bridgen** (North West Leicestershire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will publish a list of medical professionals (a) warned, (b) suspended and (c) with attempted suspensions for raising concerns over (i) covid-19 treatments and (ii) the pandemic response. (24241)
- 53 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of including carers in the eligibility criteria for the Spring 2024 Covid Vaccination Programme. (24326)
- 54 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to her policy paper entitled Faster, simpler and fairer: our plan to recover and reform NHS dentistry, published on 7 February 2024, when she plans to open her planned consultation with the dental profession on reforming the contract to make NHS work more attractive. (24216)

- 55 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of trends in levels of morale in the dental profession; and what steps her Department is taking to retain dentists. (24217)
- 56 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number of children unable to access NHS dentistry in England; and whether she has set a target date by which all children in England will be able to access an NHS dentist. (24218)
- 57 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will hold discussions with (a) Healthwatch England and (b) other relevant stakeholders on the potential impact of the change to the requirement for practices to update the NHS website on whether they are accepting NHS patients to include the phrase when availability allows on the accuracy of reporting of NHS dental access; and what proportion of dental practices are updating their websites in line with that requirement. (24219)
- 58 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to her Department's Women's Health Strategy for England, published in August 2022, if she will publish a timeline for the commitments made to female same-sex couples on (a) intrauterine insemination and (b) IVF treatment in all integrated care boards. (24221)
- 59 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate she has made of the number of admissions to hospital due to alcohol poisoning in the last five years. (24236)
- 60 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding her Department has allocated to prostate cancer research in the last 5 years. (24240)
- 61 **Andrew Western** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending independent prescribing responsibilities to dietitians. (24351)
- 62 **Andrew Western** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of commissioning research on the potential impact on patient care of granting independent prescribing responsibilities to dietitians. (24352)
- 63 **Andrew Western** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether officials in her Department have had discussions with (a) the British Dietetic Association and (b) other relevant stakeholders on the potential extension of independent prescribing responsibilities to dietitians. (24353)

- 64 **Andrew Western** (Stretford and Urmston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that the prescribing responsibilities of (a) dietitians and (b) other allied health professionals are regularly (i) reviewed and (ii) updated to reflect potential (A) advances in healthcare and (B) patient needs. (24354)
- 65 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how much and what proportion of funding announced at the pledging conferences for (a) Sudan and (b) Ethiopia is new; and how will that funding be released. (24245)
- 66 **Angela Crawley** (Lanark and Hamilton East): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the operation of the rule of law in Rwanda. (24263)
- 67 **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he has taken to prevent the transit of items in circumvention of UK sanctions (a) to and (b) from (i) Russia and (ii) Belarus via third countries. (24243)
- 68 **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what his (a) process and (b) timetable is for engaging with (i) governments and (ii) elected representatives on his Department's upcoming strategy refresh on the Overseas Territories. (24244)
- 69 **Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, pursuant to the Answer of 26 April 2024 to Question 22287 on Gaza: Aid Workers and with reference to the investigation by the IDF which reported on 5 April 2024, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of that investigation into the killing of seven World Central Kitchen aid workers on 1 April 2024. (24215)
- 70 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking to support the local delivery of humanitarian aid in Ukraine. (24225)
- 71 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he is taking steps to support anti-corruption bodies in Ukraine prior to post-war reconstruction. (24227)
- 72 **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he is taking to maintain international support for (a) humanitarian aid and (b) reconstruction in Ukraine. (24228)
- 73 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to support the Philippines in their enforcement of territorial waters. (24276)
- 74 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what recent diplomatic steps he has taken to support freedom of navigation in the South China Sea. (24277)

- 75 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to his answer of 30 April 2024 to Question 23225 on Visas: Families, how many staff have been (a) recruited and (b) re-deployed to his Department's Family and Human Rights Unit. (24252)
- 76 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance his Department issues to the police on their role in investigating allegations of bribery in local council operations; and what support his Department provides to local forces handling such cases. (24283)
- 77 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how resources are allocated to police forces for investigating (a) corruption and (b) bribery allegations in local councils. (24284)
- 78 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidelines his Department issues to (a) local authorities and (b) police forces for handling allegations of bribery and corruption in council operations. (24285)
- 79 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what protections are in place for whistle-blowers in local government. (24286)
- 80 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on allegations of bribery in property development approvals in Slough. (24287)
- 81 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to stop sham marriages and civil partnerships. (24180)
- 82 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent estimate he has made of the number of applications to stay in the UK that are made on the basis of a sham marriage or civil partnership. (24181)
- 83 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been affected by merged identities in the Person Centric Data Platform. (24183)
- 84 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he has taken to mitigate potential delays in visa application processing for people affected by merged identities. (24184)
- 85 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been affected by merged identities created in the Identity Document Linking change. (24185)

- 86N **Mr David Jones** (Clwyd West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has held recent discussions with the European Commission on the implications for the timing of the EU Entry/Exit System on delays at (a) UK and (b) EU (i) ports, (ii) railway stations and (iii) airports. [Transferred] (24008)
- 87N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help prevent the Irish government from returning illegal migrants across the border to Northern Ireland. [Transferred] (24010)
- 88 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he is taking steps to help ensure that people with indefinite leave to remain that was granted before the digitisation of his Department's records are able to prove their immigration status when travelling. (24272)
- 89 **Catherine West** (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many hotels that were previously used to provide accommodation for asylum seekers and subsequently closed by his Department have subsequently been reopened for that purpose. (24273)
- 90 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment his Department has made of the impact of no recourse to public funds on (a) children from black and ethnic minority backgrounds and (b) children with British citizenship who have parents that were born outside the UK. (24333)
- 91 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department has made a recent estimate of the financial support it can offer local authorities in Wales to support them with the costs of the no recourse to public funds restriction. (24334)
- 92 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to Royal Naval Armaments Depot, Coulport 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. (24303)
- 93 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Royal Naval Armaments Depot in Coulport. (24304)
- 94 **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 Royal Naval Armaments Depot in Coulport since April 2022. (24305)
- 95 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to Cambrai Barracks 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. (24309)

- 96 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to Vimy Barracks 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. (24310)
- 97 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to Piave and Bapaume Barracks 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. (24311)
- 98 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to Alma Barracks 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. (24312)
- 99 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel were based at Cambrai Barracks as of 29 April 2024. (24313)
- 100 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel were based at Vimy Barracks as of 29 April 2024. (24314)
- 101 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel were based at Piave and Bapaume Barracks as of 29 April 2024. (24315)
- 102 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel were based at Alma Barracks as of 29 April 2024. (24316)
- 103 **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 Cambrai Barracks since April 2022. (24317)
- 104 **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 Vimy Barracks since April 2022. (24318)
- 105 **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 Piave and Bapaume Barracks since April 2022. (24319)
- 106 **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 Alma Barracks since April 2022. (24320)

- 107 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people have been prosecuted in relation to sham marriages or civil partnerships that have taken place for the purpose of remaining in the UK since 2019. (24182)
- 108 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of trends in the number of convictions for class (a) A and (b) B drug possession in the last five years. (24237)
- 109 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help increase access to legal aid for immigration and asylum cases in Wales. (24328)
- 110 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of trends in the level of legal aid provision in Wales. (24329)
- 111 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps he is taking to ensure that (a) unaccompanied children and (b) other asylum seekers can access legal aid services in Wales. (24330)
- 112 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of taking steps to increase the (a) recruitment and (b) training of immigration solicitors and advisors in Wales. (24331)
- 113 **Beth Winter** (Cynon Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that people without the means to pay are able to access legal (a) advice and (b) representation for social welfare matters in Wales. (24332)
- 114 **Jack Brereton** (Stoke-on-Trent South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reintroducing the expensive car supplement for electric vehicles at a higher threshold in the context of their relative price compared to petrol and diesel vehicles. (24292)
- 115 **Sir Mark Hendrick** (Preston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his fiscal policies of the report by Oxfam International entitled *Inequality Inc.*, published on 15 January 2024. (24190)
- 116N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of deferring eligibility for Agricultural Property Relief for all environmental land management schemes on the estates of (a) landowners and (b) farmers who will die prior to 6 April 2025. [Transferred] (24166)
- 117 **Christian Wakeford** (Bury South): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the implications for his policies of the workplace culture at the Financial Conduct Authority. (24349)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 7 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Michael Fabricant** (Lichfield): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 29 April 2024 to Question 23369 on Government Departments: Press, how much and what proportion of total Government expenditure on communications activities was with independent (a) broadcast media and (b) web-based only news media, including those that are members of the Independent Community News Network, in the last 12 months for which data is available. (24179)
- 2N **Daniel Kawczynski** (Shrewsbury and Atcham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to Western Sahara Campaign UK v Secretary of State for International Trade & Anor. [2022] EWHC 3108 (Admin), when UK Export Finance will provide credit for British businesses operating in Western Sahara. (24212)
- 3N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure that (a) care leavers and (b) children in care are given placements as close as possible to (i) extended family members and (ii) others with whom they have important personal relationships. (24204)
- 4N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children in care were moved more than 20 miles away from their home in the 2022-23 financial year; and what steps she is taking to help reduce this number in future years. (24205)
- 5N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to his Department's statistical publication of 16 November 2023, what information his Department holds on the reasons for which children in care were in a placement more than 20 miles from their home in 2023. (24206)
- 6N **Sir Greg Knight** (East Yorkshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on ensuring that the concerns of objectors are considered during the development of new onshore wind projects. (24198)
- 7N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to require veterinarians to (a) record and (b) publish information on all animals they euthanise. (24337)
- 8N **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool, West Derby): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps to implement mandatory reporting by veterinarians of the euthanasia of (a) healthy and (b) otherwise treatable animals. (24338)

- 9N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether the basis on which the Common User Charge is levied will be set out in (a) regulations or (b) guidance. (24230)
- 10N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 22 April 2024 to Question 21634 on Inland Border Facilities: Ashford, whether (a) the designation decision has been taken and (b) Sevington has been designated as a border control post. (24231)
- 11N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Border Target Operating Model, if he will establish a (a) complaints and (b) appeals process for importers who feel they have been charged a higher sum under the Common User Charge than they are liable for. (24232)
- 12N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance his Department issues on the language in which vets in EU nations must complete health certificates for goods imported into the UK under the Border Target Operating Model. (24233)
- 13N **Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many consignments entering the UK under the Border Target Operating Model have (a) had their documentation checked when entering the UK and (b) not had the correct documentation since 1 February 2024. (24234)
- 14N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's consultation entitled Modern leasehold: restricting ground rent for existing leases, closed on 17 January 2024, whether he plans to reduce ground rents. (24174)
- 15N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will take steps to encourage broadband provider competition in Wigan. (24229)
- 16N **Mike Amesbury** (Weaver Vale): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his Department's timescales are for making Local Transport Fund payments to local authorities. (24293)
- 17N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether his Department has had discussions with Avanti West Coast on the closure of the ticket office at Euston railway station. (24335)
- 18N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield, Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average timescale is for an Access to Work application. (24348)
- 19N **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate he has made of the number of people that have been helped into work by the Universal Support scheme since 13 September 2023. (24192)

- 20N **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have been (a) identified through and (b) referred to the Universal Support scheme by (i) work coaches and (ii) contracted providers since 13 September 2023. (24193)
- 21N **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, which organisations are contracted providers to identify and refer potential participants for the Universal Support scheme; and how many participants each of those contracted providers has referred onto that scheme. (24194)
- 22N **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on the sectors of employment that people have successfully moved into after having participated in the Universal Support scheme. (24195)
- 23N **Dame Angela Eagle** (Wallasey): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what data his Department holds on the proportion of Universal Support scheme participants who (a) have successfully moved into employment since that scheme's introduction and (b) are still employed. (24196)
- 24N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many Universal Credit claimants have been identified as (a) serving and (b) having served in the armed forces for the latest assessment period. (24186)
- 25N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of the assessment of lead ammunition restrictions by the Health and Safety Executive between March 2021 and 2024. (24202)
- 26N **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham, Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when she plans to publish a response to her Department's consultation on Mandating quit information messages inside tobacco packs, which closed on 10 October 2023. (24280)
- 27N **Peter Kyle** (Hove): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to her Department's press release entitled AI to speed up lung cancer diagnosis deployed in NHS hospitals, published on 30 October 2023, how many of the NHS trusts listed have (a) received funding and (b) rolled out AI tools to speed up the diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer. (24269)
- 28N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many never events occurred in each NHS Trust in each year since 2019. (24246)
- 29N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many physician associates have been employed in each NHS Trust in each year since 2019. (24247)

- 30N **Caroline Nokes** (Romsey and Southampton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many learning disability nurse vacancies there are as of 30 April 2024. (24224)
- 31N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to reduce vacancies on the New Hospitals Programme. (24258)
- 32N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, What steps she is taking to help increase (a) internal expertise and (b) capacity in the New Hospitals Programme in (i) technical design and (ii) programme delivery. (24259)
- 33N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, What steps she is taking to improve staff retention on the New Hospitals Programme. (24260)
- 34N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, What assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the roll out of the Government's Projects Academy for staff working on the New Hospitals Programme. (24261)
- 35N **Karin Smyth** (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make it her policy to publish the informative learning and feedback from the Innovative Devices Access Pathway pilot. (24262)
- 36N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the report from the Patient Safety Commissioner entitled The Hughes Report: Options for redress for those harmed by valproate and pelvic mesh, published on 7 February 2024, whether she is taking steps to implement the recommendation that women treated with mesh should be compensated. (24175)
- 37N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the annual cost to her Department is of contracts with Elysium Healthcare (a) nationally and (b) in Cheshire. (24188)
- 38N **Derek Twigg** (Halton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions her Department has had with Elysium Healthcare on continuing its contract following the inquest into the death of Liam McGenity. (24189)
- 39N **Stephen Doughty** (Cardiff South and Penarth): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, when he plans to publish the agenda for the European Political Community meeting to be hosted by the UK on 18 July 2024; and whether he has had discussions with his counterpart in Hungary on its priorities for the meeting that it will host on 7 November 2024. (24242)
- 40N **Lisa Nandy** (Wigan): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, if he will take steps to increase third-party (a) monitoring and (b) auditing of UK (i) aid and (ii) financial guarantees to Ukraine. (24226)

- 41N **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has made representations to the Qatari government on allegations of (a) mistreatment and (b) torture made by Manuel Avina Guerrero. (24327)
- 42N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 26 April 2024 to Question 23170 on Asylum: Rwanda, how many field visits within Rwanda by the Monitoring Committee of the Migration and Economic Development Partnership have been scheduled for 2024. (24207)
- 43N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many women and girls have arrived in the UK via small boats in each year since 2018. (24208)
- 44N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the level of risk to women and girls arriving in the UK via small boats of trafficking for sexual exploitation in 2024. (24209)
- 45N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people were employed by his Department as of 30 April 2024. (24210)
- 46N **Dame Diana Johnson** (Kingston upon Hull North): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 26 April 2024 to Question 23168 on Asylum: Rwanda, what detention capacity the Home Office had on 24 April (a) 2023, (b) 2024, (c) 2021 and (d) 2020. (24211)
- 47N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 12 December 2023 to Question 5799 on Visas: Gaza, if he will make an updated assessment of the potential merits of establishing a family reunification visa scheme for people in Gaza. (24270)
- 48N **Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of routes available to people in Gaza to join families in the UK. (24271)
- 49N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average time taken was for the conclusion of an application for a voluntary return through the Voluntary Returns Service in (a) Wales and (b) the UK, in the most recent period for which data is available. (24199)
- 50N **Hywel Williams** (Arfon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment he has made of the (a) financial and (b) other impacts of delays in assessing voluntary return applications by the Voluntary Returns Service on applicants remaining in the UK. (24200)

- 51N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 29 April 2024 to Question 23368 on Armed Forces: Mefloquine, how many of the common law claims have been resolved; and how many unresolved common law claims are the subject of continuing legal action. (24178)
- 52N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has a joint unit with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on Ukraine. (24187)
- 53N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to RM Bickleigh 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. (24306)
- 54N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel were based at RM Bickleigh as of 30 April 2024. (24307)
- 55N **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 RM Bickleigh since April 2022. (24308)
- 56N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 29 April 2024 to Question 22653 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many service personnel were living in grade (a) one, (b) two, (c) three and (d) below grade four single living accommodation in (i) each region of the UK and (ii) overseas as of 18 April 2024. (24321)
- 57N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 29 April 2024 to Question 22653 on Armed Forces: Housing, how many service personnel were living in grade four service accommodation overseas as of 18 April 2024. (24322)
- 58N **Janet Daby** (Lewisham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what the average number of hours spent out of their cell by inmates was on (a) weekdays and (b) weekend days in each young offender institution in March 2024. (24323)
- 59N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the speech entitled Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's statement on the plan to stop the boats, published by the Prime Minister's office on 22 April 2024, what the evidential basis is for the statement that the judiciary have identified 150 judges who could provide over 5,000 sitting days to deal with challenges to the removal of asylum seekers from the UK under the provisions of the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act 2024. (24250)
- 60N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent discussions he has had with the (a) Lady Chief Justice and (b) Senior President of Tribunals on the deployment of judges to deal with cases specifically related to the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act 2024. (24251)

61N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent estimate he has made of when the online system for (a) checking the completeness of National Insurance records and (b) paying top ups will be launched. [Transferred] (23953)

62N **Sir Bill Wiggin** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what his policy is on open finance. (24201)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 8 May

Questions for Written Answer

1N **Bob Seely** (Isle of Wight): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on how many trade union ballots in each industrial sector there were in each month of 2023. (24296)

2N **Kerry McCarthy** (Bristol East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the oral answer of 29 April 2024 by the Minister for Children, Families and Wellbeing to Question 902545, Official Report, columns 32-33, if she will publish an update on the Youth Endowment Fund's schools-based work to reduce children's involvement in crime following the Minister's meeting with the Director of that Fund on 30 April 2024. (24203)

3N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking with the UK Embassy in Colombia to support the peace talks between the Colombian government and the Segunda Marquetalia. (24350)

4N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle drug-related offences in (a) Cumbria and (b) England. (24345)

5N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Penrith and The Border): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the ban on nitrous oxide canisters on levels of illegal nitrous oxide use. (24346)

6N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information his Department holds on the number of asylum seekers that have (a) entered the Republic of Ireland by crossing the land border from Northern Ireland and (b) been returned to the UK from the Republic of Ireland at the request of the Irish Government in the most recent period for which figures are available. (24249)

Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Wales

- 1 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): What recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the impact of the 20mph speed limit on residential roads and pedestrian streets in Wales on road users. (902647)
 - 2 **Mr Barry Sheerman** (Huddersfield): What discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the biodiversity of Welsh rivers and streams. (902648)
 - 3 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the cost of living in Wales. (902649)
 - 4 **Philip Dunne** (Ludlow): What discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the River Wye Action Plan. (902650)
 - 5 **Theresa Villiers** (Chipping Barnet): What recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on NHS waiting times. (902651)
 - 6 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): What recent discussions he has had with the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport on the impact of the 20mph speed limit on residential roads and pedestrian streets in Wales on road users. (902652)
 - 7 **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): What steps he is taking to help support victims of crime in Wales. (902653)
 - 8 **Wayne David** (Caerphilly): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the cost of living in Wales (902654)
 - 9 **Dr Luke Evans** (Bosworth): What recent discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on the impact of the 20mph speed limit on residential roads and pedestrian streets in Wales on road users. (902655)
 - 10 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the future of the steelmaking industry in Wales. [R] (902656)
 - 11 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the future of the steelmaking industry in Wales. (902657)
 - 12 **Patrick Grady** (Glasgow North): What recent assessment he has made of the impact of increases in the cost of living on people in Wales. (902658)
 - 13 **Ruth Jones** (Newport West): What steps he is taking to help support victims of crime in Newport West constituency. (902659)
 - 14 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for the rural economy in Wales. (902660)
 - 15 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): What recent discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on the cost of living in Wales. (902661)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 9 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Navendu Mishra** (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department carried out impact assessments prior to its decision to delay the implementation of the Employment (Allocation of Tips) Act 2023. (24336)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 13 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support sports clubs engaged in (a) swimming, (b) surfing, (c) angling, (d) canoeing and (e) other water sports who have impacted by water pollution and sewage discharges. (24281)
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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 14 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what discussions he has had with banks on the potential impact of the removal of mobile bank services on people in (a) Bonar Bridge, (b) Lairg, (c) Helmsdale and (d) Dornoch. (24282)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 15 May

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Stephen Kinnock** (Aberavon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether there are (a) formal and (b) informal arrangements between the UK and Republic of Ireland governments on the (i) provision of biometric and other data on asylum seekers and (ii) removal of asylum seekers from the Republic of Ireland to the UK. (24248)