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# **Questions tabled on Thursday 16 May 2024**

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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

## Questions for Answer on Friday 17 May

#### **Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will hold discussions with (a) the Chancellor of the Exchequer and (b) other Cabinet colleagues on duty-free shopping in Northern Ireland airports when travelling to and from destinations in the EU.

  [Transferred] (26080)
- 2 **Emma Hardy** (Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the average contribution of international students to the economy in each of the last five years. [Transferred] (26579)
- Sir Bill Wiggin (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2024 on the incomes of farmers.

  [Transferred] (26372)
- 4 Andrew Lewer (Northampton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, pursuant to the Answer of 19 April 2024 to Question 21211 on Ground Rent, whether his Department plans to make contingencies for the payment of (a) compensation and (b) legal fees that could be required for loss of income as a result of a ground rent cap. [Transferred] (26596)

6 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps the Government is taking to support women to stay in employment when managing menopausal symptoms. [Transferred] (26623)

## Questions for Answer on Monday 20 May

#### **Questions for Written Answer**

- Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Attorney General, pursuant to the Answer of 16 May 2024 to Question 25822 on War Crimes: Gaza and with reference to paragraph 2.13 of the Ministerial Code, updated on 22 December 2022, if she will hold discussions with the Prime Minister on the potential merits of using her authority to publish summaries of advice provided to him on alleged war crimes in Gaza since 1 April 2024.
- 2N **Dawn Butler** (Brent Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the 10 pilot programs are that have been funded through the Incubator for AI.

  [Transferred] (26373)
- Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent steps her Department has taken to help support (a) pubs, (b) restaurants, (c) cafes and (d) other parts of the hospitality sector. (26779)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits for (a) businesses and (b) workers of introducing paid carers leave. (26761)
- 5N Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the decision by the United States to impose a 50% tariff on Chinese made solar cells.

  [Transferred] (26288)
- 6N Alicia Kearns (Rutland and Melton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a 50% tariff on Chinese-made solar cells in the context of US tariff policy. [Transferred] (26289)
- 7 **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of introducing licensing for funeral directors. (26670)
- Deidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) reducing and (b) abolishing VAT on (i) maintenance and (ii) energy-efficiency improvements on historic and cultural buildings. (26695)

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- 9 **Deidre Brock** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will provide additional financial support to help the creative sector meet (a) energy and (b) maintenance costs. (26696)
- 10 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help (a) improve the quality of and (b) increase the affordability of childcare in (i) Wandsworth and (ii) the UK. (26772)
- Taiwo Owatemi (Coventry North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the Statutory Guidance on Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education will include (a) variations in sex characteristics and (b) intersex. (26764)
- 12 Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of the Ofgem Targeted Charging Review on the rollout of electric vehicle charge points. (26720)
- Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the deployment of electric vehicle charge points in rural areas. (26721)
- Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential (a) merits of introducing a standing charge relief for electric vehicle charge point operators and (b) impact of such a relief on the deployment of electric vehicle charge points in rural areas. (26722)
- Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent discussions her Department has had with industry stakeholders on the proposed Energy Bill Relief Scheme final reconciliation date in May 2024. (26723)
- Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed Energy Bill Relief Scheme final reconciliation date of May 2024 on the non-domestic energy sector in the (a) medium- and (b) long-term. (26724)
- 17 Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) including additional reconciliation windows until 2027 and (b) other alternative proposals to the proposed Energy Bill Relief Scheme final reconciliation date of May 2024. (26725)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many and what proportion of (a) cars and (b) other vehicles used by his Department were made in Britain. (26642)

19 **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage (a) farmers and (b) food producers use sustainable farming methods in Wellingborough constituency.

(26822)

- 20 **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what data his Department holds on the number of trees planted in Wellingborough constituency since 2010. (26823)
- Gen Kitchen (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help prevent off-road vehicles used for recreational purposes from causing damage to (a) farmland and (b) the countryside in Wellingborough constituency. (26824)
- 22 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support coastal habitats. (26729)
- 23 Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help support cockle fishing communities (a) around the Southport Cockle Bed and (b) in other areas.(26730)
- 24 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the sustainability of the cockle fisheries sector. (26731)
- Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent steps his Department has taken to protect (a) rural and (b) coastal communities at risk of flooding; and what steps he plans to take. (26732)
- 26 Charlotte Nichols (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the press release entitled Record number of new bathing sites get the go ahead, published on 13 May 2024, whether the new wild swimming spots will be safe to swim in 365 days a year. (26782)
- 27 Martin Vickers (Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 23 April 2024 to Question 21619, what his planned timetable is for (a) completing the Emission Factors for Domestic Solid Fuels Work Package 1 project and (b) assessing the implications for his policies of the outcomes from that project; and whether he plans to publish that assessment.
- Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) reduce the number of children in temporary accommodation and (b) increase the number of children living in secure tenancies. (26774)

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- 29 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what recent steps his Department has taken to (a) improve the quality of and (b) increase the number of outreach programmes for people facing street homelessness. (26775)
- 30 **Bob Blackman** (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what steps his Department plans to take to implement the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023. (26675)
- Bob Blackman (Harrow East): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
  Housing and Communities, with reference to his Department's consultation
  entitled Competence and Conduct Standard for social housing, published on
  6 February 2024, if he will take steps to extend the (a) competence and (b)
  mandatory qualification standards to residential property managers. (26676)
- Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how much funding his Department has provided to Slough Borough Council for social housing projects in each of the last five years.

  (26715)
- Gen Kitchen (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
  Housing and Communities, what steps his Department is undertaking to (a)
  protect and (b) enhance green spaces in Wellingborough constituency. (26807)
- Gen Kitchen (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
  Housing and Communities, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of
  the supply of adapted housing for (a) adults and (b) children with disabilities in
  Wellingborough constituency. (26808)
- Gen Kitchen (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, how many Help to Buy homeowners are waiting for a decision on a loan redemption application in (a) Wellingborough and (b) Northamptonshire. (26809)
- Gen Kitchen (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling
  Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of
  trends in the levels of people living in overcrowded housing in Wellingborough
  constituency. (26810)
- Gen Kitchen (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up,
  Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of trends
  in the prevalence of damp and mould in social housing in (a) Wellingborough
  constituency and (b) Northamptonshire. (26811)
- Gen Kitchen (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, if he will make an estimate of the proportion of houses in Wellingborough constituency that have an energy performance certificate rating of (a) A, (b) B, (c) C, (d) D and (e) E. (26812)

- Gen Kitchen (Wellingborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what support his Department provided to rough sleepers in Wellingborough constituency in Winter 2023-24; and what steps his Department plans to take for Winter 2024-25. (26813)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what data his Department holds on the number of leasehold homes that have been repossessed under forfeiture since 2010, by region.

  (26686)
- 41 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle digital exclusion.

  (26777)
- 42 **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce the use of animal testing in scientific research. (26728)
- 43 **Nick Fletcher** (Don Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he has made an assessment of the potential merits of altering the legislation to enable the Civil Aviation Authority to allow drones to be operated out of the line of sight by the (a) police and (b) armed forces. (26791)
- 44N Dame Andrea Jenkyns (Morley and Outwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with Uber on (a) passenger safety and (b) private hire and taxi laws.

  [Transferred] (26521)
- 45 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps his Department is taking to support innovation to make transport more accessible to deaf people. (26682)
- 46 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make an assessment of the reasons for trends in the level of the use of food banks in the last five years. (26778)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential impact of the level of paid carers leave on rates of economic activity. (26759)
- Wendy Chamberlain (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps he is taking to ensure that people over the age of 50 receive adequate support through the Back to Work Plan. (26760)
- 49 **Vicky Foxcroft** (Lewisham, Deptford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 15 May 2024 to Question 24972 on Universal Credit: Employment, what the criteria are for classifying people as live fit note (pre-wca).

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- Dean Russell (Watford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will make it his policy to amend Universal Credit regulations to take into account the 53-week rent year for 2024. (26788)
- Owen Thompson (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether his Department publishes statistics on response times for cases that have been sent to tribunals. (26704)
- Owen Thompson (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average response time is for cases that have been sent to tribunal. (26705)
- Owen Thompson (Midlothian): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what is the longest wait for a case to be heard at tribunal once referred.

  (26706)
- 54 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department is taking to help improve (a) research into treatments for and (b) (i) emotional and (ii) financial support for people living with pancreatic cancer. (26771)
- Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of offering breast cancer screening to women going through early menopause. (26776)
- Sir Philip Davies (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many responses were received to her Department's consultation entitled The disclosure of industry payments to the healthcare sector, which closed on 16 October 2023; and what her planned timetable is to respond to that consultation.
  (26667)
- Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many patients were referred to the Fracture Liaison Service with fragility fractures in each of the last five years; and what proportion of those patients were women over the age of 50.
- Carolyn Harris (Swansea East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of the women over the age of 50 that were referred to the Fracture Liaison Service with fragility fractures were (a) taking hormone replacement therapy (HRT) prior to their first fragility fracture and (b) prescribed HRT as part of their treatment after their first fragility fracture in each of the last five years.
- 59 Caroline Lucas (Brighton, Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 20 February 2023 to Question 142657 on Mental Health Services: Children and Young People, what progress has been made on work to (a) establish the feasibility and associated risks of introducing

new mental health waiting time standards for (i) adult's and (ii) children and young people's community-based mental health services and (b) support the development of a baseline position for waiting times. (26668)

- Alex Sobel (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps her Department have taken to reduce the time taken from initial presentation of symptoms to diagnosis of bipolar disorder. (26719)
- Rushanara Ali (Bethnal Green and Bow): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the UK's compliance with the UN Human Rights Council resolution on the Situation of human rights in Myanmar of 4 April 2024, A/HRC/55/L.17, in the context of the involvement of UK-based companies in supply chains delivering jet fuel to Myanmar that could be used by the military in that country.
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in (a) the US and (b) France on the war in Sudan since the start of that conflict. (26657)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, how many (a) people and (b) entities connected to the Rapid Support Forces in Sudan have been sanctioned by the UK Government. (26658)
- 64 John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what estimate his Department has made of the number of civilians killed in Sudan since the start of the civil war in that country. (26659)
- Michael Fabricant (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make it his policy to maintain routes to enable international students to (a) study and (b) make an economic contribution to the UK.
- Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
  Department, what progress his Department has made on ending the use of seaside hotels for housing asylum seekers. (26726)
- Alison Thewliss (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of people who have been served with notices of intent for removal to Rwanda are (a) women and (b) unaccompanied children. (26697)
- Alison Thewliss (Glasgow Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unaccompanied children are recorded as missing from asylum hotels as of 16 May 2024. (26698)
- 69 Catherine West (Hornsey and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether he has had recent discussions with representatives of the mobile phone industry on using technology to prevent stolen phones from being re-used.

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- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much funding his Department has (a) allocated to and (b) spent on the DragonFire programme. (26644)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many DragonFire systems are planned to enter service in the Royal Navy in (a) 2027, (b) 2028, (c) 2029 and (d) 2030. (26645)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his speech at the First Sea Lord's Sea Power conference on 14 May 2024, what the planned timetable is for the multi-role support ships reaching (a) initial and (b) full operating capability. (26647)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 16 December 2021 to Question 91847 on Navy:

  Shipping, what the whole life costs are for this programme. (26651)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many shipbuilding contracts have been awarded to industry since the National Shipbuilding Strategy Refresh was published. (26652)
- 75 John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many officials in his Department work on the Sudan desk as of 16 May 2024.
  (26653)
- 76 John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the UK defence attaché for Sudan is based. (26654)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many meetings Ministers in his Department have had with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on the civil war in Sudan. (26655)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has had discussions with his counterparts in (a) the US and (b) France on the war in Sudan since the start of that conflict. (26656)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether officials in his Department are supporting the work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to de-escalate the civil war in Sudan. (26660)
- John Healey (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department has a joint working group on Sudan with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. (26661)
- Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to increase value for money in procurement. (26735)
- Damien Moore (Southport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of procuring (CTOL) F-35A aircraft.

- 83 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as of May 2024. (26742)
- 84 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Normandy Barracks as of May 2024. (26743)
- 85 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at New Normandy Barracks as of May 2024.
  (26744)
- 86 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Saint Omer Barracks as of May 2024.
- 87 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Duchess of Kent Barracks as of May 2024. (26746)
- 88 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Browning Barracks as of May 2024.
- 89 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Thornhill Barracks as of May 2024.
- 90 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Provost Barracks as of May 2024. (26749)
- 91 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Ordnance Barracks as of May 2024. (26750)
- 92 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Mons Barracks as of May 2024.

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- 93 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Lille Barracks as of May 2024.

  (26752)
- 94 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Hammersley Barracks as of May 2024. (26753)

- 95 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Gibraltar Barracks as of May 2024. (26754)
- 96 Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Denison Barracks as of May 2024. (26755)
- 97 **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Combermere Barracks as of May 2024. (26756)
- 98 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent steps his Department has taken to improve the (a) practical and (b) emotional support provided to (i) families and (ii) other witnesses attending the Coroners' Courts.
- 99 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the (a) practical and (b) emotional support provided to (i) families and (ii) other witnesses attending the Coroners' Courts.
- 100 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department has had recent discussions with the Coroners Courts Support Service on taking steps to improve the (a) practical and (b) emotional support provided to (i) families and (ii) other witnesses attending the Coroners' Courts. (26767)
- 101 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent steps his Department has taken to help tackle delays at Coroners' Courts. (26768)
- 102 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made a recent assessment of the adequacy of legal aid provision for immigration cases. (26716)
- 103 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many prison officers have been investigated for drug smuggling in the last five years. (26717)
- 104 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of funding for criminal defence solicitors. (26718)
- 105 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what data his Department holds on the number of criminal legal aid firms that have ceased operations in each of the last 15 years. (26825)

- 106 Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many requests were completed by frontline HM Prison and Probation Service staff for prisoners to be exempted from the End of Custody Supervised Licence scheme in each month since October 2023; and how many and what proportion of these requests were granted by senior HM Prison and Probation Service managers. (26798)
- 107 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many qualified probation officers were in post at the end of March in each year since 2020.
- 108 Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what recent assessment he has made of the impact of the Target Operating Model on Divisional Sex Offender Units. (26800)
- 109 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many and what proportion of (a) cars and (b) other vehicles used by his Department were made in Britain. (26641)
- 110 Fleur Anderson (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many (a) promoters and (b) operators of schemes subject to the loan charge have been prosecuted. (26769)
- 111 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the number of people who will need to sell their home to pay the loan charge. (26770)
- 112 **Fleur Anderson** (Putney): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps his Department is taking to help support people on lower incomes. (26773)
- 113 **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what data his Department holds on the number of people in Wellingborough constituency who (a) paid national insurance contributions and (b) earned below £25,000 per year in financial year 2022-23. (26814)
- 114 **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many high street businesses in (a) Wellingborough constituency, (b) Northamptonshire and (c) England have closed in each of the last five years; and what plans he has for business rates in the next five years. (26815)
- 115 **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of bank closures on access to (a) cash and (b) in-person services in Wellingborough constituency. (26816)
- 116 **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the number of bank branches that have closed in (a) Wellingborough constituency and (b) Northamptonshire in each year since 2010.

(26817)

- **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps he is taking to help support people on lower incomes in Wellingborough constituency. (26818)
- **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will take steps to help ensure free access to cash (a) withdrawal and (b) deposit facilities in Wellingborough constituency. (26819)
- **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in mortgage interest rates on household disposable income in (a) Wellingborough constituency, (b)

  Northamptonshire and (c) England. (26820)
- **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of increases in the cost of living on trends in the number of (a) businesses at risk of insolvency and (b) people in debt in Wellingborough constituency; and what fiscal steps he is taking to support these (i) businesses and (ii) people.
- **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps he is taking to support coastal communities with tourism industries in summer 2024. (26733)
- **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps he is taking to support golf (a) courses and (b) clubs in Southport. (26734)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many and what proportion of (a) cars and (b) other vehicles used by his Department were made in Britain. (26640)
- **Damien Moore** (Southport): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps her Department is taking to help promote community cohesion in (a) towns and (b) cities. (26727)

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 21 May

#### **Questions for Written Answer**

1N Miss Sarah Dines (Derbyshire Dales): To ask the Attorney General, with reference to the Answer of 20 January 2023 to Question 125287 on Rape: Prosecutions, how many (a) completed prosecutions and (b) convictions there were for sexual offences in each quarter from the start of January 2005 to the end of September 2015.

- 2N **Miss Sarah Dines** (Derbyshire Dales): To ask the Attorney General, with reference to the Answer of 20 January 2023 to Question 125287 on Rape: Prosecutions, how many (a) completed prosecutions and (b) convictions there were for rape in each quarter from the start of January 2005 to the end of September 2015. (26790)
- 3N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 15 May 2024 to Question 25364 on Bahrain: Official Visits, whether any (a) Departments, (b) agencies and (c) public bodies were responsible for (i) arranging, (ii) coordinating and (iii) advising the meeting between Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HM the King on 3 May 2024. (26763)
- 4N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on making funding available to Leeds City Council to ensure the continuation of Little Owls nursery provision. (26664)
- 5N Seema Malhotra (Feltham and Heston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many funded enrolments there were on each of the courses for 16 to 19 year olds that will have funding withdrawn after 1 August 2024 in each financial year since 2021-22. (26685)
- 6N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of funding for schools in (a) Newcastle upon Tyne Central constituency, (b) Newcastle upon Tyne and (c) the North East since 2010.
- 7N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on the implementation of the National Kinship Care Strategy. (26804)
- 8N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on the implementation of the financial allowance pathfinder. (26805)
- 9N Alistair Strathern (Mid Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to announce the eight local authorities selected for the financial allowance pathfinder. (26806)
- 10N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what her planned timetable is for announcing the final revised budget for contracts for difference allocation round six. (26758)
- 11N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much revenue the Exchequer has received from the British Coal Staff Superannuation Fund since 1994. (26672)
- 12N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many former employees were recipients of the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme in (a) Easington constituency and (b) the UK in May 2024.

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- 13N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 14 November 2023 to Question 1095 on Mineworkers' Pension Scheme, if she will take steps to calculate how many of the 23,974 spouse/dependant pensioners in the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme reside in (a) Easington constituency and (b) the North East. (26674)
- 14N Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of social rented properties which do not include floor coverings in all habitable rooms on the health of tenants. (26801)
- 15N Helen Morgan (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, whether he has had discussions with (a) housing associations and (b) local authorities on the full provision of flooring social housing. (26802)
- 16N **Simon Lightwood** (Wakefield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 18 April 2024 to Question 21868 on Buses: Carbon Emissions, how many and what proportion of the buses allocated funding under the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas scheme 1 (a) are on the road in each local transport authority and (b) (i) have been and (ii) will be manufactured in the UK.
- 17N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment he has made of the (a) standard of wifi services provided by train operators, (b) trends in the standards of that service over the last three years and (c) effectiveness of incentives for train operators to provide high quality wifi services. (26680)
- 18N Chi Onwurah (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to table 6 of his Department's publication entitled Child Maintenance Service statistics: data to December 2023, published on 26 March 2024, how much child maintenance had not been paid and needed to be collected through Collect and Pay in (a) each nation, (b) each region and (c) Newcastle Central constituency as of 31 December 2023. (26681)
- 19N **Derek Thomas** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps his Department is taking to publicise the online system for (a) checking the completeness of National Insurance records and (b) paying voluntary National Insurance contributions. (26709)
- 20N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether her Department (a) has and (b) plans to provide funding for new treatments for ME or chronic fatigue syndrome. (26662)

- 21N Fabian Hamilton (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of NHS provision of specialist ME or chronic fatigue syndrome services; and if she will take steps to increase the number of clinicians who specialise in ME or chronic fatigue syndrome.
- 22N Karin Smyth (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of (a) CT and (b) MRI scanners have been in operation for longer than 10 years. (26699)
- 23N Karin Smyth (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many IT failures there have been at NHS trusts in each of the last five years. (26700)
- 24N Karin Smyth (Bristol South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many IT failures there have been at NHS trusts that affected clinical service delivery in each of the last five years. (26701)
- 25N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps he has taken to tackle the People's Republic of China's security and intelligence network operating in the UK in response to the arrest of three alleged spies. (26687)
- 26N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, what steps his Department is taking to ensure compliance with sanctions against Russia by (a) JCB and (b) other companies. (26688)
- 27N **Kenny MacAskill** (East Lothian): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, pursuant to the Answer of 14 May 2024 to Question 24574 on Bahrain: Political Prisoners, if he will list the individual human rights cases discussed with Bahrain Foreign Minister Al Zayani on 22 April 2024. (26762)
- 28N Michael Fabricant (Lichfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home
  Department, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for
  his policies of the report by the Migration Advisory Committee entitled Rapid
  review of the graduate route, published in May 2024; and whether he plans to
  implement each of the recommendations in full. (26638)
- 29N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to page 64 of the Migration Advisory Committee's report entitled, Rapid Review of the Graduate Route, published on 14 May 2024, if she will take steps to implement the recommendation on establishing a mandatory registration system for international recruitment agents and subagents.
- 30N Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to page 64 of the Migration Advisory Committee's report entitled, Rapid Review of the Graduate Route, published on 14 May 2024,

- if she will take steps to implement the recommendation on requiring universities to publish data on (a) their spend on recruitment agents and (b) the number of international students recruited through such agents. (26712)
- 31N Nadia Whittome (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will implement a visa scheme to enable Palestinian children to receive critical medical treatment in the UK. (26792)
- 32N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much he plans to allocate to spending on defence R&D in each year to 2030.

  (26643)
- 33N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his speech at the First Sea Lord's Sea Power conference on 14 May 2024, how much funding his Department has allocated for the construction of six new multi-role support ships. (26646)
- 34N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his speech at the First Sea Lord's Sea Power conference on 14 May 2024, what the planned in-service date is for the multi-role support ships. (26648)
- 35N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what is the average salary was for service staff at each Royal Fleet Auxilliary rank in each year since 2010. (26649)
- 36N **John Healey** (Wentworth and Dearne): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 16 December 2021 to Question 91847 on Navy:

  Shipping, whether that contract has now been awarded. (26650)
- 37N 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 Aldershot Garrison since April 2022. (26737)
- 38N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many service personnel are based at Aldershot Garrison as of May 2024.
- 39N Luke Pollard (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to Aldershot Garrison 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. (26739)
- 40N **Luke Pollard** (Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many callouts have been made to Royal Military Academy Sandhurst 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.

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- 41N 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 Military Academy Sandhurst since April 2022. (26741)
- 42N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the secondment of police officers to cover shifts in Wandsworth Prison in the last 30 days. (26710)
- 43N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many appearances in magistrates courts were delayed on (a) 15 and (b) 16 May 2024 as part of Operation Early Dawn. (26690)
- 44N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an assessment of the potential risk to public safety of Operation Early Dawn. (26691)
- 45N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether his Department consulted representatives of (a) magistrates and (b) solicitors before implementing Operation Early Dawn. (26692)
- 46N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether beds of prisoners who have been released on temporary licence are counted as available for the purposes of determining capacity. (26693)
- 47N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many vacancies there are in the probation service by region. (26694)
- 48N **Dave Doogan** (Angus): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of steps taken by (a) his Department and (b) the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero on ensuring that the Contracts for Difference Allocation Round 6 delivers more offshore wind capacity than Allocation Round 5.
- 49N James Murray (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many incidents of tax fraud involving (a) the VAT484 form and (b) other paper forms HMRC has recorded in each of last five financial years; and what the (i) total and (ii) average value of those incidents is.
- 50N **James Murray** (Ealing North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on what date (a) he and (b) HMRC first became aware of fraud involving the VAT484 form; and what steps he is taking to tackle such fraud. (26781)

# Questions for Answer on Wednesday 22 May

#### **Questions for Written Answer**

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- 1N Alison McGovern (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to his Department's statistics entitled Fraud and error in the benefit system, Financial Year Ending (FYE) 2024, published on 16 May 2024, how much of the £7.4 billion overpayment due to fraud is due to serious and organised crime.
- 2N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what definition his Department uses for serious and organised crime. (26678)
- 3N Liz Twist (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to table 3 of his Department's publication entitled Completing the move to Universal Credit: Statistics related to the move of households claiming Tax Credits and DWP Benefits to Universal Credit: data to end of March 2024, published on 14 May 2024, if he will break down this data by (a) each nation, (b) each region and (c) each local authority area in the North East. (26713)
- 4N Liz Twist (Blaydon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the publication Move to Universal Credit statistics, July 2022 to March 2024, published on 14 May 2024, if he will make an assessment of the reasons why over 180,000 Tax Credits claimants that have been sent a migration notice did not make a Universal Credit claim within the required timeframe. (26714)
- 5N Mr Nicholas Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if (a) she and (b) a Minister in her Department will meet hon. Members representing Newcastle to discuss the findings of the report by the Care Quality Commission on the Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, published on 24 January 2024.
- 6N **Mr Nicholas Brown** (Newcastle upon Tyne East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress her Department has made on preparing a response to the principal findings of the report by the Care Quality Commission on the Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, published on 24 January 2024. (26666)
- Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if she will make an assessment of the cost to the NHS of providing (a) treatment and (b) other support to patients with mental health conditions in each year since 1 January 2022; and if she will commission research on the potential impact of (i) social and (ii) economic factors on the prevalence of mental health conditions.
- 8N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of audiology services in England that have been outsourced to private providers by NHS (a) trusts and (b) integrated care boards.

- 9N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data her Department holds on the number of hydrotherapy centres (a) due to be closed and (b) under consideration for closure by NHS (i) trusts and (ii) integrated care boards. (26785)
- 10N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps she is taking to ensure the adequacy of processing times for (a) applications for and (b) appeals relating to NHS Continuing Healthcare. (26786)
- 11N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Deputy Foreign Secretary, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of rescinding diplomatic immunity from the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in the UK. (26689)
- 12N **Alison McGovern** (Wirral South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department plans to update the definition of serious and organised crime. (26679)
- 13N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people released on an End of Custody Supervised Licence were subsequently (a) recalled back to prison and (b) subject to a Death Under Supervision Review in each month since October 2023. (26793)
- 14N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people released on End of Custody Supervised Licence were assessed as posing a high risk of harm in each month since October 2023. (26794)
- 15N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what information his Department holds on the number and proportion of prisoners that were released under the End of Custody Supervised License scheme who were homeless upon their release from prison in each month since October 2023. (26795)
- 16N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of people released on an end of custody supervised licence were subject to a serious further offence review in each month since October 2023.
- 17N Rachel Hopkins (Luton South): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many Approved Premises referrals were submitted by probation staff to accommodate people released on an End of Custody Supervised Licence in each month since October 2023; and how many and what proportion of those referrals were rejected. (26797)
- 18N Navendu Mishra (Stockport): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) staffing levels and (b) staff training on the time taken to process probate applications in each of the last 12 months.

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19N Dame Margaret Hodge (Barking): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the oral contribution of the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, during the debate on Countering Iran's Hostile Activities of 8 May 2024, Official Report, column 353WH, whether his Department has written to the Financial Conduct Authority on the operations of (a) Bank Melli and (b) Saderat Bank in the UK.

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#### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

- **Julian Sturdy** (York Outer): What recent steps her Department has taken to improve internet connectivity. (903016)
- 2 Mrs Paulette Hamilton (Birmingham, Erdington): What steps her Department is taking to help increase diversity and inclusion in the STEM workforce. (903017)
- **Gary Sambrook** (Birmingham, Northfield): What steps her Department is taking to support the life sciences manufacturing sector. (903018)
- **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland): What recent steps her Department has taken to improve internet connectivity. (903019)
- 5 Theresa Villiers (Chipping Barnet): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to ensure that Government-funded research is used to help increase levels of productivity. (903020)
- **Simon Fell** (Barrow and Furness): What steps her Department is taking to improve rural connectivity. (903021)
- **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): What recent steps her Department has taken to improve internet connectivity. (903022)
- **Richard Foord** (Tiverton and Honiton): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle digital exclusion. (903023)
- **Matt Hancock** (West Suffolk): What steps she is taking to help support the development of AI. (903024)
- 10 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): What steps her Department is taking to help reduce the use of animal testing in research. (903025)
- **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool, Riverside): What steps her Department is taking to help increase diversity and inclusion in the STEM workforce. (903026)
- **Duncan Baker** (North Norfolk): If she will make an assessment of the potential merits of updating the Code of practice for wireless network development in England to make it easier for rural communities to get new mobile phone masts erected. (903027)
- **Vicky Ford** (Chelmsford): What steps her Department is taking to help protect children online. (903028)

14	<b>Kenny MacAskill</b> (East Lothian): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet
	colleagues on the potential impact of the Net Zero Research and Innovation
	Delivery Plan on the UK's target to become a science and technology superpower
	by 2030. (903029)

15 **Gen Kitchen** (Wellingborough): What steps her Department is taking to help tackle digital exclusion among low-income households.

## Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology

T1	<b>Chris Elmore</b> (Ogmore): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities.	(903031)
T2	Andrew Bridgen (North West Leicestershire):	(903032)
T3	Simon Baynes (Clwyd South):	(903033)
T4	Mrs Paulette Hamilton (Birmingham, Erdington):	(903034)
T5	Marco Longhi (Dudley North):	(903035)
T6	Kim Johnson (Liverpool, Riverside):	(903036)
T7	Sarah Dyke (Somerton and Frome):	(903037)
Т8	Duncan Baker (North Norfolk):	(903038)

### **Oral Questions to the Prime Minister**

1	<b>Gen Kitchen</b> (Wellingborough): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 22 May.	(903001)
2	Elliot Colburn (Carshalton and Wallington):	(903002)
3	Danny Kruger (Devizes):	(903003)
4	Simon Baynes (Clwyd South):	(903004)
5	Shailesh Vara (North West Cambridgeshire):	(903005)
6	Sir John Whittingdale (Maldon):	(903006)
7	Alison Thewliss (Glasgow Central):	(903007)
8	Janet Daby (Lewisham East):	(903008)
9	Tom Randall (Gedling):	(903009)
10	Kate Osborne (Jarrow):	(903010)

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11	Will Quince (Colchester):	(903011)
12	Mr John Baron (Basildon and Billericay):	(903012)
13	Bell Ribeiro-Addy (Streatham):	(903013)
14	Stephen Farry (North Down):	(903014)
15	Jason McCartney (Colne Valley):	(903015)

# Questions for Answer on Thursday 23 May

#### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

- 1 **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): What steps her Department is taking to support local journalism. (902975)
- 2 Matt Hancock (West Suffolk): What steps her Department is taking to support the horse racing industry. [R] (902976)
- 3 **Paul Howell** (Sedgefield): What assessment she has made of the impact of the Youth Investment Fund on opportunities for young people. (902977)
- 4 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): What steps she is taking to support the participation of women and girls in sport. (902978)
- 5 **Holly Lynch** (Halifax): What steps her Department is taking to protect and repurpose heritage buildings. (902979)
- 6 Rachel Maclean (Redditch): What assessment she has made of the impact of the Swimming Pool Support Fund on local pools and leisure facilities. (902980)
- 7 **Greg Smith** (Buckingham): What steps she is taking to support the participation of women and girls in sport. (902981)
- 8 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): If her Department will take steps to support snooker clubs. (902982)
- 9 Adam Afriyie (Windsor): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on tackling strategic lawsuits against public participation. (902983)
- 10 **Owen Thompson** (Midlothian): What recent progress her Department has made on its review of the Gambling Act 2005. (902984)
- 11 **Ruth Edwards** (Rushcliffe): What recent assessment she has made of the impact of the Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme on access to sport for young people. (902985)
- 12 Sarah Dyke (Somerton and Frome): If she will have discussions with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on the different level of usage of public parks for recreational sports by girls and boys. (902986)

- Jonathan Edwards (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr): Whether she has had recent discussions with the Welsh Government and the independent television production sector on the appointment of a new Chair for S4C. (902987)
- 14 **Rob Butler** (Aylesbury): What assessment she has made of the impact of the Swimming Pool Support Fund on local pools and leisure facilities. (902988)
- 15 **Chris Elmore** (Ogmore): What recent assessment she has made of the impact of the UK's departure from the EU on the music industry. (902989)
- Deidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith): What recent discussions she has had with Ofcom on enforcement of the Broadcasting Code. (902990)
- 17 **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): If she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of Government support for local media. (902991)
- 18 Lee Anderson (Ashfield): Whether she has had discussions with the BBC Board on its plans to sell adverts on audio content streamed on commercial platforms. (902992)

#### Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

T1	<b>Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck</b> (South Shields): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities.	(902993)
T2	Rob Butler (Aylesbury):	(902994)
T3	Rachel Maclean (Redditch):	(902995)
T4	Andrew Jones (Harrogate and Knaresborough):	(902996)
T5	Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood):	(902997)
T6	Kevin Foster (Torbay):	(902998)
T7	Steve Tuckwell (Uxbridge and South Ruislip):	(902999)
T8	Paul Howell (Sedgefield):	(903000)

Oral Questions to the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission and the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission and the hon. Member for Lancaster and Fleetwood, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission and the Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners

1 Mr David Jones (Clwyd West): To ask the Chairman of the Public Accounts
Commission, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of National Audit
Office resources to scrutinise the cost of AI in government. (902963)

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- 2 **Mr Philip Hollobone** (Kettering): To ask the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of National Audit Office resources to undertake analysis on the efficiency and effectiveness of NHS procurement. (902964)
- 3 **Selaine Saxby** (North Devon): To ask the hon. Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, whether the Church of England is taking steps to provide affordable and sustainable housing on its land.

  (902965)
- 4 **Kevin Foster** (Torbay): To ask the hon. Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what recent assessment the Church of England has made of the adequacy of the support offered by dioceses to a parish in an interregnum. (902966)
- Martin Vickers (Cleethorpes): To ask the hon. Member for South West
  Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what recent assessment
  the Church of England has made of the impact of church schools on the level of
  educational attainment in (a) Cleethorpes constituency and (b) England. (902967)
- 6 **Danny Kruger** (Devizes): To ask the hon. Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church of England is taking to provide funding to parish churches. (902968)
- 7 **George Galloway** (Rochdale): To ask the hon. Member for Luton South, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, if she will hold discussions with the Electoral Commission on the rules on the registration of descriptions of political parties.

  [R] (902969)
- Michael Fabricant (Lichfield): To ask the hon. Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what support is available to churches and cathedrals facing the risk of theft of (a) fabric and (b) contents from their buildings.

  (902970)
- 9 **Chi Onwurah** (Newcastle upon Tyne Central): To ask the hon. Member for Broxbourne, representing the House of Commons Commission, what recent progress the Commission has made on using digital tools to support the work of hon. Members. (902971)
- 10 **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the hon. Member for South West Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church of England is taking to increase the number of Academy schools it sponsors. (902972)
- 11 Rachael Maskell (York Central): To ask the hon. Member for South West
  Bedfordshire, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church of
  England is taking to provide support for people in Gaza. (902973)
- Deidre Brock (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the hon. Member for Luton South, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, whether the Committee has had recent discussions with the Electoral Commission on the potential impact of disinformation on the integrity of elections. (902974)