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## Questions tabled on Friday 19 July 2024

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
- † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
- N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under [S.O. No. 22\(4\)](#).
- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Monday 22 July

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Whittingdale** (Maldon): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will extend eligibility for the Elizabeth Emblem award to all emergency service workers who are severely injured and medically retired from the service. [Transferred] (589)
- 2 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on (a) the adequacy of current travel costs support schemes for young cancer patients from Northern Ireland travelling to receive treatment in England and (b) the potential merits of establishing a UK-wide Travel Fund for young cancer patients to support with the cost of travel to attend specialist treatment across the UK. [Transferred] (532)
- 3 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of having the Office for Veterans' Affairs within his Department. (822)
- 4 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has plans to reform local government finance to ensure funding allocations take greater account of local need. [Transferred] (669)
- 5 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has plans to reform council tax. [Transferred] (670)
- 6 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether funding through the Shared Prosperity Scheme will continue after March 2025. [Transferred] (773)

- 7N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for what reason goods imported to Northern Ireland from (a) China and (b) other non-EU countries are charged a higher third country duty tariff than goods imported from those countries to Great Britain. [Transferred] (378)
- 8 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the removal of the investment allowance in the Energy Profits Levy on private investment into energy transition. [Transferred] (644)
- 9 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has carried out an economic impact assessment of increasing the Energy Profits Levy. [Transferred] (646)
- 10N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will restore the Official Development Assistance budget to 0.7% of gross national income. [Transferred] (210)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 23 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to publish the civil service pay remit guidance for the 2024-25 financial year. (795)
- 2 **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what services are outsourced by his Department. (834)
- 3 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to have discussions with Scottish Power on the future potential of the site of the former Longannet Generating station near Kincardine, Fife. (859)
- 4 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has plans to (a) issue new guidance on social value in procurement and (b) amend [insert relevant legislation]. (825)
- 5 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to (a) help build new grassroots football facilities and (b) renovate existing pitches for grassroots football in County Durham. (826)
- 6 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made on the effectiveness of the system for applying for tax-free childcare. (851)

- 7 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she will take to help alleviate child poverty in Burton and Uttoxeter constituency. (842)
- 8 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support SEND children and their parents in Burton and Uttoxeter constituency. (843)
- 9 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the role of industry input in the delivery of his policies on North Sea oil and gas. (823)
- 10 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps enable households with solar panels and battery storage to receive the rate of wholesale electricity as payment for excess electricity exported to the grid for the next three years. (829)
- 11 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an estimate of the amount of non-residential building roof space that is (a) available and (b) suitable for the installation of solar panels. (830)
- 12 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many (a) former miners and (b) former miners' widows are in receipt of a mineworkers' pension in (i) City of Durham constituency and (ii) the North East of England. (827)
- 13 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing community benefit for electricity infrastructure projects in the local community of (a) £50,000 (b) £200,000 and (c) £500,000 per electrical substation. (854)
- 14 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, which Ministers will attend COP29 in November 2024. (862)
- 15 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle sewage discharges by Wessex Water in Poole constituency. (861)
- 16 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the correspondence received by his Department from Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council on the Walleys Quarry Landfill Site in each of the last five years. (848)
- 17 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the correspondence received by his Department from Staffordshire County Council on the Walleys Quarry Landfill Site in each of the last five years. (849)

- 18 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans he has to meet with representatives from BioYorkshire. (804)
- 19 **Tim Roca** (Macclesfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans his Department has to support the life sciences sector (a) in the North West and (b) generally. (860)
- 20 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has to improve the (a) reliability and (b) frequency of bus services in (i) County Durham and (ii) the North East in collaboration with the Mayor of the North East. (844)
- 21 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to provide funding for the A50/A500 corridor upgrade. (840)
- 22N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of working age people were unemployed in (a) May 2010 and (b) the last month for which figures are available. [Transferred] (706)
- 23 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of open dentistry practices in the York Outer constituency currently accepting (a) adult and (b) children NHS patients. (852)
- 24 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to improve outcomes for patients who have been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. (853)
- 25 **Jacob Collier** (Burton and Uttoxeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to improve NHS dental provision in Burton and Uttoxeter constituency. (841)
- 26 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the General Dental Council on steps to reduce the time take for Ukrainian nationals to take the overseas registration exam to allow them to practice in the UK. (855)
- 27 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time is for dentists to sit the Overseas Registration Exam. (856)
- 28 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many dentists have completed the Dental Overseas Registration Examination in each of the last five years. (857)
- 29 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care how many Ukrainian dentists have completed the Overseas Registration Examination in each of the last three years. (858)

- 30 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much NHS England spent on (a) fees and (b) any other costs with Niche Health and Social Care Consulting in the financial year (i) 2022-23, (ii) 2023-24 and (iii) 2024-25 to date. (798)
- 31 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to ensure that people who are eligible for IVF treatment receive three cycles of NHS-funded treatment. (799)
- 32 **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that oil from Russia refined in other countries (a) does not evade sanctions and (b) is used to support Russian forces during the war in Ukraine. (800)
- 33N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of people who were (a) called forward and (b) authorised for evacuation during Operation Pitting but were not able to board flights have subsequently been resettled under pathway one of the Afghan citizens resettlement scheme. [Transferred] (610)
- 34 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her policy is on changes to the level of the baseline minimum salary for Skilled Worker visas. (845)
- 35 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her policy is on changes to the level of the baseline minimum salary for family visas for spouses and partners. (846)
- 36 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her policy is on whether social care workers should be able to bring their dependents to the UK on their visa. (847)
- 37 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating an emergency family reunion visa scheme for people affected by the conflict in Israel and Palestine. (803)
- 38 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent estimate he has made of when the independent report entitled Armed Forces' Pay Review Body: Fifty-Third Report 2024 will be published. (796)
- 39 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it is his policy to continue the development of the Remote-Controlled Howitzer 155mm Wheeled Artillery Systems (RCH 155) with Germany. (797)

- 40 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Deputy Prime Minister kickstarts new devolution revolution to boost local power, published on 16 July 2024, how her Department defines local growth plans. (812)
- 41 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Deputy Prime Minister kickstarts new devolution revolution to boost local power, published on 16 July 2024, how she plans that the new partnership approach and scaling up of devolution will unlock economic growth and tackle regional inequality. (813)
- 42 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's press release entitled Deputy Prime Minister kickstarts new devolution revolution to boost local power, published on 16 July 2024, how she plans to assess the impact of the new partnership approach and scaling up devolution on unlocking economic growth and tackling regional inequality. (814)
- 43 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to speed up cladding remediation programmes. (815)
- 44 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the press release entitled Deputy Prime Minister kickstarts new devolution revolution to boost local power, published on 16 July 2024, whether local growth plans will be put on a statutory footing. (816)
- 45 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent estimate she has made of the number of houses that will be built in 2024. (817)
- 46 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether houses that were given planning permission under the previous Government but not yet built are included in her 1.5 million housebuilding target for this Parliament. (818)
- 47 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many existing planning permissions there are where building has not yet started. (819)
- 48 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many houses will be constructed as part of the Affordable Housing Programme 2021 - 2026. (820)
- 49 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what methodology her Department will use to set mandatory housing targets. (821)

- 50 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, by what date she intends to make it a requirement that all new homes and buildings should have solar panels as default except in defined cases; and by what date she will issue guidance as to those defined cases. (831)
- 51 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of legally recognising humanist marriages. (832)
- 52 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of accepting the recommendations of the report by the Law Commission on wedding law entitled Celebrating Marriage: A New Weddings Law, published on 19 July 2022. (833)
- 53 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to her Oral Statement of 18 July 2024 on Prison Capacity, Official Report columns 175-177, if she will commission a review into the adequacy of (a) the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, (b) the Public Order Act 2023 and (c) sentencing guidelines for protesters arrested following climate protests. (808)
- 54 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking with the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation to enforce the UK's sanctions regime. [R] (850)
- 55 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much her Department has received from the (a) Mineworkers' Pension Scheme and (b) British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme since 1994. (828)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 24 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will take steps to provide step-free access at Whitchurch station in Shropshire. (835)
- 2N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether he has had recent discussions with Highways England on the proposed 30mph speed limit on the A483 between Llanymynech and Pant. (836)
- 3N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what his Department's planned timetable is for the reopening of the Oswestry to Gobowen railway line. (837)



- 4N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to increase access to bus services in (a) North Shropshire constituency and (b) other rural areas. (838)
- 5N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to improve road surface quality in rural areas that have heavy load traffic. (839)
- 6N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the proposed child poverty strategy will examine the potential impact of (a) trends in the use of food bank usage and (b) the No Recourse to Public Funds policy on levels of childhood poverty. (802)
- 7N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the Third Report of the Health and Social Care Committee of Session 2023-24 on Pharmacy, HC 140, published on 29 May 2024. (805)
- 8N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will commission a strategy on the (a) research, (b) diagnosis and (c) management of cancer. (806)
- 9N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of recent trends in the number of pancreatic cancer diagnoses; and what steps he plans to take to help support research into less treatable cancers. (807)
- 10N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will respond to the letter from the former Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee entitled Future Cancer: inquiry progress to his predecessor, published on 23 May 2024. (809)
- 11N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will respond to the letter from the former Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee on the Men's health inquiry to his predecessor, published on 23 May 2024. (810)
- 12N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the No Recourse to Public Funds policy on local authority emergency social service funding. (801)
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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 25 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish legal advice obtained under the previous Government on its decision to challenge the International Criminal Court's jurisdiction on Israeli military action in Gaza. (811)
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## Questions for Answer on Friday 26 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if his Department will take steps to restore the level funding allocated to international development and aid projects to 0.7% of GDP. (824)