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## Questions tabled on Monday 22 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 Tuesday 23 July

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, 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. [Transferred] (859)
- 2 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much his Department has received from the (a) Mineworkers' Pension Scheme and (b) British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme since 1994. [Transferred] (828)
- 3 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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. [Transferred] (808)
- 4 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made on the effectiveness of the system for applying for tax-free childcare. [Transferred] (851)

## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 24 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if his Department will take steps to help SMEs access new Government procurement opportunities. (1064)
- 2 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that SME suppliers are paid on time. (1065)
- 3 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy on check-off in the public sector is. (902)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy is on public sector trade union facility time transparency. (903)
- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his planned timetable is for the proposed gov.uk webpage on transparency data going live. (904)
- 6 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has plans to amend the Civil Service Pension Scheme in addition to implementation of the Mccloud judgment. (905)
- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to introduce a five year lobbying ban on Ministers and special advisers who leave Government. (906)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Cabinet Office guidance on consultation principles, what guidance his Department is providing to other departments on publishing responses to consultations that were initiated under the previous government. (907)
- 9 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy is on the (a) minimum length of time a Government consultation should be open and (b) maximum length of time before a response is published to a closed consultation. (908)
- 10 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) full-time equivalent and (b) total staff are employed by each public corporation that is not part of the civil service in the most recent period for which figures are available. (909)
- 11 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) full-time equivalent and (b) total staff are employed by each non-Departmental public body that is not part of the civil service in the most recent period for which figures are available. (910)

- 12 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to publish an updated version of the report entitled Public Bodies 2020, published on 15 July 2021. (911)
- 13 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the size was of the public sector estate managed by the Government Property Agency in the most recent period for which figures are available. (912)
- 14 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the (a) headcount and (b) full time equivalent number of civil servants located outside of London was under the Places for Growth programme in the most recent period for which figures are available; and in which locations those civil servants worked. (913)
- 15 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many people were employed in the public sector by (a) headcount and (b) full time equivalent in the most recent period for which figures are available by sector. (914)
- 16 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what was the (a) headcount and (b) full time equivalent size of the civil service in the most recent period for which figures are available by (i) department and (ii) agency. (915)
- 17 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to (a) reduce and (b) increase the number of (i) gender-neutral and (ii) specific-sex toilets on the Government Property Agency estate. (916)
- 18 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to introduce collective bargaining in the civil service. (917)
- 19 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) ministerial meetings with, (b) hospitality provided by and (c) hospitality provided to trade unions will be reported in quarterly transparency returns. (918)
- 20 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to increase productivity in the (a) Civil Service and (b) wider public sector. (919)
- 21 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to use AI to (a) increase productivity and (b) reduce headcount in the civil service. (920)
- 22 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to change the size of the Government Communications Service. (921)
- 23 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to extend the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to private sector organisations. (922)
- 24 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether it is his policy that information which would be released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 should be released in response to a Parliamentary Question. (923)

- 25 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what estimate he has made of the (a) mean and (b) median gender pay gap for special advisers in pay bands (i) 1, (ii) 2, (iii) 3 and (iv) 4. (924)
- 26 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether it is his policy that civil servants should work a four-day week on full pay. (925)
- 27 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Written Statement of 14 May 2024, HCWS464, on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Civil Service, if he will publish the review of EDI expenditure across the Civil Service commissioned by the previous Government. (926)
- 28 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Written Ministerial Statement of 14 May 2024, HCWS464, on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Civil Service, what the Government's policy is on linking pay to performance against equality, diversity and inclusion objectives within the Civil Service. (927)
- 29 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on (a) first and (b) business class travel for (i) Ministers, (ii) special advisers and (iii) senior officials. (928)
- 30 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Government has plans to use AI to help read responses to consultations. (929)
- 31 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many faxes have been received on the public faxline in 10 Downing Street since 4 July 2024; and how that correspondence is responded to. (930)
- 32 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to HM Treasury's press release entitled End to Civil Service expansion and review of equality and diversity spending announced in productivity drive, published on 2 October 2023, what his policy is on reductions to the size of the civil service. (931)
- 33 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether ethnicity and disability pay reporting will apply to special advisers. (932)
- 34 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his timetable is for the implementation of the infected blood compensation scheme. (933)
- 35 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether arms length bodies will be permitted to hire public affairs consultancies to lobby the Government. (934)
- 36 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on the use (a) first class and (b) business class travel by (i) Ministers, (ii) special advisers and (iii) senior civil servants. (935)

- 37 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the written ministerial statement of 14 May 2024 on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Civil Service, HCWS464, if he will publish the data on historic spending on equality, diversity and inclusion referred to in that statement. (936)
- 38 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the gender pay gap is for special advisers employed by the Government. (937)
- 39 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on trade union facility time allowances. (938)
- 40 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to reduce the size of the civil service. (939)
- 41 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether ethnicity and disability pay reporting will apply to special advisers. (940)
- 42 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his planned timetable is for the implementation of the infected blood compensation scheme. (941)
- 43 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department issues on the hire of public affairs consultancies by Arms Length Bodies to lobby the Government. (942)
- 44 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether plans to increase trade union facility time allowances in the Civil Service. (943)
- 45 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to page 20 of the King's Speech Background Briefing Notes, published by the Prime Minister's Office on 17 July 2024, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of people who will be affected by the proposals to deliver a genuine living wage (a) nationally and (b) in Edinburgh North and Leith constituency. (1133)
- 46 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to page 20 of the King's Speech Background Briefing Notes, published by the Prime Minister's Office on 17 July 2024, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of people who will be affected by the proposals to ban exploitative zero-hour contracts (a) nationally and (b) in Edinburgh North and Leith constituency. (1134)
- 47 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the volume of trade was between Fishguard and the Republic of Ireland in the (a) latest period for which data is available and (b) corresponding period in 2021. (1020)
- 48 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to publish an Industrial Strategy. (1139)

- 49 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to introduce a national register of short-term rented properties to help ensure that those properties are compliant with relevant safety legislation. (1082)
- 50 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to provide additional ringfenced funding to councils for local museums. (954)
- 51 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many museums have closed in the last 10 years. (955)
- 52 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many families with a child with (a) special educational needs and (b) pathological demand avoidance have been issued with a (i) parenting order, (ii) education supervision order, (iii) school attendance order and (iv) fine for poor school attendance in each of the last five years. (1090)
- 53 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many families of children (a) have applied, (b) are waiting and (c) have been issued with a neurodevelopmental services assessment in each local authority area in each of the last five years. (1091)
- 54 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how the Curriculum and Assessment Review panel chaired by Professor Becky Francis will be constituted. (886)
- 55 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether the targeted increase of 6,500 more teachers recruited to teach key subjects means a net increase in the full-time equivalent number of teachers teaching those subjects, in post in secondary schools; what the subjects are; what her planned timescale is for reaching that target; and whether she has a target for other subjects over the same period. (887)
- 56 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for reviewing the way bursaries are allocated and the structure of retention payments. (888)
- 57 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the cost of (a) creating Skills England and (b) transferring responsibilities to that body from the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. (889)
- 58 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what projection she has made of the annual running costs of the proposed new body, Skills England. (890)

- 59 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which responsibilities of (a) the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education and (b) other bodies she plans to transfer to the proposed new body, Skills England. (891)
- 60 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her most recent estimate is of the number of pupils on roll in independent schools of a religious character of the (a) Anglican, (b) Roman Catholic, (c) other Christian, (d) Jewish, (e) Muslim, (f) Hindu, (g) Sikh and (h) other faiths in each local authority; and how many of each of those types of school there are. (892)
- 61 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has received representations on the impact on the workloads of (a) teachers and (b) school leaders of significant changes to the curriculum. (893)
- 62 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of pupils at (a) primary, (b) secondary pre-16 and (c) post-16 independent schools (i) have an Education Health and Care plan and have their school fees paid for in full by their local authority, (ii) have an Education Health and Care plan and do not have their school fees paid for in full by their local authority and (iii) have special educational needs but do not have an Education Health and Care plan, broken down by local authority. (894)
- 63 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether children who have an Education, Health and Care plan will be exempt from VAT on school fees. (895)
- 64 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support (a) children with SEND and (b) their parents, families and carers in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (1088)
- 65 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the process to secure an autism diagnosis for children living in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (1089)
- 66 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to tackle disparities in educational attainment between the most and least affluent area; and whether she plans to review the funding formula to help ensure more effective distribution of resources to schools serving disadvantaged communities in (a) Dudley and (b) elsewhere. (1172)
- 67 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to (a) improve university access for students from underrepresented backgrounds and (b) tackle financial barriers faced by such students. (1173)



- 68 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of SEND provision in Cornwall; and what steps she plans to take to with Cornwall Council to help improve the (a) funding and (b) delivery of SEND services. (1144)
- 69 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of children (a) with an education, health and care plan and (b) who had previously been identified in the SEN Support category by their school were not in school in Cornwall in each of the last five years. (1145)
- 70 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will review the SEND funding formula allocations for pupils in Cornwall. (1146)
- 71 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Holiday Activities Fund on children living in poverty. (973)
- 72 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to ensure there is adequate provision for children with SEND to access activities during school holidays. (974)
- 73 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the funding for children with SEND to help provide access to (a) activities and (b) childcare during school holidays. (975)
- 74 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that children with (a) SEND, (b) anxiety and (c) trauma can access (i) support and (ii) therapeutic services during the school holidays. (976)
- 75 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the effectiveness of the Lifelong Learning Entitlement. (1137)
- 76 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the real terms per pupil funding was for (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in Nottinghamshire in each financial year since 2010. [R] (1077)
- 77 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the provision of special education needs and disability (SEND) services for children in Nottinghamshire; and what steps she plans to take to support local authorities in Nottinghamshire to help improve the delivery of SEND services. [R] (1081)
- 78 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the proportion of state schools which teach the national curriculum. (1038)



- 79 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the planned remit for Great British Energy is in Northern Ireland; and if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Windsor Framework on the operation of Great British Energy. (1124)
- 80 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate his Department has made of the number of people in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency living in fuel poverty. (1110)
- 81 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what proportion of households spent more than 10 percent of their household income on energy bills in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency in each year since 2010. (1111)
- 82 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to meet with the Durham Miners' Association to discuss the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme. (1034)
- 83 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will (a) make an assessment of the adequacy of the regulatory framework for ensuring public consultation on energy transmission projects and (b) take steps to ensure that statutory consultations on such projects include consultation on construction options. (1128)
- 84 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to help people who are living (a) in rural areas and (b) off the energy grid with the cost of energy. (866)
- 85 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of increasing clean energy generation on energy efficiency. (951)
- 86 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how his Department plans to spend its budget allocated to agriculture in the 2024-25 financial year; and how much and what proportion of that budget will be spent on support for farmers in South Shropshire constituency. (1033)
- 87 **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to increase the agriculture budget by inflation for each year of this Parliament. (968)
- 88 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the number of sewage discharges into watercourses in Bolton West constituency in the last 12 months. (1066)

- 89 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of expanding the right to roam. (1069)
- 90 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will produce an animal protection strategy. (957)
- 91 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to ban the import and sale of fur. (958)
- 92 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to ban the use of farrowing crates for pigs. (959)
- 93 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to introduce a deposit return scheme for drinks containers before October 2027. (1035)
- 94 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on the number of instances of fly tipping in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency in each year since 2010. (1118)
- 95 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to help reduce roadside littering. (867)
- 96 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on the number of birds that were killed by onshore wind turbines in each of the last ten years. (875)
- 97 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether it is his policy to introduce mandatory food waste reporting for large businesses. (1016)
- 98 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish all correspondence between his Department and Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council on the Walleys Quarry Landfill site in each of the last five years. (1083)
- 99 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish all correspondence between his Department and Staffordshire County Council on the Walleys Quarry Landfill site in each of the last five years. (1084)

- 100 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish all correspondence between the Environment Agency and his Department on the Walleys Quarry Landfill site in each of the last five years. (1085)
- 101 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of air pollution on the (a) natural environment in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and (b) economy in North Staffordshire. (1093)
- 102 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the World Health Organisation guidelines entitled WHO global air quality guidelines: particulate matter ( PM2.5 and PM10) , ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide, published on 22 September 2021, whether he plans to adopt the recommendations set out in those guidelines for (a) particulate matter, PM2.5 and PM10, (b) ozone, (c) nitrogen dioxide, (d) sulphur dioxide and (e) carbon monoxide. (1094)
- 103 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of chemical regulations. (1095)
- 104 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to help support the semiconductor industry. (1043)
- 105 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his planned timetable is for the next launch from a UK spaceport. (1044)
- 106 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his planned timetable is for phasing out animal testing. (1045)
- 107 **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to commission an impact assessment on the proposed phasing out of animal testing. (1046)
- 108 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many diversity, equality and inclusion officers his Department employs. (1051)
- 109 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when he plans to establish the Regulatory Innovation Office; and what the budget will be for that office. (1052)

- 110 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his (a) projected budget and (b) planned timetable is for the creation of the National Data Library. (1053)
- 111 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Independent review of university spin-out companies, published on 21 November 2023, what steps his Department plans to take to support the growth of university spin-out companies. (1054)
- 112 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what funding his Department has allocated to help reach (a) full gigabit, (b) full superfast and (c) national 5G coverage by 2030. (1055)
- 113 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his planned timetable is to appoint the chair of Building Digital UK. (1056)
- 114 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what metrics his Department plans to use to monitor the UK's progress on (a) developing and (b) supporting clinical trials. (1057)
- 115 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to help improve the Office for Life Sciences. (1058)
- 116 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what information the Intellectual Property Office holds on the number of patents registered in June 2024. (1059)
- 117 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with his American counterpart on the potential introduction of expanded AI regulation. (1073)
- 118 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to review the Science and Technology Framework. (1136)
- 119 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his planned timetable is for commencing negotiations on the UK's association to the EU's Framework Programme 10. (1138)
- 120 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, which key R&D institutions will receive a 10 year budget. (1140)
- 121 **Luke Akehurst** (North Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the frequency of rail services (a) at Chester-le-Street station and (b) in County Durham. (1155)

- 122 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to extend the £2 cap on bus fares after 31 December 2024. (956)
- 123 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to ensure that feedback is provided to applicants for Access for All funding who were not awarded such funding in the announcement on 24 May 2024; and whether she plans to provide further funding under that scheme. (1130)
- 124 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase connectivity between (a) towns and (b) villages in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency. (1107)
- 125 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the quality of road maintenance in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency. (1108)
- 126 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to support the use of buses in (a) Cramlington and Killingworth constituency and (b) the North East. (1109)
- 127 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve road (a) maintenance and (b) conditions in (i) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (ii) Lincolnshire. (877)
- 128 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will hold discussions with Staffordshire County Council on the condition of road surfaces in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency; and if she will visit Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency to assess the condition of road surfaces. (1087)
- 129 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of extending railway routes into North Cornwall constituency. (1153)
- 130 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she supports development of the proposed Stroudwater Railway station in Stroud. (1154)
- 131 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve road (a) maintenance and (b) conditions in (a) Gedling constituency and (b) Nottinghamshire. [R] (1078)
- 132 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of women there are who were born after 6 April 1950 in (a) Dunfermline and Dollar constituency and (b) Fife. (1074)
- 133 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps to incorporate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in (a) policy and (b) legislation. (1131)

- 134 **Stephen Flynn** (Aberdeen South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an estimate of the potential impact of removing the two-child benefit cap on the number of children in poverty. (1032)
- 135 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take to help tackle child poverty in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (1096)
- 136 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take to help support women affected by the rise in the State Pension age in (a) Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency and b) Staffordshire. (1097)
- 137 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are in work and claiming Universal Credit in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (1098)
- 138 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the impact of the decision by the previous Conservative government to remove the £20 uplift to Universal Credit on poverty in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (1119)
- 139 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the number of people that are in work and claiming Universal Credit in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (1142)
- 140 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps with Cabinet colleagues to assess the adequacy of the supply of food for people in poverty in summer 2024; and whether she has made an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential implications for the Government's policies of trends in the level of supply of emergency food for people dependant on that provision. (977)
- 141 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of dentistry provision in the last (a) three months, (b) six months, (c) year and (d) two years in Halton. (1025)
- 142 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the provision of dentistry in Halton in the last (a) three months, (b) six months, (c) 12 moths and (d) two years. (1026)
- 143 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent estimate his Department has made of when Halton Hospital Campus will be completed. (1027)
- 144 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will he make an assessment of the adequacy of NHS employment opportunities for newly qualified GPs. (1030)



- 145 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of using Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme funding to employ GPs. (1031)
- 146 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting time was for patients at the Royal Bolton Hospital Emergency Department in the latest period for which data is available. (1068)
- 147 **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the infant mortality rate was in intensive neonatal care units in each year between 2010 and 2023; and if he will hold discussions with his counterpart in the Welsh Government on providing comparative data for Wales. (879)
- 148 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that (a) pancreatic cancer and (b) cystic fibrosis patients have access to Creon. (1163)
- 149 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much NHS England has spent on (a) fees and (b) any other costs with Niche Health and Social Care Consulting for urology services at the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust in the financial year (i) 2022-23, (ii) 2023-24 and (iii) 2024-25 to date. (882)
- 150 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce health inequalities in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency. (1114)
- 151 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): 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 Cramlington and Killingworth constituency between 2010 and 2024. (1115)
- 152 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many and what proportion of people living in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency do not have access to an NHS dentist. (1116)
- 153 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of how many and what proportion of people living in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency are not registered with a GP. (1117)
- 154 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions he has had with the Scottish Government on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill. (1132)
- 155 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to (a) help increase the survival rate of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests and (b) increase the availability of defibrillators in public settings. (1047)



- 156 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help support early diagnosis of liver disease. (873)
- 157 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with NHS England to help improve testing facilities for suspected liver disease in (a) rural and (b) deprived areas. (874)
- 158 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take further steps to support hospices providing palliative care services. (876)
- 159 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to help improve access to NHS dentistry in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (1086)
- 160 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): 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 North Cornwall constituency accepting adult NHS patients (a) on the most recent date for which figures are available and (b) in the last 5 years for which figures are available. (1149)
- 161 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people waited over six months to access Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services support in Cornwall in each of the last five years for which figures are available. (1150)
- 162 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many referrals have been accepted by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Cornwall in each of the last five years for which figures are available. (1151)
- 163 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce waiting times for GP appointments in North Cornwall constituency. (1152)
- 164 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to help reduce the use of (a) nitazenes and (b) other illicit substances in areas where there is growing use of such synthetic substances. (984)
- 165 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will maintain levels of funding for sexual health services. (985)
- 166 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of (a) early interventions to help tackle sexually transmitted diseases and (b) other sexual health services. (986)

- 167 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with Directors of Public Health to ensure there is adequate funding for sexual health services. (987)
- 168 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to increase radiotherapy treatment capacity in the NHS. (901)
- 169 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many open dentistry practices there are that are accepting adult NHS patients in Gedling constituency (a) on the most recent date for which data is available and (b) in 2010. (1075)
- 170 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to (a) increase research funding, (b) improve access to specialist care and (c) provide better support for (i) people living with motor neurone disease and (ii) their families. (1079)
- 171 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with the Northern Ireland Health Minister on the provision of NHS dental care in Northern Ireland. (949)
- 172 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps with the food industry to help reduce the calorie content of processed foods. (952)
- 173 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to roll-out self-sampling cervical cancer tests. (953)
- 174 **Max Wilkinson** (Cheltenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the accident and emergency department in Cheltenham General Hospital will continue to be a Type 1 consultant-led A&E department between 8am and 8pm, in the context of proposed changes to the provision of 'acute medical take' in that hospital. (1161)
- 175 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to recommendation 6 of the Bishop of Truro's Independent Review of FCDO support for persecuted Christians, published in 2019, whether he plans to appoint a Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief. (863)
- 176 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement on 19 July 2024, Official Report, column 300 on Israel and Gaza, if his Department will take steps to monitor the neutrality of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). (868)
- 177 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's policy is on future funding for the Robert Carr Fund. (881)

- 178 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of re-opening the public enquiry office at Horwich police station. (1067)
- 179 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will have discussions with her EU counterparts on the ease of pet transportation between the UK and EU member states. (1125)
- 180 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions her Department has had with EU representatives on the potential reintroduction of pet passports. (1126)
- 181 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an estimate of the average [annual] cost to pet owners of obtaining an animal health certificates for travel to an EU country. (1127)
- 182 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police stations were operational in the Cramlington and Killingworth constituency in (a) 2010 and (b) the most recent date for which data is available. (1099)
- 183 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the number of active police officers in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency. (1100)
- 184 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help tackle anti-social behaviour in (a) Cramlington and Killingworth constituency and (b) the North East. (1101)
- 185 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the modern slavery strategy. (1102)
- 186 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the budget was for the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority in each year since 2010. (1103)
- 187 **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many times have exchange of notes arrangements been used in investigations relating to economic crime to share beneficial ownership information between the UK, Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories in the last 12 months. (1170)
- 188 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to monitor and remove harmful online deepfake material. (872)

- 189 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she plans to take to help tackle (a) anti-social behaviour and (b) drug use in Newcastle-under-Lyme constituency. (1092)
- 190 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle (a) antisocial behaviour, (b) vandalism, (c) noise disturbances and (d) public disorder (i) nationally and (ii) Dudley constituency. (1171)
- 191 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of introducing harm reduction centres for drug users. (982)
- 192 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to (a) tackle the use of nitazenes and (b) help ensure that drug users are safe in the context of trends in the use of those drugs. (983)
- 193 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the Written Statement of 17 May 2023 on Regulation Update, HCWS779, if she will make it her Department's policy to reinstate a full ban on the testing of cosmetic products on animals covering chemicals used (a) exclusively and (b) predominantly as cosmetic product ingredients. (1135)
- 194 **Matt Vickers** (Stockton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that police officers have confidence in their ability to (a) appropriately use force and (b) use other powers available to them for community policing. (1048)
- 195 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £3.5 billion defence export finance deal for Ukraine, announced on 18 July 2024, whether that funding is additional funding on top of pre-existing levels of export finance support from the UK to Ukraine. (989)
- 196 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £3.5 billion defence export finance deal for Ukraine, announced on 18 July 2024, what his planned timetable is for making the additional finance available. (990)
- 197 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £3.5 billion defence export finance deal for Ukraine, announced on 18 July 2024, whether any (a) goods and (b) services are excluded from the funding arrangement. (991)
- 198 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £3.5 billion defence export finance deal for Ukraine, announced on 18 July 2024, what percentage of UK- (a) manufactured and (b) originated content will be required for (i) goods and (ii) services purchased under the arrangement to qualify for support. (992)

- 199 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £3.5 billion defence export finance deal for Ukraine, announced on 18 July 2024, if he will take steps to ensure that a proportion of the additional funding for export finance to Ukraine is provided to small and medium-sized enterprises in the UK defence and security sector. (993)
- 200 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £3.5 billion defence export finance deal for Ukraine, announced on 18 July 2024, whether the finance provided will be subject to UK Export Finance's Transition Export Development Guarantee. (994)
- 201 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the £3.5 billion defence export finance deal for Ukraine, announced on 18 July 2024, what estimate he has made of increases in the number of (a) drones and (b) other uncrewed systems available to the Ukrainian Armed Forces resulting from the new funding arrangements. (995)
- 202 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veterans live in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency. (1104)
- 203 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support veterans in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency transition back into civilian life. (1105)
- 204 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the provision of mental health support services for veterans in (a) Cramlington and Killingworth constituency and (b) the North East. (1106)
- 205 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to implement the outstanding recommendations of the LGBT Veterans Review. (1143)
- 206 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has for stakeholders to contribute to the Strategic Defence and Security review. (1141)
- 207 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the proportion of defence spending that is allocated to Northern Ireland. (950)
- 208 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of publishing a strategy to help tackle youth homelessness. (1028)
- 209 **Mike Amesbury** (Runcorn and Helsby): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the regional disparities in Housing First services. (1029)

- 210 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of regulatory changes resulting from the UK's departure from the EU on her Department's ability to meet its housing targets. (1175)
- 211 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of her policies on leasehold reform on the average costs leaseholders in properties with building safety issues will incur. (996)
- 212 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to require local authorities to amend neighbourhood plans. (997)
- 213 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, whether her Department plans to introduce penalties for local planning authorities that do not meet housing targets. (998)
- 214 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech entitled Chancellor Rachel Reeves is taking immediate action to fix the foundations of our economy, published on 8 July 2024, what her planned timetable is to start consulting on bringing onshore wind into the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime. (999)
- 215 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech entitled Chancellor Rachel Reeves is taking immediate action to fix the foundations of our economy, published on 8 July 2024, what methodology she plans to use to prioritise energy projects. (1000)
- 216 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, for which other sectors spatial plans will be developed. (1001)
- 217 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, how her Department defines stalled housing sites. (1002)
- 218 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, for what reasons the project at Liverpool Central Docks was stalled; and whether her Department plans to provide additional funding to that project. (1008)



- 219 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, for what reasons the project at Worcester Parkway was stalled; and whether her Department plans to provide additional funding to that project. (1009)
- 220 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, for what reasons the project at Northstowe was stalled; and whether her Department plans to provide additional funding to that project. (1010)
- 221 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, whether the Government's house building target will include houses that began construction in the previous Parliament. (1011)
- 222 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her responsibilities are as Deputy Prime Minister; and whether those responsibilities include the implementation of the Government's planned reforms of employment law. (1012)
- 223 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to establish a separate Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. (1013)
- 224 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's planning definition is of the grey belt; and whether the grey belt includes (a) greenfield land and (b) residential gardens within the green belt. (1014)
- 225 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many new towns her Department plans to help build; how long will the towns take to build; and if she will publish a list of their locations. (1015)
- 226 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to regenerate (a) town centres and (b) high streets in Cramlington and Killingworth constituency. (1112)
- 227 **Emma Foody** (Cramlington and Killingworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help provide affordable housing in (a) Cramlington and Killingworth constituency and (b) the North East. (1113)
- 228 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's policy is on increasing funding to Cornwall Council for (a) social care services (b) SEND services and (c) road maintenance. (1147)



- 229 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to reduce the number of unoccupied shops in town centres in North Cornwall constituency. (1148)
- 230 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to help ensure that families are able to access emergency accommodation in areas where capacity for accommodation has been exceeded by demand during the summer of 2024. (978)
- 231 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for assessing the effectiveness of the Housing First pilot schemes. (979)
- 232 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support local authorities to find additional accommodation for refugees that have been granted leave to remain. (980)
- 233 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the effectiveness of local government expenditure on tackling (a) child poverty and (b) poverty. (981)
- 234 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to (a) review and (b) expand the list of accepted forms of voter identification at polling stations. (1156)
- 235 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will include shotgun certificates in the list of accepted forms of voter identification at polling stations. (1157)
- 236 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will include veteran's cards in the list of accepted forms of voter identification at polling stations. (1158)
- 237 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the number of people who were turned away from polling stations after attempting to use a shotgun certificate as voter ID on 4 July 2024. (1159)
- 238 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, is she will make an estimate of the number of veterans who were turned away from polling stations after attempting to use their veteran's card as photo ID on 4 July 2024. (1160)
- 239 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for banning Section 21 evictions. (1080)

- 240 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the governance of non-mayoral Combined County Authorities to include District Councils as constituent members. (1174)
- 241 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she plans to take to help tackle violence in prisons. (1021)
- 242 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of prison officer retention. (1022)
- 243 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has had discussions with the devolved Administrations on ensuring value for money in legal aid provision. (947)
- 244 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Windsor Framework on (a) ware potato production in Northern Ireland and (b) the import of seed potatoes from Britain to Northern Ireland. (1122)
- 245 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Windsor Framework on (a) the availability of veterinary medicines and (b) the farming industry after 31 December 2024. (1123)
- 246 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make it his policy to publish monthly figures on the number of reviews opened by the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery following requests from (a) his Department, (b) families and (c) others including whether the reviews relate to (i) deaths and (ii) harmful conduct. (1169)
- 247 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps she is taking to support the independent hospitality sector; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) reducing the rate of VAT for and (b) providing other targeted support to that sector. (1129)
- 248 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to help compensate small shareholders impacted by the nationalisation of Northern Rock PLC. (869)
- 249 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will meet with representatives of the Northern Rock Shareholder Action Group. (870)

- 250 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will remove VAT from the sale of defibrillators; and if she will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the potential impact of doing so on access to defibrillators. (871)
- 251 **Michael Payne** (Gedling): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her planned timetable is for introducing banking hubs in communities affected by bank branch closures. (1076)
- 252 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of removing VAT from the sale of defibrillators; and if she will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the potential impact of doing so on access to defibrillators. (948)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 25 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Helena Dollimore** (Hastings and Rye): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will hold discussions with the University of Brighton Academies Trust on the proportion of the public funding it receives that is passed on to schools in Hastings and Rye constituency. (1060)
- 2N **Helena Dollimore** (Hastings and Rye): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will direct the University of Brighton Academies Trust to increase the proportion of the public funding it receives that is passed on to schools in Hastings and Rye constituency. (1162)
- 3N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the (a) inspection process for Skills Bootcamp providers and (b) Education Inspection Framework for skills providers. (1062)
- 4N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to extend the Holiday Activities Fund. (972)
- 5N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether it is her Department's policy that universities should have a statutory duty of care to students. (1023)
- 6N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking to help improve mental health practice in universities. (1024)

- 7N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to regulation 13 of The Windsor Framework (Retail Movement Scheme) Regulations 2023, how many checks have been conducted on retail goods moved from Great Britain to Northern Ireland in each month since 1 January 2024, broken down by the number of each type of check undertaken. (1061)
- 8N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his planned timetable is for delivering the exascale supercomputer facility in Edinburgh. (1042)
- 9N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had recent discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals on artificial intelligence. (1049)
- 10N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has had recent discussions with his European counterparts on the EU Artificial Intelligence Act (EU Regulation 2024/1689). (1050)
- 11N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what funding has been allocated to transfer the (a) Government Digital Service, (b) Central Digital and Data Office and (c) Incubator for AI from the Cabinet Office to his Department. (1071)
- 12N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his planned timetable is for completing the transfer of the (a) Government Digital Service, (b) Central Digital and Data Office and (c) Incubator for AI from the Cabinet Office to his Department. (1072)
- 13N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to require local highway authorities to remove (a) racist and (b) other offensive graffiti from structures adjacent to the public highway without the authority of the owner. (865)
- 14N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 459 on Bus Services: Concessions, whether she plans to extend the Get around for £2 bus fare scheme. (1040)
- 15N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 459 on Bus Services: Concessions, what her Department's planned timetable is for concluding it's urgent consideration on the future of public transport services. (1041)
- 16N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help reduce overcrowding on the Durham Coast Line during peak periods. (896)

- 17N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the impact of overcrowding on the Durham Coast Line during peak periods on the health and safety of passengers. (897)
- 18N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the status is of the Chesterfield Staveley Regeneration route. (884)
- 19N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of setting a target for the level of food bank usage by the end of this Parliament. (962)
- 20N **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to reinstate the Covid Medicines Delivery Unit to provide access to antiviral drugs for people with covid-19 infections who are clinically vulnerable. (1036)
- 21N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, If he will make it his policy to publish a national cancer plan. (900)
- 22N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of (i) GPs and (ii) dentists in Hitchin constituency. (1164)
- 23N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of people who have been waiting more than four weeks for a GP appointment in Hitchin constituency. (1165)
- 24N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children aged 11 and under with tooth decay were admitted to hospital for a tooth extraction in Hitchin constituency in each of the last five years. (1166)
- 25N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce the time taken to access dental services in Hitchin constituency. (1167)
- 26N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number and proportion of children aged four and under that were admitted to hospital for a tooth extraction due to decay in Hitchin constituency in each of the last five years. (1168)
- 27N **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his international counterparts on helping to implement sanctions on Russian crude oil exports. [R] (1063)
- 28N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help residents of the Union Island. (944)

- 29N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, for what reasons the project at Langley Sutton Coldfield was stalled; and whether her Department plans to provide additional funding to that project. (1003)
- 30N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, how much funding will be allocated by her Department to support the recruitment of 300 more planning officers. (1004)
- 31N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, when local authorities will be given additional funding to recruit planning officers. (1005)
- 32N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, whether additional funding will be provided for the recruitment of 300 planning officers. (1006)
- 33N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 July 2024, how many additional planning officers will be recruited in each local authority. (1007)
- 34N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much and what proportion of the Waking Watch Replacement Fund was spent. (964)
- 35N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many residential flats in Brentford and Isleworth constituency have received funding from the Building Safety Fund. (965)
- 36N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of residential buildings in (a) London and (b) England which have been granted funding from the building safety fund where work has not begun. (966)
- 37N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for making a decision on the Anglesey Freeport draft Outline Business Case. (1070)
- 38N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what proportion of national house building targets will be for council housing in the next five years. (898)

- 39N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will (a) review the definition of affordable housing and (b) ensure that definition is linked to average wages by region. (899)
- 40N **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners released between October 2023 and June 2024 under the End of Custody Supervised License scheme were subsequently recalled to prison. (967)
- 41N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that the family court system (a) provides adequate support for court users who have experienced abuse by their (i) partner and (ii) former partner and (b) cannot be misused by perpetrators of domestic abuse. (969)
- 42N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will take steps to ensure that legal aid is available to people using the family courts who have been subject to (a) financial control and (b) domestic abuse. (970)
- 43N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the EU Industrial Emission Directive on Northern Ireland; and what the associated costs are. (1120)
- 44N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Plant Protection Product regulations on (a) supply issues, (b) the variety of products available and (c) the farming industry. (1121)
- 45N **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what discussions he has had with the Scottish Parliament on tackling the time taken for compensation claims in relation to miscarriages of justice to be processed. (1017)
- 46N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the value of income tax exemption under the workplace nursery scheme in each year from (a) 2018-19 to (b) 2023-24. (945)
- 47N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the value of national insurance contributions that were exempted under workplace nursery schemes in each financial year between 2018-19 and 2023-24. (946)
- 48N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will commission an independent review into the loan charge. (864)
- 49N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to repeal the Pensions Increase (Pension Scheme for Keir Starmer QC) Regulations 2013. (1039)



- 50N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make it her policy to extend the Housing Support Fund. (971)
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## Questions for Answer on Friday 26 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many new emergency refuges will be constructed as part of the programme of retrofitting to existing Smart Motorways. (960)
- 2N **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her Department's policy is on the proposed third runway at Heathrow Airport. (1037)
- 3N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to implement Section 8 of the Public Order Act 2023. (988)
- 4N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans her Department has to (a) engage and (b) work with (i) cooperatives and (ii) community-led not-for-profit organisations to build new homes. (963)
- 5N **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will take steps to restore the level of funding allocated to international development and aid projects to 0.7% of GDP. [Transferred] (824)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 29 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of regulating commercial free prizes draws as a gambling product. (1018)
- 2N **Tonia Antoniazzi** (Gower): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of a statutory gambling levy on funds available to charities who operate a charity lottery. (1019)

- 3N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to improve the flood resilience of the river (a) Rother and (b) Hipper in the Chesterfield area. (885)
- 4N **Mr Toby Perkins** (Chesterfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had discussions with Derbyshire County Council on a timetable for commencing investigations to ensure the viability of the proposed Chesterfield Staveley Regeneration route. (883)
- 5N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent guidance his Department has issued on safe staffing limits for nurses qualified in intensive neonatal care in a high-risk neonatal unit. (878)
- 6N **Mr James Cleverly** (Braintree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with West Yorkshire Police on the recent disorder in Harehills, Leeds. (961)
- 7N **David Davis** (Goole and Pocklington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, for what reason Crown Courts can refuse to release audio recordings of criminal hearings. (880)