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## Questions tabled on Wednesday 24 July 2024

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### Questions for Answer on Thursday 25 July

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing minimum energy performance certificate requirements for owner occupied dwellings at (a) sale and (b) purchase. [Transferred] (1331)
- 2N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the EU Industrial Emission Directive on Northern Ireland; and what the associated costs are. [Transferred] (1120)
- 3N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 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. [Transferred] (1121)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what his policy is on the use of digital ID; and whether he has received representations from (a) Tony Blair and (b) his representatives on digital ID. [Transferred] (1209)
- 5N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to extend the Housing Support Fund. [Transferred] (971)
- 6 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, who he plans to appoint as the next Ambassador to the United States. [Transferred] (1242)

- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to renew the contract with the Rotary Wing Command Support Air Transport Helicopter Service. [Transferred] (1248)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which Department is responsible for tackling intimidation in public life. [Transferred] (1220)
- 9 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will review the effectiveness of the business rates system for small business. [Transferred] (1190)
- 10 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her policy is on divesting North Sea oil and gas production. [Transferred] (1301)

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## Questions for Answer on Friday 26 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce the number of empty retail units on high streets in (a) Ludlow and Bridgnorth and (b) other rural areas. (1560)
- 2 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help support small businesses in (a) rural and (b) semi-rural areas. (1600)
- 3 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support the shipbuilding industry. (1478)
- 4 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support the car manufacturing industry. (1479)
- 5 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will hold discussions with representatives of the Save Tall Ship Tenacious campaign on saving the SV Tenacious to support future generations of seafarers with disabilities and long-term health conditions. (1564)
- 6 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 458 on Private Education: Fees and Charges, whether the Department has made an assessment to date of the impact of the introduction of VAT on schools in the independent sector on class sizes in state schools. (1572)

- 7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of children are home schooled in each local education authority area. (1574)
- 8 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the Safety Valve intervention programme on the provision of SEND services by local authorities. (1509)
- 9 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to review Safety Valve agreements with local authorities. (1510)
- 10 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will publish any data it holds on the potential impact of the Safety Valve agreement on the provision of special educational needs support in Norfolk. (1511)
- 11 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of Safety Valve agreements on the delivery of local authorities' statutory obligations to children and young people with SEND. (1512)
- 12 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help protect teachers from assaults by (a) pupils and (b) parents. (1513)
- 13 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to allow local leaders to use Skills Bootcamp funding to support training for bus drivers. (1606)
- 14 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of (a) suspensions and (b) exclusions from schools in Somerset by age in each of the last ten years. (1620)
- 15 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is to roll out free breakfast clubs to all primary schools. (1566)
- 16 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate she has made of the annual cost of providing free breakfast clubs in all primary schools. (1567)
- 17 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her policy is on the future of the Behaviour Hubs programme. (1568)
- 18 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of a presumption in favour of offshoring energy infrastructure where agricultural land would be affected by overhead cables or undergrounding. (1526)

- 19 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether communities will receive remuneration for hosting energy infrastructure. (1527)
- 20 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will give communities the ability to express opposition to hosting grid infrastructure. (1528)
- 21 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his planned timetable is for publishing the updated ETSU-R-97 guidelines. (1529)
- 22 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, which oil and gas industry bodies he consulted with before making his decision to ban new oil exploration licences. (1530)
- 23 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he plans to have with OEUK on the future of the North Sea Basin. (1531)
- 24 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when he plans to visit Aberdeen. (1532)
- 25 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to consult business leaders in north-east Scotland on the potential impact of his policy on oil and gas. (1533)
- 26 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of projected imports of oil and gas over the next five years. (1534)
- 27 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of his policy on granting new North Sea exploration licences on employment levels in (a) Aberdeen and (b) Aberdeenshire. (1535)
- 28 **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 impact of banning new exploration licences on the economy in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. (1536)
- 29 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what the projected revenue is to His Majesty's Treasury from oil and gas companies as a result of the policy to ban new oil and gas exploration licences. (1537)

- 30 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many civil service jobs his Department plans to create in north-east Scotland. (1538)
- 31 **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 potential economic impact of the Energy Profits Levy on the North East of Scotland. (1539)
- 32 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department plans to take to help support offshore oil and gas workers transitioning to alternative energy industries. (1540)
- 33 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has met with the Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce. (1541)
- 34 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he will take to ensure the UK Continental Shelf remains (a) viable and (b) investable. (1542)
- 35 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he will take to ensure that the UK maintains a strategic reserve of oil and gas. (1543)
- 36 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he is taking steps to seek new investors for Sizewell C. (1544)
- 37 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how he intends to shortlist for the small modular reactor competition. (1545)
- 38 **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of his policy on decarbonising the grid by 2030 on the cost of constructing Sizewell C. (1571)
- 39N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will introduce a statutory fuel finder scheme as recommended by the Competition and Markets Authority's Road Fuel Market Study. [Transferred] (1201)
- 40 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential (a) impact of agricultural run off on and (b) merits of introducing a water protection zone for the river Wye. (1614)
- 41 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the number of sewage discharges into watercourses there have been in Hemel Hempstead constituency in the last 12 months. (1625)

- 42 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking with the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council to help increase agricultural productivity. (1558)
- 43 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if his Department will take steps to help improve the quality of mobile phone signal in (a) Houghton Regis and (b) Bidwell West. (1605)
- 44 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will have discussions with the insurance industry on car insurance premiums. (1623)
- 45 **Danny Beales** (Uxbridge and South Ruislip): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will hold discussions with the Competition and Markets Authority on trends in the level of car insurance premiums. (1624)
- 46 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress she has made on the RIS3 road improvement programme. (1563)
- 47 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much HS2 funding has been reallocated for rail upgrades in (a) South Holland and The Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (1463)
- 48 **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her Department's planned timetable is for the completion of feasibility works for (a) platform six at Upminster station and (b) the other 50 projects granted Access for All accessibility funding on 24 May 2024. (1549)
- 49 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency is taking to reduce waiting times for practical tests in Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard constituency. (1604)
- 50 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will have discussions with Network Rail on options to avoid the closure of Spion Kop Bridge in Wigston during the next phase of electrification work on the midland mainline. (1553)
- 51 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what guidance her Department provides on whether Heathrow Airport is legally required to support (a) noise abatement schemes, (b) sound insulation and (c) double glazing for properties affected by aircraft noise from that airport. (1514)
- 52 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to improve transport links between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (1477)
- 53 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with National Highways on minimising disruption to local residents and businesses during the closure of the A36 at Limpley Stoke. (1619)

- 54 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to approve the business case for the A10 West Winch Housing Access Road. (1565)
- 55 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) ACAS Early Conciliation Certificates and (b) Employment Tribunal cases (i) heard and (ii) settled before a hearing were found in the claimant's favour in (A) 2021, (B) 2022 and (C) 2023. (1626)
- 56 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many families in Blyth and Ashington constituency are impacted by the two child benefit cap. (1499)
- 57 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many families use foodbanks in Blyth and Ashington constituency. (1500)
- 58 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of poverty levels on birth rates. (1502)
- 59 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her policies of recommendation 22 of the Third Report of the Work and Pensions Select Committee of Session 2023-24 on Defined benefit pension schemes, HC 144, published on 26 March 2024. (1598)
- 60 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of levels of prevalence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in the NHS estate. (1603)
- 61 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with NHS England on the workload of pathology services staff. (1550)
- 62 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the social care system on the performance of the NHS; and if he will hold discussions with his opposition counterparts on measures to improve the funding and delivery of social care. (1618)
- 63 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of making dental (a) foundation and (b) vocational training mandatory for dentists entering private practice. (1579)
- 64 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the clinical experience dentists receive before becoming eligible to practice. (1580)



- 65 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to review the standards of training for dentistry students. (1581)
- 66 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to review the immigration health surcharge. (1582)
- 67 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the cost to the public purse was of staff diversity networks in his Department in each of the last five years. (1461)
- 68 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) nurses and (b) doctors were employed by the NHS in (i) May 2010 and (ii) the most recent month for which data is available. (1577)
- 69 **Ian Lavery** (Blyth and Ashington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children are being treated for poverty related illness in (a) Blyth and Ashington constituency and (b) the North East. (1501)
- 70 **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the National Institute for Health and Care Research has commissioned any research into the link between Bisphenol A (BPA) and breast cancer. (1548)
- 71 **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to ensure that the National Equipment Tracking and Inventory System highlights radiotherapy cancer treatment machines that are over 10 years old; and if he will ensure that sufficient capital funding is available to replace those machines. (1484)
- 72 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the press release from the Association of Optometrists entitled Life-changing service for children with special educational needs at risk of collapse due to cuts, published on 9 May 2024. (1551)
- 73 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help increase the (a) survival rate for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests and (b) availability of defibrillators in public and community settings. (1493)
- 74 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking with social care providers to ensure that the social care sector meets required staffing levels. (1495)
- 75 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) increase public awareness and (b) reduce stigma in men about early screening for prostate cancer. (1497)
- 76 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish the reference design for Hospital 2.0. (1569)



- 77 **Uma Kumaran** (Stratford and Bow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterpart in Bangladesh on the (a) student protests and (b) potential restoration of (i) internet and (ii) mobile services in that country. (1627)
- 78 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish his Department's legal advice on Israel's compliance with international humanitarian law. (1506)
- 79 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the Knesset's decision not to recognise a Palestinian state. (1507)
- 80 **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of visa restrictions on international aid workers to (a) Israel and (b) the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and whether he has had discussions with his Israeli counterpart on improving humanitarian access to those territories. (1503)
- 81 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on Hezbollah. (1496)
- 82 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 210, whether he has had discussions with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the fiscal circumstances within which the level of the Official Development Assistance budget will be raised to 0.7% of gross national income. (1508)
- 83 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle (a) the theft of high value agricultural machinery and (b) other rural crime. (1561)
- 84 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what guidance her Department issues on whether products that have been made (a) entirely and (b) partially with forced labour should be sold in the UK. (1458)
- 85 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to grant full British citizenship to Hong Kong (a) British National (Overseas) and (b) British Dependent Territories Citizen passport holders who move to the UK. (1583)
- 86 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with her Rwandan counterpart since 5 July. (1462)

- 87 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the number of police hours spent on investigating shoplifting crimes in Bedfordshire in which the value of the goods taken was less than £200, in the latest period for which data is available. (1607)
- 88 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applications for asylum were (a) granted and (b) refused by (i) year of age, (ii) sex and (iii) country of origin in the last 12 months. (1554)
- 89 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, where asylum seekers resident on the Bibby Stockholm barge will be relocated to. (1470)
- 90 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she has taken to tackle dangerous driving in (a) Romford constituency and (b) England. (1471)
- 91 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the UK's air defence systems for defending critical infrastructure. (1468)
- 92 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the Atlas A400M for meeting the military transport requirements of the Royal Air Force. (1469)
- 93 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent discussions he has had with his NATO counterparts on increasing defence spending. (1494)
- 94 **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 merits of the recommendations of the Mayor of London's London Climate Resilience Review to levy charges on households that pave their front gardens. (1516)
- 95 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish the environmental principles assessment for the Policy statement on onshore wind, published on 8 July 2024. (1517)
- 96 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Policy statement on onshore wind, published on 8 July 2024, whether her Department has made an estimate of trends in the number of bird deaths caused by changes in the number of onshore wind farms; and what discussions she had with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs before the publication of that statement. (1518)
- 97 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Planning and Infrastructure Bill will include measures to reform the judicial review process to speed up planning decisions. (1519)

- 98 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to modernise planning committees. (1520)
- 99 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her target is for increasing net housing supply in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26. (1521)
- 100 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to set a council tax referendum threshold for 2025-26. (1522)
- 101 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to consult the Electoral Commission's parliamentary parties panel on proposed changes to electoral law. (1523)
- 102 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to review council tax (a) discounts, (b) exemptions and (c) disregards. (1524)
- 103 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to make (a) regulatory and (b) deregulatory changes to building regulations. (1525)
- 104 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to publish her Department's response to the consultation entitled The Future Homes and Buildings Standards, published on 13 November 2023. (1615)
- 105 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential (a) economic, (b) social and (c) environmental impact of poor home insulation; and if she will make it her policy to establish a local-authority-led street-by-street retrofit programme to insulate homes. (1616)
- 106 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to require landlords to improve the energy efficiency of their properties to a EPC C rating. (1617)
- 107 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward proposals to permit virtual meetings of (a) local authorities, (b) parish councils and (c) other public bodies on a permanent basis. (1562)
- 108 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her plans are for Round 4 Window (a) 1 and (b) 2 of the Community Ownership Fund. (1480)

- 109 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her Department's policy to restructure the local government funding formula. (1472)
- 110 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her Department's policy to amend local authorities' statutory service obligations. (1473)
- 111 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she has taken to reduce the likelihood of local authority bankruptcies in (a) Romford and (b) England. (1474)
- 112 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many businesses have been found criminally liable for failing to prevent the facilitation of tax evasion in the last 12 months. (1602)
- 113 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to reform jury service expenses. (1622)
- 114N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many postmasters have been notified that their convictions have been quashed by the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Act 2024. [Transferred] (1307)
- 115 **Carla Lockhart** (Upper Bann): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Assembly on administration of Apprenticeship Levy funds. (1587)
- 116 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make it his policy to establish a new official local flag for Northern Ireland. (1475)
- 117 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what fiscal steps her Department is taking to help support economic growth in (a) Craven Arms and (b) other rural areas. (1559)
- 118N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information was provided to the Prime Minister on the public finances prior to taking office; whether he has received any additional information since taking office; and what his policy is on the provision of information to prospective future governments prior to elections. [Transferred] (1381)
- 119N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she plans to take to consult stakeholders on her Department's proposed policy to implement VAT on private school fees. [Transferred] (1290)
- 120 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of people who paid capital gains tax were in work in the most recent year for which data is available. (1556)

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- 121 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what proportion of people who paid capital gains tax also paid employee national insurance contributions in the most recent year for which data is available. (1557)
- 122 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will abolish air passenger duty for domestic flights. (1476)
- 123 **Peter Swallow** (Bracknell): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has (a) received representations from and (b) held discussions with campaigners on the loan charge. (1608)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 29 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many non-executive directors have had their contract of employment terminated since 5 July 2024. (1490)
- 2N **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the contract of employment for non-executive directors has been fully complied with since 5 July 2024. (1491)
- 3N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will take steps to ensure that Northern Ireland is represented in future appointments within her remit. (1466)
- 4N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what recent assessment she has made of the potential merits of re-establishing the Leveson Part Two inquiry. (1459)
- 5N **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has had discussions with press (a) agencies and (b) publishers on the potential merits of launching the second part of the Leveson inquiry into press standards. (1613)
- 6N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make a comparative assessment of the adequacy of school funding per pupil in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) the rest of the country. (1610)
- 7N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to pages 63-65 of the policy paper entitled, King's Speech 2024: background briefing notes, published by the Prime Minister's Office on 17 July 2024, how many primary-aged children her Department expects to receive free breakfast at school in Ealing. (1599)

- 8N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of children at (a) key stage one and two, (b) key stage three and four and (c) post-16 education are in (i) state-funded and (ii) privately-funded independent education in each local education authority area. (1573)
- 9N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the cost for introducing free school meals for all primary school children. (1481)
- 10N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it is his policy that solar arrays produced using polysilicon mined in Xinjiang province should not be used in the UK. (1457)
- 11N **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to increase support for farmers to mitigate the impacts of crops (a) lost and (b) not planted due to wet weather. (1487)
- 12N **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to continue the annual farm to fork summit. (1488)
- 13N **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will introduce a legally binding food security target. (1489)
- 14N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department plans to take to help improve 4G signal (a) partial not spots and (b) total not spots. (1589)
- 15N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an assessment of the accuracy of Ofcom coverage maps for (a) 4G and (b) 5G signal. (1590)
- 16N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of mobile signal roaming in rural areas. (1591)
- 17N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when he expects every household in North Shropshire constituency to have access to gigabit broadband. (1592)
- 18N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if the DVLA will publish a comprehensive list of reportable medical conditions. (1588)
- 19N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the rail network enhancements pipeline. (1482)



- 20N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average waiting time was between booking and taking a driving test in Hitchin constituency in the latest period for which data is available; and how many people are waiting to take a test in that constituency. (1593)
- 21N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to fund road maintenance in Hitchin constituency. (1594)
- 22N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average cost of bus fares is in (a) Hitchin constituency, (b) Bedfordshire and (c) North Hertfordshire. (1595)
- 23N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate her Department has made of the level of (a) car ownership, (b) bus usage (c) light rail usage, (d) train usage and (e) active travel in Hitchin constituency. (1596)
- 24N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to take steps to improve train services in Hitchin constituency. (1597)
- 25N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress has been made on the the construction of the new A&E unit at Pilgrim Hospital in Boston; and when he expects the construction to be completed. (1504)
- 26N **Victoria Atkins** (Louth and Horncastle): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for the review of the New Hospitals Programme. (1505)
- 27N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of (a) GP and (b) dental provision in Aldershot constituency; and what plans he has to improve that provision. (1609)
- 28N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to build Midland Metropolitan University Hospital by 2030. (1578)
- 29N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the NHS budget was in (a) cash terms and (b) adjusted for inflation in the (i) 2009-10 and (ii) 2023-24 financial year. (1575)
- 30N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding the NHS allocated to mental health services in (a) cash terms and (b) adjusted for inflation in the (i) 2009-10 and (ii) 2023-24 financial year. (1576)
- 31N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether (a) access to radiotherapy cancer treatment and (b) overall cancer treatment waiting times are within the scope of the independent investigation of NHS performance led by Professor Lord Darzi. (1483)



- 32N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 July 2024 to question 52 on Dental Health: Pupils, when the UK National Screening Committee will next review recommendations on school dental screening. (1485)
- 33N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 23 July 2024 to question 52 on Dental Health: Pupils, for what reason the National Screening Committee have not reviewed school dental screening recommendations in the period 2022-23. (1486)
- 34N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many GP (a) practices and (b) premises there were in each current ICB area in each month since January 2010. (1552)
- 35N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of recent increases in settler violence in the West Bank. (1460)
- 36N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent steps her Department has taken to provide consular assistance to British nationals who are detained overseas. (1629)
- 37N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to provide (a) financial and (b) other support to local community organisations to help tackle anti-social behaviour in their area. (1611)
- 38N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the suspicious activity report programme. (1601)
- 39N **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has commissioned the use of any hotel accommodation in the London Borough of Havering for the purpose of housing asylum seekers since 5 July 2024. (1547)
- 40N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of armed forces accommodation in Aldershot constituency; and what plans he has to improve that accommodation. (1612)
- 41N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many staff in his Department have job titles which include the words (a) equality, (b) diversity, (c) inclusion, (d) gender, (e) LGBT and (f) race. (1555)
- 42N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when he plans to reply to the correspondence from the hon. Member for Brentwood and Ongar of 18 July 2024 on the Court of Appeal judgment in the case of Geraldine Finucane v Secretary of State for Northern Ireland of 11 July 2024. (1546)

- 43N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, with reference to figure 19.6 of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office's annual report 2022, published on 26 March 2024, if he will hold discussions with the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland on the potential merits of launching a public inquiry on the alleged surveillance of journalists in Northern Ireland. (1584)
- 44N **Mr Alistair Carmichael** (Orkney and Shetland): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the impact of the increase in alcohol duty for spirits introduced in 2023 on the Scotch whisky industry. (1467)
- 45N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had access to papers produced (a) for and (b) by the previous Administration in the course of her review of public finances. (1628)

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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 30 July

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Claire Coutinho** (East Surrey): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of his policy on decarbonising the grid by 2030 on the cost of constructing Hinkley Point C. (1570)
- 2N **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of Southern Water's proposal to introduce recycled waste water in to the drinking water supply at the Havant Thicket Reservoir on the environment. (1621)
- 3N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Answer of 14 May 2024 to Question 25516 on Universal Credit, when her Department plans to publish the findings of the survey of people who have not claimed Universal Credit following receipt of the migration notice. (1492)
- 4N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department will continue the (a) Hospital Rebuilding Programme and (b) implementation of Community Diagnostic Centres. (1585)
- 5N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the Community Diagnostic Centre at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping will go ahead as planned. (1586)
- 6N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish her Department's submission on the legal challenge by Friends of the Earth and South Lakes Action on Climate Change to the West Cumbria Mining planning permission. (1515)

- 7N **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland Communities Minister on the termination of the JobStart programme for 16-25 year olds in Northern Ireland. (1498)

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### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- 1 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): If he will set out a timeline for the potential recognition of a Palestinian state. (900135)
- 2 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): What steps he is taking to help secure a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. (900136)
- 3 **Mr Adnan Hussain** (Blackburn): If he will support the immediate recognition of the state of Palestine. (900137)
- 4 **Gordon McKee** (Glasgow South): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (900138)
- 5 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (900139)
- 6 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (900140)
- 7 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): Whether he plans to review the sanctions regime against Russia. (900141)
- 8 **Gregor Poynton** (Livingston): What recent discussions he has had with his Indian counterpart on strengthening UK-India relations. (900142)
- 9 **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): What discussions he has had with his Iranian counterpart on alleged human rights violations in that country. (900143)
- 10 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): Whether he has had recent discussions with his Irish counterpart on UK-Ireland relations. (900144)
- 11 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): What steps he is taking to support Ukraine. (900145)
- 12 **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (900146)
- 13 **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): What steps he is taking to help strengthen NATO. (900147)
- 14 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): What his planned timescale is for completing his review of Israel's compliance with international humanitarian law. (900148)
- 15 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): Whether he has had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion entitled Legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, published on 19 July 2024. (900149)

- 16 **Apsana Begum** (Poplar and Limehouse): What recent discussions he has had with his Bangladeshi counterpart on the human rights situation in that country. (900150)
- 17 **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (900151)
- 18 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): Whether his Department has taken steps to help secure the release of Alaa Abd El-Fattah. (900152)
- 19 **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): What assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion entitled Legal consequences arising from the policies and practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, published on 19 July 2024. (900153)
- 20 **Dame Caroline Dinanage** (Gosport): What steps he is taking to support Ukraine. (900154)
- 21 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): What steps he is taking to support peace and human rights in Colombia. (900155)
- 22 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): What assessment he has made of the potential implications for asylum accommodation policy of using the overseas development budget to help fund asylum accommodation. (900156)
- 23 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): What steps he is taking to help strengthen the UK's relationship with Europe. (900157)
- 24 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): What discussions he has had with his Indonesian counterpart on the human rights situation in West Papua. (900158)
- 25 **Ruth Cadbury** (Brentford and Isleworth): What steps he is taking to help improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza. (900159)

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### Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

- T1 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (900160)
- T2 **Lloyd Hatton** (South Dorset): (900161)
- T3 **Imran Hussain** (Bradford East): (900162)
- T4 **Ian Byrne** (Liverpool West Derby): (900163)
- T5 **Ian Roome** (North Devon): (900164)
- T6 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): (900165)
- T7 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): (900166)
- T8 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): (900167)

T9 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): (900168)

T10 **Patricia Ferguson** (Glasgow West): (900169)

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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 3 September

### Questions for Written Answer

1N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for introducing new trains on the Midland Mainline between Sheffield and London. (1464)

2N **Mr Clive Betts** (Sheffield South East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will hold discussions with the metro mayors on the potential merits of electrifying the Midland Mainline. (1465)