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# Questions tabled on Thursday 25 July 2024

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
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- 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.

### Questions for Answer on Friday 26 July

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

- Jim Allister (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the introduction of the updated General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR) on SMEs shipping from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.
  [Transferred] (1386)
- 2 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential (a) economic, (b) social and (c) environmental impact of poor home insulation; and if he will make it his policy to establish a local-authority-led street-by-street retrofit programme to insulate homes.

[Transferred] (1616)

- 3 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it her policy to require landlords to improve the energy efficiency of their properties to a EPC C rating.

  [Transferred] (1617)
- 4N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Prime Minister's Written Statement of 18 July 2024 on the UK Covid-19 Inquiry Module 1 Report, HCWS11, whether the Prime Minister's personal commitment to each and every family who lost loved ones as a result of a Covid-19 vaccine.

  [Transferred] (1179)
- Stuart Anderson (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps she 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.

  [Transferred] (1560)

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- Neil Duncan-Jordan (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, 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.

  [Transferred] (1626)
- 7 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (1537)
- 8 Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential economic impact of the Energy Profits Levy on the North East of Scotland. [Transferred] (1539)

### Questions for Answer on Monday 29 July

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

- 1 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps her Department is taking to co-ordinate with other Departments on tackling fraud through the Serious Fraud Office. (1867)
- 2 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps his Department is taking to (a) prepare for and (b) mitigate future global IT outages. (1864)
- 3 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to revise the transparency publication guidance for (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) senior officials. (1660)
- 4 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will meet the hon. Member for York Central to discuss the proposed Government Hub in York Central. (1706)
- 5 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his timescale is for the Government Hub in York Central. (1707)
- 6 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what consultation process is he undertaking concerning the proposed Government Hub for York Central. (1708)
- 7 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many jobs the York Central Government Hub will (a) create in York and (b) transfer into the hub from other sites in York. (1709)

- 8 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to ensure that the design of the Government Hub in York blends with the rest of the city. (1710)
- 9 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he plans to take to help increase exports from companies in the north east of Scotland. (1780)
- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent assessment his Department has made of the value of the Scotch whisky industry to the economy. (1781)
- Ben Goldsborough (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help increase horticulture exports. (1845)
- Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to prohibit the importing of (a) electric scooters and (b) electric bikes from countries that do not comply with UK safety standards. (1647)
- Mr Richard Holden (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture,
  Media and Sport, what funding is available from the Arts Council for schemes in
  Basildon and Billericay constituency; how much funding has been awarded to those
  schemes; whether the Arts Council has sponsored any events in Basildon and Billericay
  constituency; and what is the criteria for sponsoring events. (1814)
- Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what amount of her 2024-25 departmental budget was underspent on 24 May 2024.
  (1787)
- Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she will continue the BBC Funding Model Review. (1788)
- Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, when she expects her Department's BBC Funding Model Review is to conclude and publish its findings. (1789)
- Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the cost is of redeveloping Casement Park for Euro 2028. (1790)
- Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what underspends are projected in (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies in (i) this financial year and (ii) the Spending Review period. (1791)
- Julia Lopez (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans she has for new efficiency savings in (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies.
  (1792)

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- 21 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of rejoining Creative Europe.

  (1705)
- 22 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has plans to review the apprenticeship levy. (1881)
- 23 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the provision of special educational needs and disability services for children in City of Durham constituency. (1794)
- 24 **Andrew George** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure that post 16 year old pupils who live on the Isles of Scilly have equality of affordable opportunity to state sector study as their mainland counterparts. (1634)
- 25 **Andrew George** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many students are required by geographic circumstances to board at night to receive post-16 education by local authority area. (1635)
- 26 **Andrew George** (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how much was provided to the Council of the Isles of Scilly for post-16 education for students in each of the last five years for which records are available; and how much was (a) unspent and (b) returned. (1636)
- 27 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she will take steps to regulate smartphone use for children. (1639)
- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the (a) capacity and (b) number of pupils on roll was in (i) state-funded and (ii) independent schools at each phase of (A) primary education and (B) secondary education to the end of key stage four in each parliamentary constituency in the most recent period for which data is available.
- 29 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the (a) capacity and (b) number of students on roll was for 16 to 19 education in (i) state-funded (A) sixth-forms and (B) colleges and (ii) independent schools in each parliamentary constituency in the most recent period for which data is available. (1653)
- 30 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what underspends are projected in (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies in (i) this financial year and (ii) the Spending Review period. (1654)

- Damian Hinds (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has set aside capital funding for the provision of potential additional places in state schools in the event they are required as a result of pupils moving from the independent sector to the state sector. (1655)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on potential workforce participation effects of the availability of (a) year-round and (b) term-time only childcare provision. (1656)
- **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of the proposed additional nursery places in primary schools will be (a) year-round and (b) term-time only. (1657)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department provides support to international students unable to afford university fees due to high inflation in Nigeria. (1722)
- **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to ensure Ofsted includes the adequacy of the physical security of school buildings in their inspection reports. (1648)
- Jo White (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for issuing contracts to the providers who have been selected to deliver the pilot teacher degree apprenticeships. (1850)
- **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 support the roll-out of small modular reactors. (1763)
- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to his Department's policy paper entitled Civil nuclear roadmap to 2050, published in January 2024, whether he plans to meet the target of producing 24GW of energy by nuclear by 2050. (1764)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his Department's policy is on the deployment of nuclear technology at Oldbury. (1765)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to improve access to market for small and advanced modular reactors outside of the down-selection process. (1766)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what his Department's policy is on the deployment of new nuclear technologies in Scotland. (1767)

- **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 proceeding with the construction of a GW scale reactor at Wylfa. (1768)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support exports of small modular reactor technologies to Sweden. (1769)
- 44 Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support exports of small modular reactor technologies to Czechia. (1770)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support exports of small modular reactor technologies to Poland. (1771)
- **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the transition to clean energy on (a) businesses and (b) consumer energy bills. (1871)
- **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of artificial intelligence for reducing emissions. (1872)
- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support people who rely on heating oil in North East Somerset and Hanham constituency. (1632)
- **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that environmental land management schemes support (a) farmers and (b) the rural economy in York Outer constituency. (1866)
- **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to introduce exemptions for protected horticultural growers within the biodiversity net gain regulations. (1842)
- Ben Goldsborough (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the potential impact of biodiversity net gain regulations on local planning authorities. (1843)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many instances of fly tipping were recorded in South Holland and the Deepings constituency in (a) 2022, (b) 2023 and (c) 2024 to date.

(1638)

- Dan Norris (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the continued use of neonicotinoid pesticides on bee populations.

  (1630)
- 54 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of (a) the levels of pollution in the River Exe and (b) what the sources of this pollution are. (1897)
- 55 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce the levels of pollution in the River Exe. (1898)
- Steve Race (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve the quality of water in the River Exe. (1899)
- 57 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) apple farmers and (b) cider makers whose crops have been affected by ermine moths in Somerset. (1884)
- 58 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans he has for the National AI Strategy; and whether he plans to update the strategy. (1869)
- 59 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what discussions he has had with Cabinet colleagues on artificial intelligence planning. (1870)
- Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what his Department's policy is on the future of the Life
  Sciences Council. (1823)
- Graham Stuart (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will make it his policy to require fixed line operators to
  share infrastructure to help tackle the proliferation of telegraph poles. (1641)
- 62 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to help improve accessibility on flights for disabled passengers. (1815)
- 63 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the cost to the public purse was of staff diversity networks in her Department in each of the last five years. (1637)
- 64 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department plans to take to improve (a) public transportation links, (b) road maintenance and (c) other transport infrastructure in Dudley constituency. (1834)

- Sonia Kumar (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her

  Department plans to take to increase the accessibility of public transport for (a) people
  with disabilities and (b) other residents in Dudley. (1835)
- **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much she plans to provide East Riding of Yorkshire Council from the Local Transport Fund. (1643)
- 67 Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential mental health impact of benefit sanctions.

  (1797)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to (a) reform or (b) replace the Work Capability Assessment. (1798)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of not including military compensation as an income on means-tested benefit applications. (1802)
- **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if he will hold discussions with Amazon on the operation of trade unions in that company. (1874)
- **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): 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 Southampton Itchen constituency. (1846)
- **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of artificial intelligence on access to primary care. (1868)
- **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle shortages in ADHD medications. (1900)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle health inequalities in the North East of England. (1796)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of preparedness for future pandemics. (1801)
- 76 Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to ensure that people with breast cancer receive (a) an early diagnosis and (b) swift treatment. (1818)

- 77 **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of trends in the level of health inequalities in Southampton Itchen constituency; and what steps he plans to take to tackle those inequalities. (1847)
- 78 Mark Pritchard (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with (a) manufacturers and (b) importers on the public health benefits of making non-alcoholic (i) beer, (ii) lager, (iii) spirits and (iv) wine products lower cost than the alcoholic alternatives. (1646)
- 79 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of access to NHS mental health services. (1879)
- 80 **Steve Race** (Exeter): 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 Exeter constituency. (1891)
- 81 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of dentistry practices in the Exeter constituency accepting new (a) adult and (b) child NHS patients. (1892)
- Steve Race (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of open dentistry practices that accept new adult NHS patients in Exeter constituency on the (a) most recent date for which figures are available and (b) same date in 2010. (1893)
- 83 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to support community pharmacies in the Exeter constituency. (1894)
- 84 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the number of community pharmacies open in the Exeter constituency on the (a) most recent date for which figures are available and (b) same date in 2010. (1895)
- Steve Race (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an estimate of the number of pharmacies needed for residents in England. (1896)
- Anna Sabine (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of insulin stocks in pharmacies in Somerset. (1883)
- 87 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the (a) average and (b) longest waiting time was to access children and adolescent mental health services in Somerset in each of the last ten years. (1885)
- 88 **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to reform the provision of dental care. (1642)

- **Peter Swallow** (Bracknell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help increase supplies of ADHD medication. (1851)
- **Peter Swallow** (Bracknell): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability of Creon to treat Type 2 diabetes. (1890)
- **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the national provision of safe access zones around (a) abortion clinics and (b) hospitals providing abortion services. (1806)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is providing emergency humanitarian assistance to help prevent a polio outbreak in Gaza. (1799)
- **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help tackle drought in southern Africa. (1800)
- 94 Claire Hanna (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential
  merits of reinstating funding to the Global Education Project. (1816)
- **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential
  merits of developing a national strategy for global education. (1817)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has held discussions with his Rwandan counterpart on the UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership. (1640)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, when he plans to spend 0.7% of Gross National Income on Official Development Assistance. (1702)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will restore the parameters for spending of overseas development aid to its previous criteria. (1703)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential
  impact of the closure of the Prosperity Fund in 2021 on his Department's work to reduce
  poverty. (1721)

- **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to his oral statement of 19 July 2024 on Israel and Gaza, Official Report, column 301, what his planned timetable is for (a) the completion of his Department's comprehensive review of Israel's compliance with international humanitarian law and (b) updating the House when that process is complete. (1807)
- **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of potential impact of Iranian interference in the Kurdistan region on that region. (1857)
- **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help improve relations between the Kurdistan Regional Government and Türkiye. (1858)
- **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help promote stability in (a) Kurdistan and (b) the surrounding area. (1859)
- **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) promote and (b) support democracy in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. (1860)
- **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help promote relations with the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. (1861)
- **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support global progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2. (1878)
- **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of the proposals in the document entitled, The Firefighters' Manifesto Our Service, Our Future, published on 1 November 2023 by the Fire Brigades Union. (1793)
- **Dan Norris** (North East Somerset and Hanham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make it her policy to make all wildlife crimes notifiable. (1631)
- **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many applicants for compensation under the Windrush Compensation Scheme have died while waiting for a decision on their application. (1720)
- **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the criminal exploitation of children. (1877)

implementing safe access zones.

(1804)

111	<b>David Taylor</b> (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs on reducing the use of Official Development Assistance on asylum accommodation.	(1833)
112	<b>Munira Wilson</b> (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023, what is her expected timeline for	or

- Munira Wilson (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023, what progress her Department has made on the implementation of safe access zones around abortion clinics. (1805)
- 114 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve support for veterans in Northern Ireland. (1762)
- 115 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will fund further research relating to suicide amongst (a) serving personnel and (b) veterans. (1772)
- 116 Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to help ensure better provision of mental health support for veterans. (1773)
- 117 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to tackle the (a) risks and (b) challenges arising from their service that military personnel can face to their mental health. (1774)
- 118 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what funding he plans to provide to support the Veterans Welfare Service in Northern Ireland. (1775)
- 119 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to improve support for female veterans. (1776)
- 120 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, where the office of Armed Forces Commissioner will be based. (1777)
- 121 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the salary will be of the Armed Forces Commissioner. (1778)
- 122 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he plans to appoint the Armed Forces Commissioner. (1779)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure clear strategic authority over the capability of the armed forces. (1723)

- 124 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of the cost of establishing a Military Strategic Headquarters within his Department. (1724)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of how many (a) officials and (b) military personnel will be required to (i) deliver and (ii) staff a Military Strategic Headquarters within his Department. (1725)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has to give the Chief of the Defence Staff new authority. (1726)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to ensure that officials in his Department have a stronger voice across Government. (1727)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to reset relations (a) with the Treasury, (b) with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and (c) within Whitehall. (1728)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how he plans to assess the performance of service chiefs two years after their appointment. (1729)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how he plans to establish a Military Strategic Headquarters. (1730)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he has taken to establish a Military Strategic Headquarters. (1731)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to establish new strategic leadership in procurement. (1732)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the remuneration package of the National Armaments Director will be. (1733)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to give more influence to his Department's civil service. (1734)
- **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he plans to provide an additional £10bn of funding for munitions replenishment over the next ten years.

  (1735)
- 136 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of munitions stockpiles for each of the Front Line Commands.
  (1736)

- 137 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to ensure that the volume of his Department's munitions orders from the UK armaments industry delivers a level of output that sustains warfighting levels of production over the Parliament. (1737)
- 138 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to improve his Department's acquisition system. (1738)
- 139 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has set targets for the replenishment of munitions stocks in (a) the Army, (b) the Royal Navy, (c) the Royal Air Force and (d) Strategic Command. (1739)
- 140 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will have discussions with UK armaments manufacturers about the adequacy of the munitions stockpile. (1740)
- James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many jobs are (a) directly and (b) indirectly linked to munitions production. (1741)
- 142 James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential effect of changes to the timing of defence spending being 2.5 per cent of GDP on the UK's stock of MBDA-manufactured missile systems.
  (1742)
- 143 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce legislation to allow
  housebuilding delayed by nutrient neutrality rules derived from European Union case law.

  (1745)
- 144 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how she plans to permit the fast-tracking of
  brownfield land. (1749)
- 145 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many local authorities do not have up-to-date local plans. (1750)
- 146 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to cap council tax rises. (1751)
- 147 Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to support home ownership for first-time buyers. (1752)

- Mrs Kemi Badenoch (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how many local authorities she expects to have
  up-to-date local plans on (a) 4 July 2025, (b) 4 July 2026, (c) 4 July 2027, (d) 4 July 2028
  and (e) at the end of this Parliament. (1753)
- 149 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, with reference to the report by the National Audit
  Office entitled The effectiveness of government in tackling homelessness, published on
  23 July 2024, HC 119, if she will accept the recommendation of that report to establish a
  cross-government strategy on homelessness. (1754)
- 150 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to (a) increase stamp duty for non-UK residents and (b) recruit additional planning officers. (1903)
- 151 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the projected size of the greenbelt by the end of this Parliament. (1755)
- 152 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for introducing measures on nutrient neutrality. (1756)
- 153 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to implement the conclusions of the London Plan review, published on 15 January 2024. (1757)
- 154 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for publishing a response to her Department's consultation on reforms to social housing allocations, published on 30 January 2024. (1758)
- 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 help those impacted
  by high insurance premiums in properties affected by (a) cladding and (b) remediation
  issues.

  (1759)
- 156 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to appoint a chair of Oflog. (1760)
- 157 **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether funds allocated through the UK Shared
  Prosperity Fund will be delivered. (1761)
- Sir Oliver Dowden (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to protect the Green Belt in (a) England and (b) Hertsmere. (1678)

- 159 Sir Oliver Dowden (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans her Department has to reform the National Planning Policy Framework. (1679)
- 160 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of retaining the National Planning Policy Framework in its current form. (1680)
- 161 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which stakeholders her Department have consulted on the National Planning Policy Framework. (1681)
- Sir Oliver Dowden (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her policy is on top-down housing targets in the National Planning Policy Framework. (1682)
- 163 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many homes her Department plans to build on Green Belt land. (1683)
- 164 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department will take steps to ensure brownfield development is incentivised by planning policy instead of development on greenfield sites.

  (1684)
- 165 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many homes her Department plans to build on grey belt land in 2024. (1685)
- 166 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much grey belt land there is in (a) England and (b) Hertsmere constituency. (1686)
- Sir Oliver Dowden (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, her Department's policy on planning applications for solar plants on agricultural land. (1687)
- 168 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's planned timetable is for publication of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill. (1688)
- 169 **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which stakeholders her Department has consulted on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill. (1689)

- **Sir Oliver Dowden** (Hertsmere): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether steps the Planning and Infrastructure Bill will ensure local people are consulted on planning applications. (1690)
- 171 Andrew George (St Ives): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the cost to the public purse of (a) small business rate relief since 2012, (b) Restart Grants in 2021 and (c) the Recovery Loan Scheme and (d) Covid Grants to eligible properties that are classified as Holiday Lets in the Non-Domestic Rating List in 2021 and 2022 for holiday home owners per local authority area. (1633)
- **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy
  of the preparedness of local planning authorities to meet their obligations under the
  biodiversity net gain regulations. (1844)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to end ground rent. (1697)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether it is her policy to bring forward legislative proposals to convert existing leasehold properties to commonhold. (1698)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will consult on issues facing leaseholders prior to bringing forward legislation. (1699)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to cap (a) management and (b) service costs to leaseholders. (1700)
- **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to create statutory standards for management agencies of leasehold properties. (1701)
- **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to (a) define the minimum quality of service provided by estates management companies and (b) control the level of charges they can impose on residents. (1873)
- **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what plans she has to fund the Hull and East Riding
  Mayoral Combined Authority. (1644)

- 180 **Lewis Atkinson** (Sunderland Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will take steps to help ensure that people carrying out jury duty do not suffer financial hardship; and if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of linking compensation to the real living wage. (1888)
- 181 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the Prison Education Service for (a) increasing literacy, (ii) reducing reoffending and (iii) increasing employment opportunities for ex-offenders. (1836)
- 182 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders (a) started and (b) completed Prison Education Service (i) catering and (ii) construction apprenticeships in 2023. (1837)
- 183 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisons have neurodiversity support managers. (1838)
- 184 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many offenders have taken part in the Future Skills programme; and in which sectors they were trained.

  (1839)
- 185 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the press release entitled New Prison Education Service to cut crime, published on 29 September 2023, what recent assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of giving prison governors in five prisons increased freedom to organise education, skills and work programmes in their prisons. (1840)
- 186 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of prisoners found work within six months of their release in each year since 2010. (1841)
- 187 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will update the Victim's Code so that children who have experienced sexual exploitation are able to access immediate professional psychological help. (1691)
- 188 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has responsibility for (a) trade unions and (b) equalities.
  (1661)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals that create a criminal offence of deception by elected representatives, as legislated for in the Welsh Parliament.
  (1662)
- 190 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing the minimum age at which one can become a member of the House of Lords to 16. (1663)

- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to grant the right to switch off to (a) No10 special advisers, (b) civil servants in his private office and (c) staff in the Downing Street Parliamentary branch. (1665)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, 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 the trade unions' new rights will apply to unions representing Downing
   Street (a) staff and (b) outsourced contractors.
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether there is a recognised trade union for No. 10 special advisers. (1667)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he sent a (a) written and (b) video message for the Durham Miners Gala on 13 July 2024. (1668)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to meet with the Muslim Council of Britain. (1669)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to (a) maintain, (b) update and (c) donate a book to the Prime Minister's Library in 10 Downing Street. (1670)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to nominate members of the House of Lords who (a) are over 80 and (b) will become over 80 before the end of the Parliament. (1671)
- **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to attend the United Nations Biodiversity Conference, COP16, in Colombia taking place from 21 October to 1 November 2024. (1889)
- **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Prime Minister, whether
  (a) he and (b) his officials have had discussions with representatives of (i) NewsCorp and
  (ii) News UK on a potential part two of the Leveson Inquiry between 1 June 2024 and 24
  July 2024. (1784)
- **Jamie Stone** (Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross): To ask the Prime Minister, whether
  (a) he and (b) his officials have had discussions with (i) NewsCorp and (ii) News UK on
  press regulation between 1 June 2024 and 24 July 2024. (1785)
- **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, if he will provide a breakdown of underspend in (a) his Department and (b) departmental arm's length bodies in this (i) financial year and (ii) spending review. (1782)
- John Lamont (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, whether he plans to (a) implement and (b) cancel efficiency savings budgeted for by the previous Government for (i) his Department and (ii) departmental arm's length bodies; and what plans he has for further such efficiency savings. (1783)

- 203 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how will the Covid Corruption Commissioner (a) work and (b) liaise with other Departments across Government. (1863)
- 204 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to bring forward legislative proposals to regulate buy-now-pay-later financial products. (1882)
- 205 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the price elasticity of demand for independent-sector education following a one-off increase in price of 20% (a) in the immediate term and (b) over time for (i) individual phases of education and (ii) on average across all phases. (1649)
- 206 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of imposing 20% VAT on school fees on exports. (1650)
- 207 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether independent English Language schools will be exempt from VAT. (1651)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what her planned timetable is for the appointment of the next chair of the Equality and Human RightsCommission. (1664)
- 209 **Rebecca Paul** (Reigate): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what responsibilities she has for (a) potential reform of gender recognition laws and (b) banning of conversion practices. (1880)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 30 July

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

- 1N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on home working across the civil service. (1810)
- 2N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many registrations have been made with the Infected Blood Interim Compensation Payment Scheme since 21 May 2024. (1713)
- 3N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Infected Blood Compensation Scheme will replace the Infected Blood Support Scheme. (1714)
- 4N **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Infected Blood Compensation Scheme will be open. (1715)

- 5N **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent estimate his Department has made of the level of credit losses arising from fraudulent loans provided through the (a) Bounce Back Loans Scheme and (b) Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme. (1862)
- 6N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what underspends there have been in (a) his Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies in (i) this financial year and (ii) the Spending Review period. (1711)
- 7N **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans he has for new efficiency savings in (a) his Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies. (1712)
- 8N **Andy Slaughter** (Hammersmith and Chiswick): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she has sought advice on whether witnesses at Part One of the Leveson Inquiry (a) lied to and (b) misled that Inquiry. (1645)
- 9N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she plans to take to help improve the outcomes for care-experienced children and young people in Southampton. (1849)
- 10N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, to make an assessment of the impact of his plans for (a) new onshore wind and (b) other renewable energy sources on household bills. (1902)
- 11N **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timetable is for (a) bringing forward and (b) implementing secondary legislation relating to the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023; and whether he has a target date for full implementation of the Act's provisions.
- 12N **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timescale is for making payments under the Farming Recovery Fund to eligible applicants. (1674)
- 13N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether it is his policy to end licenses for badger culling that have already been issued. (1675)
- 14N **Darren Paffey** (Southampton Itchen): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to increase the enforcement powers of Ofwat to help tackle unlawful discharges of sewage into the River Itchen by Southern Water. (1848)
- 15N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to publish an AI strategy. (1821)

- Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, what his Department's policy is on the future of the National
  Academy for Mathematical Sciences. (1822)
- 17N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department plans to publish a Space Workforce Action Plan. (1824)
- 18N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what amount of his 2024-25 departmental budget was underspent on 24 May 2024. (1825)
- 19N Andrew Griffith (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science,
  Innovation and Technology, if he will provide a list of the expected underspends in (a) his
  Department and (b) each of his arms-length bodies (i) in the current financial year and
  (ii) across the Spending Review period. (1826)
- 20N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans he has for efficiency savings in (a) his Department and (b) each of his arms-length bodies, beyond those planned by the previous Government; and which efficiency savings planned by the previous Government he no longer plans to implement. (1827)
- 21N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to improve mobile signal for (a) farmers and (b) rural businesses. (1831)
- 22N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of progress made on the Shared Rural Network. (1832)
- 23N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to increase the number of public Electric Vehicle charging points. (1901)
- 24N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of Network Rail's (a) board and (b) wider governance arrangements. (1658)
- 25N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate she has made of the number of passengers electrocuted on trains in each of the last five years.

  (1659)
- 26N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of local bus services across local authority borders in Gloucestershire. (1865)

- 27N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will have discussions with representatives of South Gloucestershire Council on the adequacy of local bus services in Gloucestershire. (1876)
- 28N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential health impact of the two-child benefit cap on children's (a) mental and (b) physical health. (1795)
- 29N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the support available receivers of Universal Credit who wish to appeal a decision of her Department at an Upper Tier Tribunal.
- 30N **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to rebuild Leighton Hospital by 2030. (1886)
- 31N Mary Kelly Foy (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support adults affected by backlogs for ADHD assessments. (1803)
- 32N **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average weekly payment to beneficiaries on the Healthy Start scheme was in June 2024. (1676)
- 33N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to reduce staff sickness in (a) emergency departments, (b) the ambulance service and (c) the NHS generally. (1692)
- 34N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of Right Care, Right Person on ambulance services. (1693)
- 35N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to accelerate the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan targets to recruit more NHS staff. (1694)
- 36N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he plans to end the proposed use of NHS Dental Vans. (1695)
- 37N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will introduce tooth brushing education for parents of infants from teething age until three years old.

  (1696)
- 38N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to mental health services in Hitchin constituency. (1852)

- 39N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for elective surgeries in Hitchin constituency. (1853)
- 40N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to provide (a) support and (b) resources to help GP surgeries clear (i) patient backlogs and (ii) increasing workloads in Hitchin constituency. (1854)
- 41N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the availability of face-to-face GP appointments in Hitchin constituency. (1855)
- 42N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of social care capacity in Hitchin constituency. (1856)
- 43N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to respond to
  the letter from the UN Special Rapporteur on environmental defenders under the Aarhus
  Convention of 12 March 2024. (1672)
- 44N **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made a recent 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. (1677)
- 45N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether his Department (a) received and (b) granted requests to provide communications data on (i) lawyers, (ii) journalists and (iii) Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly in each of the last five years. (1819)
- 46N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to collect data on the performance of

   (a) Serco, (b) Mears, (c) Clearsprings Ready Homes and (d) other providers of asylum accommodation.
   (1716)
- 47N Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to (a) review and (b) update her Department's list of subcontractors working on behalf of (i) Serco, (ii) Mears and (iii) Clearsprings Ready Homes to provide asylum accommodation. (1717)
- 48N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she is taking steps to increase the number of inspections of asylum accommodation. (1718)

- 49N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to exemptions under Section 21 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015, what assessment has she made of the adequacy of police powers to investigate criminal abuse at Ofsted regulated residential schools. (1719)
- 50N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if his Department will make military service family accommodation subject to the decent homes standard.

  (1829)
- 51N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to improve the quality of accommodation for (a) service people and (b) their families. (1830)
- 52N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the eligibility criteria for the Nuclear Test Medal to include UK service personnel who took part in (a) Operation Bagpiper in 1954 and (b) all other US tests. (1875)
- 53N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to amend nutrient neutrality rules. (1743)
- 54N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, how many submitted planning permission
  applications are unable to progress due to nutrient neutrality rules. (1744)
- 55N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what underspends there are within (a) her Department and (b) each of her Department's arms length bodies in this (a) financial year and (b) spending review period. (1746)
- 56N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has for new efficiency savings in (a) her Department and (b) each of its arms length bodies. (1747)
- 57N **Mrs Kemi Badenoch** (North West Essex): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether money allocated through the Levelling Up Fund will be given to local authorities to spend. (1748)
- 58N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she plans to take to consult local communities on (a) definition of the green belt and (b) planning reforms. (1820)
- 59N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she plans to commission an independent review into the loan charge by 4 October 2024.

(1887)

- 60N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans she has to consult on ending the VAT exemption and business rates relief for private schools. (1809)
- 61N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the tax gap was in the (a) 2005-06 financial year and (b) latest financial year for which data is available; what steps her Department is taking to close the tax gap; and whether she has set a target for closing the tax gap. (1811)
- 62N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the average take home pay was of someone aged 23 working full-time on the minimum wage in (a) cash terms and (b) adjusted for inflation in the financial year (i) 2000-01, (ii) 2009-10 and (iii) 2023-24. (1812)
- 63N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the total Government underspend is for this financial year; and what the underspend is for each Department. (1813)
- 64N **Sarah Owen** (Luton North): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her

  Department has had recent discussions with the Financial Ombudsman Service on
  resolving complaints of mis-sold timeshares in a timely manner. (1808)

### Questions for Answer on Monday 2 September

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

1N Alex Burghart (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether he plans to take steps to (a) convene the East-West Council and (b) establish Intertrade UK.
(1786)