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## Questions tabled on Monday 29 July 2024

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
  - † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
  - N Indicates a question for written answer on a named day under [S.O. No. 22\(4\)](#).
  - [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Tuesday 30 July

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate his Department has made of the number of people on minimum wage in High Peak constituency. [Transferred] (2005)
- 2 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will support food growing schemes in schools. [Transferred] (1944)
- 3 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to review the import ban on French ducks. [Transferred] (1969)
- 4 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department will disapply the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. [Transferred] (1986)
- 5 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of her policies on (a) the mitigation credit market and (b) investor confidence in nature markets. [Transferred] (1987)
- 6 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps to work with foodbanks to help ensure that healthy options are available for people from low income households. [Transferred] (1942)

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- 7 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will end the treatment of military compensation as income for the purpose of welfare benefit means tests. [Transferred] (1911)
- 8 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve access to healthy food for families on low household incomes. [Transferred] (1939)
- 9 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will stake steps to work with food producers to reduce (a) fat, (b) sugar and (c) salt in processed foods. [Transferred] (1943)
- 10 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of minimum pricing for alcohol. [Transferred] (1949)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 2 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of revising section nine of the Ministerial Code on Ministers and Parliament. (2060)
- 2 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps he is taking to encourage the Government Property Agency to develop plans to insource facilities management services when contracts expire. (2027)
- 3 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he has had recent discussions with civil service trade unions on the procurement of facilities management services. (2028)
- 4 **Jon Trickett** (Normanton and Hemsworth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what criteria will his Department use to measure social value when undertaking procurement rounds. (2029)
- 5 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether intellectual property provisions on plant genetic resources are being negotiated under the UK-India Free Trade Agreement. (2123)
- 6 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how he plans to encourage investment in (a) chemical recycling and (b) other green technologies. (2126)

- 7 **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to amend the Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance Regulations 2017 to introduce new metrics on retentions; and whether he plans to bring into force new metrics on the value of invoices paid and disputed invoices from 1 January 2025. (2095)
- 8 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what plans he has to support high street retailers. (2073)
- 9 **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to alter the membership of the Expert Panel for her Department's BBC Funding Model Review. (2127)
- 10 **Julia Lopez** (Hornchurch and Upminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology on (a) legislation to govern artificial intelligence models and (b) the impact of that legislation on the creative industries. (2128)
- 11 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has (a) organised events and (b) taken other steps to celebrate the Olympic Games in the next two weeks. (2036)
- 12 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many Ministers will be attending the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. (2037)
- 13 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to continue the previous Government's (a) plans and (b) timetable for delivering a new school building at Ormiston Sudbury Academy. (2119)
- 14 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of per-pupil funding in York Outer constituency since 2010 on educational attainment. (2201)
- 15 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the number of children and young people who were waiting for an Education, Health and Care Plan decision after (a) less than six months, (b) six months to a year, (c) one to two years, (d) two to three years, (e) three to four years, (f) four to five years and (g) more than five years in the latest period for which data is available, broken down local authority. (2202)
- 16 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her policy is on the future of the Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs programme. (2056)
- 17 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the educational benefits of state maintained nurseries. (2091)

- 18 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help increase the availability of childcare in High Peak constituency. (2171)
- 19 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an estimate of the median level of student debt held by people in High Peak constituency. (2172)
- 20 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many mental health support teams there were in (a) High Peak constituency, (b) Derbyshire and (c) London in each year since 2010. (2173)
- 21 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of children in schools in High Peak constituency are learning a musical instrument at school. (2179)
- 22 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department has taken to improve children's oracy skills in High Peak constituency. (2180)
- 23 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of teachers in High Peak constituency. (2181)
- 24 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of trends in levels of school exclusions in (a) High Peak constituency, (b) Derbyshire and (c) England. (2182)
- 25 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many (a) primary and (b) secondary school students receive free school meals in High Peak constituency. (2183)
- 26 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many children in High Peak constituency have taken part in foreign school trips since September 2023. (2184)
- 27 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average staff-to-student ratio was in secondary schools in (a) England and (b) High Peak constituency in (i) 2019, (ii) 2020, (iii) 2021 and (iv) 2022. (2189)
- 28 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many hours of (a) mathematics, (b) English, (c) sciences and (d) modern foreign languages were taught in secondary schools in High Peak constituency by teachers without a relevant (i) A-level and (ii) higher level qualification in the last full year for which data are available. (2190)
- 29 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, when his Department plans to announce the location for the headquarters of Great British Energy. (2197)

- 30 **Tracy Gilbert** (Edinburgh North and Leith): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help consumers of district heating schemes. (2198)
- 31 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many full-time permanent staff he (a) plans to recruit and (b) has recruited for Great British Nuclear; and what his planned timeline is for completing this recruitment. (2122)
- 32N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the (a) amount of oil and gas that the North Sea will produce in each year until 2060 and (b) tax revenue generated from that oil and gas (i) directly from North Sea oil taxes and (ii) in taxes from employment; how much oil and gas will need to be imported each year between now and 2060; and from which countries that oil and gas will be imported from. (2142)
- 33 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if his Department will publish all written representations made by the Crown Estate on proposals for Great British Energy. (2096)
- 34 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many approval processes Great British Nuclear undertake before final decisions are made on (a) technology and (b) sites for new nuclear power plants. (2154)
- 35 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he will prioritise new nuclear power generation on land designated for new nuclear over other potential uses. (2155)
- 36 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he will prioritise government owned land that remains (a) unused and (b) licensed for new nuclear use in siting decisions for deployment of new nuclear power plants. (2156)
- 37 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether access to existing nuclear expertise is considered in siting decisions for new nuclear power plants. (2157)
- 38 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the eight sites identified for new nuclear use in the 2011 National Policy Statement are intended for new nuclear use. (2158)
- 39 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, which government sites licensed for new nuclear use have been subject to further detailed assessments since designation. (2159)

- 40 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether access has been (a) requested and (b) granted to land owned by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority at Moorside for detailed assessment to be carried out for use for new nuclear power generation in the last ten years. (2160)
- 41 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority have sought approval for the purchase of land in West Cumbria in the last ten years. (2161)
- 42 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether decisions have been (a) requested of and (b) made by his Department on alternative uses of land licensed for new nuclear use owned by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority at Moorside in West Cumbria. (2162)
- 43 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans he has for the future of the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult. (2094)
- 44 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of onshore windfarms on (a) the environment, (b) arable land and (c) local communities. (2044)
- 45 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether his Department plans to take steps to provide incentives to local communities for support for onshore wind projects in their areas. (2077)
- 46 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of decoupling decouple electricity from wholesale gas prices. (2140)
- 47 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his Department has made of the number of (a) horses and (b) ponies smuggled from the United Kingdom in each of last five years. (2087)
- 48 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans he has to use chemical recycling as part of his Department's roadmap to a zero waste economy. (2125)
- 49 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing forward legislative proposals to (a) protect the title veterinary nurse and (b) improve regulation of veterinary practices. (2039)
- 50 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to improve water quality in the River Rom. (2043)

- 51 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential future impact of the H5N1 virus on dairy projects. (2078)
- 52N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what the (a) current and (b) planned full-time equivalent headcount of i.AI is. [Transferred] (1967)
- 53 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take with (a) scientists, (b) industry representatives and (c) civil society representatives to help phase out animal testing. (2163)
- 54 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of introducing Herbie's Law, a practical framework to (a) enable the long-term phase-out of animal experiments in medical research and (b) support scientists with the transition to (i) computer modelling, (ii) organ-on-a-chip technology and (iii) other human-specific methods. (2164)
- 55 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to take steps to help tackle congestion at Copdock Junction of the A14 and A12 in Suffolk. (2118)
- 56 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to take steps to increase the provision of bus services in rural areas with low connectivity in York Outer constituency. (2199)
- 57 **Rachel Gilmour** (Tiverton and Minehead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of funding community shuttle bus services in Tiverton and Minehead constituency. (2208)
- 58 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how much was paid out to passengers by (a) West Midlands Trains and (b) all train operators as part of the Delay Repay scheme in each of the last 12 months for which data is available. (2192)
- 59 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make it her policy to introduce an online search facility hosted by Great British Rail to help people affected by train delays find actual past (a) departure and (b) arrival times to support their claims under the Delay Repay scheme. (2193)
- 60 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 26 July 2024 to Question 722 on Public Transport, if her Department will list the Local Transport Authorities that are (a) using and (b) planning to use Bus Service Improvement Plan funding to fund Demand Responsive Transport schemes. (2194)

- 61 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with Network Rail on the status of the Oxfordshire Connect rail programme. (2129)
- 62 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her Department's planned timetable is for the completion of the Oxfordshire Connect programme. (2130)
- 63 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment she has made of the (a) roundway noise and (b) other environmental impacts of the A180. (2092)
- 64 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what progress her Department has made on the planned direct train link between Cleethorpes and London Kings Cross. (2093)
- 65 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of using acoustic cameras to help tackle illegal car exhaust systems. (2045)
- 66 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what discussions she has had with representatives of the aviation industry on fair compensation for passengers whose flights are cancelled. (2074)
- 67 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to increase access to bus services in (a) South West Devon constituency and (b) the South West. (2212)
- 68 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has for transport improvements in the South West; and whether it remains Government policy to (a) fund the new Tavistock to Plymouth railway line, (b) provide funding to complete the South West Rail Resilience Programme and (c) implement the £2 bus fare extension. (2213)
- 69 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to increase funding for road resurfacing in (a) the South West and (b) South West Devon constituency. (2214)
- 70 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to (a) extend the duration of Bereavement Support Payments and (b) update those payments in line with inflation. (2220)
- 71 **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the rate of child benefit by £20 per week for each child. (2196)

- 72 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost to the public purse was of the winter fuel allowance in 2022/23; what estimate she has made of the savings to the public purse of only paying the winter fuel allowance to people claiming pension credit; how many excess winter deaths there were in each of the last three years; and what estimate she has made of the annual cost of administering a means-tested winter fuel allowance. (2222)
- 73 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to increase Bereavement Support Payments in line with inflation. (2205)
- 74 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to continue the previous Government's (a) plans and (b) timetable for rebuilding West Suffolk Hospital. (2117)
- 75 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to p.8 of the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan, published on 30 June 2023, how many new dentistry training places will be allocated to Portsmouth Dental School by 2031-32. (2058)
- 76 **Dame Caroline Dinenage** (Gosport): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to increase access to NHS dentists in Gosport constituency. (2059)
- 77 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for children requiring an autism assessment. [R] (2221)
- 78 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to develop a best practice pathway for (a) leukaemia and (b) other blood cancers. (2030)
- 79 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to ensure consistent publication of data on waiting times for (a) leukaemia and (b) other cancer treatments. (2031)
- 80 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of leukaemia patients were offered a holistic needs assessment in the last 12 months. (2032)
- 81 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of five-year survival rates for (a) acute myeloid leukaemia and (b) other leukaemias. (2033)
- 82 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to implement a cancer strategy over the course of this Parliament. (2034)

- 83 **Mr Mark Francois** (Rayleigh and Wickford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the evaluation of non-specific pathways will include granular blood cancer data. (2035)
- 84 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) financially support and (b) improve local access to NHS dental practices in South West England. (2207)
- 85 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average waiting times were for (a) ADHD and (b) autism assessments in each year since 2010. (2203)
- 86 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to increase access to NHS dentistry in rural areas. (2141)
- 87 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the condition of RAAC at Leighton Hospital in Crewe and Nantwich constituency. (2210)
- 88 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ensure that NHS workers receive above inflation pay awards. (2071)
- 89 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people are diagnosed with hypoplastic left heart syndrome as of July 2025. (2072)
- 90 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) modernise NHS IT systems and (b) protect them from cyber attacks. (2075)
- 91 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of recent trends in levels of sustainability of GP practices in rural areas. (2079)
- 92 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of air ambulance response times in rural areas. (2080)
- 93 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to help people with care home fees. (2082)
- 94 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will hold discussion with his Northern Ireland counterpart on trends in waiting times for access to CAMHS. (2083)

- 95 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 19 December 2023 to Question 1258 on Hospitals: Concrete, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies of the Mott MacDonald report on reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. (2139)
- 96 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the potential impact of the US economic embargo on Cuba on (a) the economy of Cuba and (b) trade between the UK and Cuba. (2151)
- 97 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Attorney General on the International Court of Justice's warrant to arrest the Israeli Prime Minister. (2063)
- 98 **Sonia Kumar** (Dudley): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the level of spending on international aid on the effectiveness of his Department's steps to tackle (a) hunger and (b) poverty. (2211)
- 99 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support persecuted Christians in Myanmar. (2038)
- 100 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Mauritian counterpart on the British Indian Ocean Territory. (2047)
- 101 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his American counterpart on the British Indian Ocean Territory. (2048)
- 102 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has received representations from the Mauritian Chagossian community on the British Indian Ocean Territory. (2049)
- 103 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has received representations from the British Chagossian community on the British Indian Ocean Territory. (2050)
- 104 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the British Overseas Territories following Hurricane Beryl. (2051)

- 105 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking with humanitarian groups and partners in Sudan to provide (a) humanitarian aid and (b) support for (i) food systems and (ii) local agriculture in Sudan; and if he will take steps to increase the level of aid for refugees from Sudan. (2089)
- 106 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help protect Hindu temples. (2147)
- 107 **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of trends in the number of community police officers in York Outer constituency since 2010 on levels of crime. (2200)
- 108 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of Disclosure Barring Service checks have been completed by police forces within 60 days in each month of the last two years by police force. (2138)
- 109 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to support people from Hong Kong with British National (Overseas) visas access pensions managed in Hong Kong. (2169)
- 110 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will hold discussions with HSBC on steps to help people with British National (Overseas) visas access HSBC pensions managed in Hong Kong. (2170)
- 111 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to reduce dangerous driving in Romford constituency. (2046)
- 112 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will hold discussions with the Mayor of London on steps to tackle knife crime. (2084)
- 113 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to help tackle violent crimes against women. (2085)
- 114 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to help prevent dog attacks on postal workers. (2086)
- 115 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to help ensure that introduction of the EU Entry/Exit System does not delay people travelling to Northern Ireland through Republic of Ireland (a) ports and (b) airports. (2216)
- 116 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the accuracy of Sea Venom's certification forecast for 2026. (2100)

- 117 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has to invest in Sea Viper's enhancement. (2101)
- 118 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will publish the non-commercially sensitive details of his Department's Portfolio Management Agreement with MBDA. (2102)
- 119 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has to invest in SPEAR Cap 3. (2103)
- 120 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans he has to invest in FCASW. (2104)
- 121 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on the (a) Future Combat Air System and (b) Global Combat Air Programme in each financial year from its inception until 2023-24. (2105)
- 122 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department expects to spend on the (a) Future Combat Air System and (b) Global Combat Air Programme in the current financial year. (2106)
- 123 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much his Department has spent on the (a) Future Combat Air System and (b) Global Combat Air Programme in the current financial year. (2107)
- 124 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how much spending on the (a) Future Combat Air System and (b) Global Combat Air Programme he plans to defer from the current financial year. (2108)
- 125 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether it is his policy to inform Parliament of deferrals to planned expenditures on major programmes within the financial year where they occur. (2109)
- 126 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 July 2024 to Question 155 on Defence: Expenditure, whether the future fiscal event will cover the potential impact of the Department's timetable for reaching expenditure of 2.5% of GDP on defence on (a) infrastructure investment required to support and (b) other aspects of the Defence Nuclear Enterprise. (2110)
- 127 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 25 July 2024 to Question 120 on Defence: Expenditure, whether the future fiscal event will cover the potential impact of the Department's timetable for reaching expenditure of 2.5% of GDP on defence on the morale of armed forces personnel. (2111)

- 128 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 July 2024 to Question 164 on Defence: Expenditure, whether the future fiscal event will cover the potential impact of the Department's timetable for reaching on the Astute Class submarine programme. (2112)
- 129 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 July 2024 to Question 143 on Defence: Expenditure, whether the future fiscal event will cover the potential impact of the Department's timetable for reaching expenditure of 2.5% of GDP on defence on AUKUS. (2113)
- 130 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 July 2024 to Question 168 on Defence: Expenditure, whether the future fiscal event will cover the potential impact of the Department's timetable for reaching expenditure of 2.5% of GDP on defence on the Land Environment Tactical Communications and Information Systems programme. (2114)
- 131 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 July 2024 to Question 165 on Defence: Expenditure, whether the future fiscal event will cover the potential impact of the Department's timetable for reaching expenditure of 2.5% of GDP on defence on the development of the Challenger 3 Main Battle Tank. (2115)
- 132 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 24 July 2024 to Question 163 on Defence: Expenditure, whether the future fiscal event will cover the potential impact of the Department's timetable for reaching expenditure of 2.5% of GDP on defence on upgrades to the existing fleet of Typhoon fighter jets. (2116)
- 133 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to increase the size of the Royal Navy fleet. (2209)
- 134 **David Mundell** (Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to permit people living with HIV to serve (a) as pilots, (b) as air traffic controllers and (c) in other roles in the armed forces. (2055)
- 135 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what support his Department is providing to the British Overseas Territories affected by Hurricane Beryl. (2053)
- 136 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the relationship between Iran and Russia. (2054)
- 137 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what support his Department (a) is providing and (b) plans to provide to veterans that experienced hearing loss during their service. (2076)

- 138 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department plans to take to help reduce the number of women who are rough sleeping. (2149)
- 139N **Ms Stella Creasy** (Walthamstow): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will publish guidance on the responsibilities of freeholders for the external areas of an estate on which leaseholder have secured the right to manage. (2070)
- 140 **Sarah Gibson** (Chippenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that changes to the national planning policy framework prevent developers from land banking; and what steps she plans to take to help ensure that local authorities are able to build homes that suit local needs. (2206)
- 141 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a minimum complaints threshold for investigating noises that could be a statutory nuisance under the Environment Protection Act 1990. (2195)
- 142N **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to amend the standard method formula for calculating housing need. (2217)
- 143N **John Milne** (Horsham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether it is her policy that the Horsham District Council local plan should be allowed to progress without alteration in the context of her proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. [R] (2218)
- 144 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of the supply of adapted housing for (a) adults and (b) children with disabilities in High Peak constituency. (2174)
- 145 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many Help to Buy homeowners are waiting for a decision on a loan redemption application in High Peak constituency. (2175)
- 146 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the number of people living in overcrowded housing in High Peak constituency. (2176)
- 147 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the prevalence of damp and mould in social housing in (a) High Peak constituency and (b) Derbyshire. (2177)

- 148 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what support his Department provided to rough sleepers in High Peak constituency in winter 2023-24; and what steps his Department plans to take to support such rough sleepers in winter 2024-25. (2178)
- 149 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to protect the greenbelt in (a) Romford constituency and (b) the London Borough of Havering. (2040)
- 150 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many Voter Authority Certificates have been issued in Romford constituency. (2041)
- 151 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that local authorities receive adequate funding. (2042)
- 152 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help ensure the protection of green spaces in the London Borough of Havering. (2052)
- 153 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will take steps to ensure that (a) the Belfast News Letter and (b) other news outlets are given equal rights to ask questions at his Department's press conferences. (2219)
- 154 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to issue a revised Cabinet Manual in 2024. (2062)
- 155 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has appointed a director of trade union relations. (2064)
- 156 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will list the job title of each special adviser appointed to 10 Downing Street. (2065)
- 157 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the Cabinet Office guidance entitled Non-corporate communication channels for government business, published in March 2023, what his policy is on Ministers using personal devices for conducting official business. (2066)
- 158 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to use the Government Wine Cellar for functions at 10 Downing Street. (2067)
- 159 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to improve access to cash in areas with (a) few and (b) no cash machines. (2144)

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- 160 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when she plans to publish a response to the consultation on Plastic Packaging Tax - chemical recycling and adoption of a mass balance approach, published on 18 July 2023. (2124)
- 161 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to respond to the consultation entitled Tax Simplification for Alternative Finance, which closed 9 April 2024. (2131)
- 162 **Afzal Khan** (Manchester Rusholme): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of bringing the tax regulations for Sharia-compliant mortgages in line with conventional mortgages. (2132)
- 163 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what criteria her Department will use to identify locations for banking hubs; and if she will set out a timetable for rolling out hubs in constituencies affected by branch closures. (2191)
- 164 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many high street businesses in (a) Wellingborough constituency, (b) Northamptonshire and (c) England have closed in each of the last five years; and whether she plans to make changes to the level of business rates in the next five years. (2185)
- 165 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help support people on lower incomes in High Peak constituency. (2186)
- 166 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if he will make an estimate of the number of bank branches that have closed in (a) High Peak constituency and (b) Derbyshire in each year since 2010. (2187)
- 167 **Jon Pearce** (High Peak): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of bank closures on access to (a) cash and (b) in-person services in High Peak constituency. (2188)
- 168 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will have discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of increasing Barnett consequential for dental services in Northern Ireland. (2081)
- 169 **Caroline Voaden** (South Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 83 of her Department's policy paper entitled, Fixing the foundations public spending audit 2024-25, published on 29 July 2024, if she will take steps to ensure the 2024 pay award for teachers is funded at a school level and takes account of existing staffing costs. (2204)
- 170 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether the Government plans to amend the legal definition of what a woman is. (2061)
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## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 3 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of banning zero hours contracts. (2166)
- 2N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what information her Department holds on the average level of profit made by (a) private and (b) local authority-managed residential homes for looked-after children in the latest period for which data is available. (2097)
- 3N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to reduce excessive profits in the residential children's social care sector. (2098)
- 4N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he expects GB Energy to generate funds through (a) generation of energy, (b) distribution of energy and (c) any other mechanism. (2133)
- 5N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether GB energy will (a) build and (b) operate energy generation capacity by 2045. (2134)
- 6N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether Great British Energy will purchase and operate any existing energy generation capacity in the UK. (2135)
- 7N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether offshore wind projects developed with help from Great British Energy's early development work and investment will be co-owned by Great British Energy. (2136)
- 8N **Dave Doogan** (Angus and Perthshire Glens): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether any of the 8.3bn funding allocated to Great British Energy over the next five years will be spent on funding the Contracts for Difference scheme. (2137)
- 9N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce sewage discharges by water companies into waterways. (2165)
- 10N **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the availability for water for industrial purposes. (2090)

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- 11N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that the pesticide Cruiser SB is properly assessed before being authorised for use. (2026)
- 12N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to improve rail connections in Somerton and Langport in the context of the cancellation of the Restoring Your Railway Fund. (2153)
- 13N **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what estimate her Department has made of the potential (a) cost of and (b) return per pound spent on each scheme in the (i) Strategic Road Network and (ii) Major Road Network and Large Local Major Programmes (A) that is at (1) planning and (2) construction stage and (B) the cancellation of which was announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in her statement on Spending inheritance on 29 July 2024. (2143)
- 14N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce gynaecology waiting lists. (2168)
- 15 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what her Department's timetable is for the completion of the new Urgent Care and Emergency Centre at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth. (2215)
- 16N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of imposing sanctions on the Rapid Action Battalion. (2099)
- 17N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps is she taking to increase the number of (a) wholetime and (b) retained firefighters. (2057)
- 18N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, under what circumstances an individual arrested for murder is (a) held in custody and (b) released on police bail. (2025)
- 19N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the funding required to restore aid spending to 0.7% of GDP. (2167)
- 20N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of removing the VAT exemption on independent school fees on (a) families within the armed forces community and (b) families in receipt of the Continuity of Education Allowance. (2152)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 4 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made representations to his counterpart from the People's Republic of China on (a) the case of Jimmy Lai's and (b) the latest delays to his trial. (2088)
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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 5 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had discussions with the Motability charity on inclusion of Attendance Allowance recipients in their scheme. (2120)
- 2N **Dr Rosena Allin-Khan** (Tooting): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment she has made of the potential merits of extending (a) a discount on and (b) an exemption from vehicle excise duty to people receiving Attendance Allowance. (2121)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 9 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing an oversight mechanism to monitor the implementation of recommendations from module one of the covid-19 inquiry. (2069)
- 2N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to provide a multi-year funding settlement for the Household Support Fund. (2145)
- 3N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department will take to incentivise young people who live in supported accommodation to work more hours. (2146)
- 4N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department will take to help protect victims of domestic abuse who have joint tenancies in social housing. (2148)

- 5N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department will take to ensure that local authorities do not apply local connection tests to victims of domestic abuse. (2150)
- 6N **Mark Garnier** (Wyre Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will have discussions with representatives of the Inquest charity on the potential merits of a national oversight mechanism to follow up on the conclusions of (a) inquests and (b) other official investigations into the deaths of people in (i) police custody, (ii) prison custody, (iii) mental health settings, (iv) disasters and (v) other state-related deaths. (2068)