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Questions tabled on Tuesday 3 September 2024

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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 4 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Andrew Lewin** (Welwyn Hatfield): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will make an estimate of the number of households with less than £1,000 in savings in (a) Welwyn Hatfield constituency and (b) England. [Transferred] (3852)
- 2 **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what progress his Department has made on establishing Ofcom's Advisory Committee on Misinformation and Disinformation. [Transferred] (3771)
- 3 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what her policy is on continuing the Household Support Fund after 30 September 2024. [Transferred] (3803)
- 4 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing a Winter Fuel Payment for older people (a) based on Council Tax Band and (b) as a payment liable to tax. [Transferred] (3720)
- 5 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help ensure (a) people just above the Pension Credit threshold and (b) other older people can meet their energy costs,. [Transferred] (3721)
- 6 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of estimates of the number of deaths in cold housing. [Transferred] (3722)

- 7 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of pensioners whose income is less than 10% above the threshold for pension credit who will not qualify for the Winter Fuel Allowance during Winter 2024-25. [Transferred] (3875)
- 8 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many mental health support teams there were in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire in each year since 2014. [Transferred] (3680)
- 9 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an estimate of the number of veterans who were in receipt of the (a) War Disablement Pension, (b) Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, (c) Service Invaliding Pension and (d) Service Attributable Pension on 2 September 2024. [Transferred] (3856)
- 10N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the number of homeowners unable to sell their home due to the installation of spray foam insulation. [Transferred] (2959)
- 11N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to (a) ensure that the installation of spray foam insulation is regulated and (b) support homeowners unable to sell their homes due to the installation of that insulation. [Transferred] (2960)
- 12 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she took to raise awareness of the opportunity to tender for the provision of what became the Trader Support Service. [Transferred] (3935)
- 13 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what guidance her Department plans to issue for (a) hauliers and (b) traders on the implementation of updated UK Internal Market Scheme; and if she will publish (A) details and (B) process maps for (1) H8 (TSS dataset) and (2) GVMS requirements. (4147)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 5 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Ministers in his Department have met the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change since 5 July 2024. (3946)

- 2 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps to consolidate the number of national pay bargaining units in the civil service. (4161)
- 3 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has data on the number of people awaiting infected blood compensation in Northern Ireland; and if he will take steps to ensure that compensation is received as a matter of urgency. (3968)
- 4 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what recent discussions he has had with the Post Office on opening a banking hub in Broxbourne constituency. (4075)
- 5 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to ensure that as many people as possible benefit from the national minimum wage in Colne Valley constituency. (4141)
- 6 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help support small businesses in Colne Valley constituency. (4143)
- 7 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help increase exports to European countries from (a) Colne Valley constituency and (b) West Yorkshire. (4144)
- 8 **Connor Naismith** (Crewe and Nantwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what his planned timetable is for the reform of business rates. (4134)
- 9 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to increase inward investment in Northern Ireland. (3981)
- 10 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Olympic Games on (a) her policies and (b) grassroots sports in Colne Valley constituency. (4146)
- 11 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what the (a) value of grants made and (b) number of recipients of funding from the National Citizen Service was in (i) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (ii) Lincolnshire since 2010. (3940)
- 12 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure there is adequate provision for youth services in all regions. (4096)
- 13 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans her Department has to promote cultural education in Cannock Chase constituency. (4066)

- 14 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to (a) safeguard and (b) promote mining heritage. (4067)
- 15 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a single national martial arts training centre for elite athletes. (4068)
- 16 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that young people have the necessary skills to gain employment. (4082)
- 17 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help support children with special educational needs in Broxbourne constituency. (4083)
- 18 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to provide further support to young people seeking to start apprenticeships. (4139)
- 19 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to link the school curriculum with skills needed in the workplace. (4140)
- 20 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department is taking steps to help ensure that home-to-school transport is provided for all children aged between 16 and 18 with special educational needs and disabilities. (4162)
- 21 **Clive Lewis** (Norwich South): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of low pay on early years childcare sector recruitment. (4008)
- 22 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment has she made of the potential impact of the introduction of VAT for independent school fees on children who (a) attend independent schools and (b) do not have an EHCP and (i) are in care, (ii) experience mental ill-health and (iii) have other SEND challenges. (3993)
- 23 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a lower rate for VAT for independent schools with lower fees. (3994)
- 24 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the introduction of VAT on independent school fees on the financial viability of Steiner schools. (3995)
- 25 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of applying VAT to private school fees on state-funded special educational needs provision. [R] (4059)

- 26 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of applying VAT to independent school fees on the affordability of those fees. (4098)
- 27 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will ensure that revenues generated by VAT on independent school fees are passed on proportionally to devolved Administrations in (a) Scotland, (b) Wales and (c) Northern Ireland. (4099)
- 28 **Susan Murray** (Mid Dunbartonshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will hold discussions with (a) business and (b) professional representatives on the potential impact of the introduction of VAT on independent school fees on the number of independent school leavers who seek to enter (i) managerial and (ii) professional employment after they leave education. (4100)
- 29 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to support (a) children with SEND and (b) their parents in (i) Cannock Chase constituency and (ii) Staffordshire. (4065)
- 30 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that speech, language and communication (a) needs and (b) development are supported as early as possible including for children whose needs are identified pre-school age. (4029)
- 31 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help ensure the specialist workforce needed for (a) babies, (b) children and (c) young people with speech, language and communication needs. (4030)
- 32 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the specialist workforce needed for (a) babies, (b) children and (c) young people with speech, language, and communication needs. (4031)
- 33 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential (a) return on investment, (b) improved outcomes and (c) opportunities from tackling the speech, language and communication needs of (i) babies, (ii) children and (iii) young people. (4032)
- 34 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of levels of uptake of university applications in the last 12 months. (3978)
- 35 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make it his policy to hold a substantive debate in the House of Commons on future subsidy arrangements for Drax power station. (4019)

- 36 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to help make decarbonisation (a) affordable and (b) feasible for consumers who are not connected to the mains gas grid. (3971)
- 37 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support households switch to low carbon heating where heat pump installation is not (a) economically or (b) practically possible. (3972)
- 38 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using renewable liquid fuels in the decarbonisation of home heating for households that are not connected to the mains gas grid. (3973)
- 39 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to (a) help encourage and (b) publish a strategy for the reintroduction of beavers into the wild. (4149)
- 40 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the press notice entitled Record number of new bathing sites get the go ahead, published on 13 May 2024, whether he plans to publish a consultation on bathing water regulations. (4104)
- 41 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help reduce the risk of flooding in the Fens in East Cambridgeshire. (4124)
- 42 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to improve (a) resilience and (b) preparation for flooding. (4079)
- 43 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department has allocated funding for flood defences in Hertfordshire. (4080)
- 44 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he plans to take to help protect rural communities at risk of flooding. (4081)
- 45 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions his Department has had with Thames Water on the definition of best value in the context of the Teddington DRA and Water Resource Management plan. (4010)
- 46 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help improve mobile phone coverage in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (3941)

- 47 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of amending the Online Safety Act 2023 to help tackle online grooming. (3977)
- 48 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of train station ticket office closures on passengers in Aldershot constituency. (4117)
- 49 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans she has to support vulnerable and disabled passengers affected by the closure of railway ticket offices in Aldershot constituency. (4118)
- 50 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the average waiting time is to take a driving test in Aldershot constituency from the date of booking the test as of 3 September 2024; and how many people are waiting to take a test in that constituency. (4119)
- 51 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that (a) roads are adequately maintained and (b) potholes are fixed in a timely manner in Aldershot constituency. (4120)
- 52 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what information her Department holds on average bus fares in (a) Aldershot constituency, (b) Hampshire and (c) England. (4121)
- 53 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent estimate her Department has made of the level of (a) car ownership, (b) bus usage, (c) light rail usage, (d) train usage and (e) active travel usage in Aldershot constituency. (4122)
- 54 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to take steps to improve bus services in Aldershot constituency. (4123)
- 55 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the cost of rail travel. (4042)
- 56 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the safety of smart motorways. (4043)
- 57 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has a strategy for maintaining floating roads in the Fens. (4125)
- 58 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the terms of the agreement were with the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen that led to industrial action being called off at London North Eastern Railway. (4049)

- 59 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department plans to fund one third of the cost of the Hammersmith Bridge strengthening works. (4011)
- 60 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether her Department has made an estimate of the potential cost to the public purse of replacing Hammersmith Bridge with a new structure. (4012)
- 61 **Anna Sabine** (Frome and East Somerset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of implementing graduated driving licences. (4137)
- 62 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the efficiency of electric vehicle charging points across the UK. (3969)
- 63 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help reduce the number of violent attacks on women and girls on rail services. (3984)
- 64 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure the accuracy of the (a) systems and (b) IT used by the Child Maintenance Service. (4088)
- 65 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to help ensure that the CMS child maintenance calculation adequately reflects the (a) living expenses and (b) income of both parties. (4089)
- 66 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many complaints about the Child Maintenance Service were investigated by the Independent Case Examiner (a) overall, (b) by the receiving parent and (c) by the paying parent in each of the last five years. (4090)
- 67 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing multi-year funding employability programmes funded by her Department. (4092)
- 68 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if his Department consult former Prime Minister Gordon Brown on policies to reduce levels of child poverty. (4037)
- 69 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact on levels of homelessness of unfreezing local housing allowance. (4160)
- 70 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people claim Pension Credit. (3970)

- 71 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the number of young people in employment in the last 12 months. (3976)
- 72 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment has been made on trends of unemployment rates over the last 12 months. (3982)
- 73 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of pensioners have an annual State Pension income which exceeds the income threshold for eligibility for the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit; and what estimate she has made of that number and proportion in each of the next five years. (3960)
- 74 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioners receive the State Pension as their only income and are not (a) in receipt of and (b) eligible for Pension Credit. (3961)
- 75 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the (a) proportion and (b) value of savings from limiting entitlement to Winter Fuel Payments by pensioner income decile. (3962)
- 76 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what (a) data and (b) other information her Department provides to local authorities to identify pensioner households which could be eligible for support from the Household Support Fund. (3963)
- 77 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people previously entitled to a Winter Fuel Payment in winter 2024-25 will not receive one due to the Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations 2024. (3964)
- 78 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) people and (b) households are (i) in receipt of and (ii) entitled to Pension Credit in each parliamentary constituency. (3965)
- 79 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many (a) people are and (b) households include someone above State Pension age in each parliamentary constituency. (3966)
- 80 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of GPs in Aldershot constituency. (4109)
- 81 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of mental health specialists in Aldershot constituency. (4110)

- 82 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of midwives in Aldershot constituency. (4111)
- 83 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the average payments to community pharmacies were in Aldershot constituency in (a) 2021-22 and (b) 2022-23. (4112)
- 84 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of people who were diagnosed with diabetes in Aldershot constituency in each of the last five years. (4113)
- 85 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of people who were diagnosed with HIV in Aldershot constituency in each of the last five years. (4114)
- 86 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children aged four and under were admitted to hospital for a tooth extraction due to decay in Aldershot constituency in each of the last five years. (4115)
- 87 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many children aged 11 and under were admitted to hospital for a tooth extraction due to decay in Aldershot constituency in each of the last five years. (4116)
- 88 **Mr Jonathan Brash** (Hartlepool): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of the NHS dental contracting framework. (4070)
- 89 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Health and Care Professions Council in accrediting people with international qualifications. (4102)
- 90 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help reduce the time taken by the Health and Care Professions Council to process accreditations for people with international qualifications. (4103)
- 91 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to reduce diagnosis times for people with endometriosis. (4093)
- 92 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the average length of time between patients first presenting to a GP with relevant symptoms and receiving a diagnosis of endometriosis in each of the last 15 years. (4094)

- 93 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will roll out Community Mental Health Hubs across the country. (4126)
- 94 **Charlotte Cane** (Ely and East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has a strategy to reduce waiting times on the 111 Option 2 crisis response service. (4127)
- 95 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the GP-to-patient ratio in Broxbourne constituency. (4076)
- 96 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of waiting times for GP surgeries in Broxbourne constituency. (4077)
- 97 **Lewis Cocking** (Broxbourne): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve infrastructure for general practices. (4078)
- 98 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will commission research to (a) track and (b) compare international access to myeloma treatments; whether his Department holds data on the use by other countries of isatuximab in combination with pomalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of myeloma patients; and when he expects NICE to publish its final guidance on the use of isatuximab with pomalidomide and dexamethasone in the treatment of such patients. (4164)
- 99 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the effectiveness of (a) Genomics England Limited and (b) the NHS Genomic Medicine Service in (i) stimulating and (ii) facilitating research activity. (4017)
- 100 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Dental recruitment incentive scheme 2024/25 published on 10 May 2024, how many NHS dentists have been recruited on the Golden Hello pathway in each (a) region and (b) ICB area. (4022)
- 101 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase access to sexual health services in Colne Valley constituency. (4142)
- 102 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people have been waiting more than 12 months for (a) knee and (b) hip replacement surgery in (i) Lincolnshire and (ii) the East Midlands. (3942)
- 103 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many new mobile dental vans he plans to introduce in Lincolnshire by the end of 2024. (3945)

- 104 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps is he taking to evaluate the lung cancer diagnostic programme, and if he will roll this programme out to provide greater access for people who present a risk of lung cancer. (4003)
- 105 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to consult relevant organisations on proposals to ban smoking in outdoor spaces. (4004)
- 106 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ensure that areas which ban smoking are supported by information about smoking cessation programmes. (4005)
- 107 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of banning smoking in some public places on health outcomes. (4006)
- 108 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will ban vaping in indoor spaces. (4007)
- 109 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to reduce (a) legal and (b) compensation costs incurred by the NHS. (3974)
- 110 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with the World Health Organisation on (a) tackling and (b) the potential threat posed to the UK by mpox. (3975)
- 111 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the availability of minimally invasive cancer therapies; and whether his Department plans to provide funding for Integrated care systems to help ensure the availability of such treatments. (3979)
- 112 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many women in Northern Ireland have been awarded compensation for suffering complications from vaginal mesh implants. (3980)
- 113 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to improve (a) early intervention and (b) treatment outcomes for ovarian cancer. (3983)
- 114 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the correspondence from the hon. Member for North West Norfolk of (a) 9 and (b) 31 July 2024 on the New Hospitals Programme. (4028)

- 115 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 1627 on Bangladesh: Demonstrations, whether he has had discussions with his Bangladeshi counterpart on recent (a) protests and (b) violence since 30 July 2024. (4018)
- 116 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help increase levels of humanitarian aid into Gaza. (4133)
- 117 **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to help gather evidence of potential crimes against humanity in Sudan. (3987)
- 118 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure the safety of humanitarian workers delivering aid in Gaza. (4086)
- 119 **Joani Reid** (East Kilbride and Strathaven): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he plans to take to help resolve the industrial dispute with OCS at his Department's East Kilbride office. (4087)
- 120 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether officials in his Department have had discussions with Donald Trump's presidential campaign team on military support for Ukraine. (3967)
- 121 **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to raise the minimum income requirement for family immigration visas to £34,000; and whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of such an increase on (a) Leicester and (b) other low average income areas. (4091)
- 122 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 2138 on Police: Vetting, whether her Department has made an assessment of the effectiveness of English police forces in delivering Disclosure and Barring Service checks in a (a) satisfactory and (b) timely manner. (4020)
- 123 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 2 September to Question 2138 on Police: Vetting, what information her Department holds on the performance of police forces processing of Disclosure Barring Service checks that can be obtained without disproportionate cost. (4021)
- 124 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she (a) is taking and (b) plans to take to help reduce the risk of human trafficking of unaccompanied (i) children and (ii) other young asylum seekers who are staying in hotels run by her Department. (4074)

- 125 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish data on the number of deaths of children through (a) murder and (b) manslaughter in England in (i) 2022 and (ii) 2023. (3953)
- 126 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he plans to reduce the annual grant-in-aid to the Royal Hospital Chelsea. (4151)
- 127 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate her Department has made of the number of households in receipt of the single person council tax discount that are set to lose Winter Fuel Allowance payments. (4044)
- 128 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of households that receive the single person council tax discount are (a) widows and (b) widows of retirement age. (4045)
- 129 **Mr Jonathan Brash** (Hartlepool): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of council tax bands. (4071)
- 130 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the UK Shared Prosperity Fund will continue after March 2025. (4101)
- 131 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to help provide affordable housing in (a) Colne Valley constituency and (b) West Yorkshire. (4145)
- 132 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to ensure that local authorities are subject to independent review and inspection. (4130)
- 133 **Jim Dickson** (Dartford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that the proceedings of local authorities are available to the public live online. (4131)
- 134 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of immigration on the length of waiting lists for social housing in (a) Horsham, (b) Chichester District and (c) Arun District. (4053)
- 135 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of increases in internal drainage board levies on the ability of local authorities to protect communities from flooding. (3943)

- 136 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to monitor the Savings Programme 2025 process at Hampshire County Council. (4069)
- 137 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will review the Right to Buy policy for social housing. (4158)
- 138N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will extend the Shared Prosperity Fund spend deadline for 12 months until 31 March 2026. [Transferred] (3915)
- 139N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will extend the Towns Deal Fund spend deadline for 12 months until 31 March 2027. [Transferred] (3916)
- 140N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to replace the Shared Prosperity Fund after it expires. [Transferred] (3917)
- 141 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to reduce levels of homelessness in winter 2024-25. (3996)
- 142 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to tackle the (a) health and wellbeing and (b) housing needs of people experiencing homelessness. (3997)
- 143 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of developing a youth homeless strategy. (3998)
- 144 **Josh Newbury** (Cannock Chase): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what role (a) district and (b) borough councils will play in future devolution agreements. [R] (4064)
- 145 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the number of people jailed for violent disorder offences this summer who will be released after serving 40% of their sentence. (3944)
- 146 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that people on early prison release have (a) housing, (b) employment and (c) sufficient probation provision to support them. (3999)
- 147 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to provide safe conditions for prisoners. (4000)

- 148 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to (a) improve mental health services in prison and (b) ensure continuity with previous mental health interventions. (4001)
- 149 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to (a) develop a different approach to youth justice and (b) use programmes of diversion to prevent young people entering the youth estate. (4002)
- 150 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the level of legal aid in the context of recent increases in the cost of living. (4097)
- 151 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what recent progress his Department has made with the Scottish Government on upgrading the A75. (4163)
- 152 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will provide additional funding to the PSNI for training new recruits. (4132)
- 153 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department is taking steps to introduce a National Financial Inclusion strategy. (4157)
- 154N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of excluding properties that are restricted by planning permission for holiday let use only from the removal of the Furnished Lets Allowance. [Transferred] (3918)
- 155 **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Government has made an assessment of the potential impact of applying VAT to private school fees on local sports clubs. [R] (4058)
- 156 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 6.2 of the consultation entitled Consultation on the VAT Treatment of Private Hire Vehicles, published on 18 April 2024, on what evidential basis it said that two-thirds of the private hire vehicle market by value already accounted for VAT as principal on all their work. (4072)
- 157 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to paragraph 4.6 of the consultation entitled Consultation on the VAT Treatment of Private Hire Vehicles, published on 18 April 2024, what is meant by the phrase average passenger; and how often the average passenger would be expected to use a private hire vehicle in a given period to experience the estimated increase in fares. (4073)

- 158 **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to p.9 of the policy document entitled Fixing the Foundations, published on 29 July 2024, what discussions her Department had with the Office for Budget Responsibility before estimating the savings to the public purse from limiting eligibility to Winter Fuel Payments to people in receipt of Pension Credit. (3959)
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Questions for Answer on Monday 9 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will review the criteria used for the awarding of the Elizabeth Emblem to include those severely injured whilst on emergency services duty. (3949)
- 2N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he plans to take to ensure that the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership benefits all parts of the UK equally. (3948)
- 3N **Sarah Dyke** (Glastonbury and Somerton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department supports rural businesses. (4063)
- 4N **Mr Luke Charters** (York Outer): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the impact of dynamic ticket pricing on the accessibility of music gigs for the general public. (4128)
- 5N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to expand the Multi-Sport Grassroots Facilities Programme to include facilities in Market Drayton. (4056)
- 6N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department has made an estimate of the number of pupils moving from independent to state schools as a result of the planned introduction of VAT on independent schools. (4047)
- 7N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on future funding for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme. (4048)
- 8N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much and what proportion of the Net Zero Hydrogen Fund was allocated to projects in Northern Ireland; and whether he plans to provide funding for green hydrogen generation in Northern Ireland. (4156)

- 9N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of large solar farms on the habitats of rare species. (4052)
- 10N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment his Department has made of the likelihood of future water supply shortages in West Sussex. (4054)
- 11N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to support the growth UK international patent families. (4035)
- 12N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take to support the Digital Security by Design programme. (4036)
- 13N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether the approvals process for the appointment of the Director General Digital Centre Design included the Civil Service Commission being informed of donations made by Public Digital Limited to the Labour party by (a) him, (b) Ministers in his Department, (c) civil servants in his Department and (d) another Department. (4055)
- 14N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps he is taking to improve transport links in Oswestry. (4060)
- 15N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she made an assessment of the adequacy of each business case submitted to the Restoring Your Railway Fund before deciding to withdraw that funding. (4061)
- 16N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, pursuant to the Answer of 24 July 2024 to Question 836 on A483, what progress she has made on the review into improving safety on the A483 in North Shropshire. (4062)
- 17N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to her Department's press release entitled You could get Pension Credit: Week of Action to drive take up, published on 1 September 2024, whether she has a target of the (a) number and (b) proportion of pensioners that are not currently in receipt of Pension Credit who will successfully apply by the close of the campaign. (3952)
- 18N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate the number of pensioners who will see a reduction in their disposable income as a result of her proposed reforms to winter fuel payments by (a) household type, (b) age and (c) region and; what the average loss is. (4015)

- 19N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of requiring employers to respond to reasonable adjustment requests from disabled workers within two weeks. (4084)
- 20N **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Answer of 21 February 2024 to Question 14064 on Universal Credit: Disqualification, if she will direct her Department to begin collecting statistics on the number of children living in households subject to a Universal Credit sanction. (4014)
- 21N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South and South Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to negotiate a reciprocal agreement with the Australian government on uprating state pensions. (4050)
- 22N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the removal of Winter Fuel Payments on pensioners' standards of living. (4046)
- 23N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will establish a taskforce to help tackle pensioner poverty. (3990)
- 24N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps to support community businesses that (a) employ, (b) train and (c) support people who have been unemployed for long periods. (3991)
- 25N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care of the potential merits of establishing a fuel poverty prescription that can be given by GPs. (3992)
- 26N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of pensioners were living in (a) relative poverty after housing costs and (b) absolute poverty after housing costs were in receipt of Pension Credit in the latest period for which data is available. (3954)
- 27N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much and what proportion of each round of the Household Support Fund has been spent on (a) energy support, (b) pensioner households and (c) energy support for pensioner households. (3955)
- 28N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the potential impact of the (a) introduction of means-testing for Winter Fuel Payments and (b) Pension Credit Week of Action campaign on the (i) number of people who claim Pension Credit and (ii) cost to the public purse for (A) Pension Credit and (B) other associated passported benefits in (1) this financial year and (2) each of the next four financial years. (3956)

- 29N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people in receipt of the State Pension were (a) in receipt of and (b) eligible for Pension Credit on 3 September 2024; and if she will make an estimate of the number and proportion of people in receipt of the State Pension that will be (i) in receipt of and (ii) eligible for Pension Credit in each of the next five years. (3957)
- 30N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has had discussions with the Minister of Communities in Northern Ireland on ensuring that Barnett consequential from the Household Support Fund are utilised to support people no longer in receipt of winter fuel payment. (4148)
- 31N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of dental practices were rated as good by the Care Quality Commission in Aldershot constituency on 3 September 2024. (4105)
- 32N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what proportion of care homes were rated as good by the Care Quality Commission in Aldershot constituency on 3 September 2024. (4106)
- 33N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of trends in rates of perinatal mortality in Aldershot constituency. (4107)
- 34N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of trends in the level of life expectancy in Aldershot constituency. (4108)
- 35N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will publish a dementia strategy. (4033)
- 36N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the oral answer of 23 July 2024 from the Minister for Secondary Care, Official Report, column 510, whether he plans to announce further steps on the delivery of neighbourhood health centres. (4034)
- 37N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve mental health services in Ealing Southall constituency. (4085)
- 38N **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has for legislative reforms to improve the provision of dental services. (4138)
- 39N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what process his Department is using to (a) assess the resilience of and (b) schedule future capital projects on the NHS estate. (3988)

- 40N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the provision of maternity services to asylum seekers; and if he will take steps to help ensure that asylum seekers understand how to access emergency maternity health care. (3989)
- 41N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure stability of management at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust. (4057)
- 42N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will have discussions with his counterpart in the United Arab Emirates on releasing Ryan Cornelius from imprisonment in Dubai. (3938)
- 43N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will hold discussions with his counterpart in Israel on the fire engine donated to Palestinian firefighters in Nablus that has been held by the port authorities in Ashdod since 21 July 2024. (3985)
- 44N **Stephen Gethins** (Arbroath and Broughty Ferry): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that arms are not reaching belligerents in the civil war in Sudan. (3986)
- 45N **Fabian Hamilton** (Leeds North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will take steps to help ensure that civil society organisations working on peacebuilding in Israel and Palestine are integrated into a future diplomatic resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (3947)
- 46N **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of support provided to terrorism victims. (4095)
- 47N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many officers from Police Scotland were deployed in Northern Ireland to help tackle disorder in August 2024. (3951)
- 48N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of linking the minimum income requirement for spousal visa applications to the National Living Wage. (4150)
- 49N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many British Army service personnel (a) live and (b) work in Northern Ireland. (4152)
- 50N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many full-time Royal Naval service personnel (a) live and (b) work in Northern Ireland. (4153)

- 51N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many full-time Royal Air Force service personnel (a) live and (b) work in Northern Ireland. (4154)
- 52N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of maximising the geo-strategic potential of Northern Ireland in the defence of the UK (a) in general and (b) in the context of its position relative to western approaches. (4155)
- 53N **Sir Julian Lewis** (New Forest East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the use of gas by Russia in Ukraine; and whether he plans to supply respirators to Ukraine. (3937)
- 54N **Wendy Chamberlain** (North East Fife): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what was the outcome of applications to the Community Ownership Fund, Round 3. (4016)
- 55N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her oral contribution of 30 July 2024, Official Report, column 1194, what steps she (a) is taking and (b) plans to take to amend social housing allocation policy to give priority to local residents. (4051)
- 56N **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has had discussions with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on levels of local housing allowance. (4159)
- 57N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to bring forward legislation on short term lets licensing. (4135)
- 58N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to alter planning regulations to require permission for changes from residential use class to a new short term let use class. (4136)
- 59N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when the proceeds of the sale of Chelsea FC will be distributed to humanitarian causes in Ukraine. (3950)
- 60N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much the Welsh Government will receive in additional Barnett Formula consequential funding as a result of the most recent pay award for NHS staff in England. (4013)
- 61N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to Table 2 of the policy paper published on 29 July 2024 entitled Fixing the foundations: public spending audit 2024-25, whether the savings from targeting Winter Fuel Payments

at recipients of Pension Credit and certain other means-tested benefits from winter 2024-25 take account of the potential impact of that policy on the number of people in receipt of Pension Credit.

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62N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she requested the promotion of Louise Tinsley.

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63N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the post of Director of Special Advisers and Chancellor Engagement was advertised openly.

(4024)

64N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many passes for her Department have been issued to (a) civil servants and (b) special advisers since 4 July 2024.

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65N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether a job evaluation for senior posts was conducted for the role of Director of Special Advisers and Chancellor Engagement.

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66N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, (a) how many and (b) of which grades are staff are line managed by the Director of Special Advisers and Chancellor Engagement.

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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

1 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): What steps she is taking to ensure the adequacy of the provision of level 3 vocational pathways for students.

(900320)

2 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): What steps she plans to take to reform children's social care.

(900321)

3 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): What assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Office for Students.

(900322)

4 **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): What steps she is taking to ensure the adequacy of the provision of level 3 vocational pathways for students.

(900323)

5 **Mr Richard Holden** (Basildon and Billericay): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of levels of academic freedom in the higher education sector.

(900324)

6 **Gareth Snell** (Stoke-on-Trent Central): What information her Department holds on the number of private schools that closed in England between 11 May 2010 and 5 July 2024.

(900325)

7 **Noah Law** (St Austell and Newquay): Whether her Department is taking steps to create degree-level apprenticeships in critical minerals industries.

(900326)

8 **Dr Allison Gardner** (Stoke-on-Trent South): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of SEND services.

(900327)

- 9 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): What steps her Department is taking to support the mental health and wellbeing of students. (900328)
- 10 **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of SEND services. (900329)
- 11 **Douglas McAllister** (West Dunbartonshire): What steps she is taking to recruit more teachers. (900330)
- 12 **Sadik Al-Hassan** (North Somerset): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of SEND services. (900331)
- 13 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of SEND services. (900332)
- 14 **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): What steps she is taking to help improve educational outcomes for (a) children in social care and (b) other care-experienced young people. (900333)
- 15 **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of SEND services. (900334)
- 16 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): When she plans to bring forward the Children's Wellbeing Bill. (900335)
- 17 **Markus Campbell-Savours** (Penrith and Solway): What steps she is taking to recruit more teachers. (900336)
- 18 **David Baines** (St Helens North): What steps she is taking to reform the national curriculum. (900337)
- 19 **Sam Carling** (North West Cambridgeshire): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of SEND services. (900338)
- 20 **Mr Paul Kohler** (Wimbledon): What steps she is taking to support creative education institutions. (900339)
- 21 **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): What discussions she has had with early years stronger practice hubs on funding. (900340)
- 22 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): What steps her Department is taking to identify children who are educated outside school. (900341)
- 23 **Dan Aldridge** (Weston-super-Mare): What assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Office for Students. (900342)
- 24 **Perran Moon** (Camborne and Redruth): What steps her Department is taking to identify children who are educated outside school. (900343)
- 25 **Joe Morris** (Hexham): What assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of SEND services. (900344)
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Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

T1	Tim Roca (Macclesfield): If she will make a statement on her departmental responsibilities.	(900345)
T2	Ian Lavery (Blyth and Ashington):	(900346)
T3	Charlie Dewhirst (Bridlington and The Wolds):	(900347)
T4	Helen Hayes (Dulwich and West Norwood):	(900348)
T5	Caroline Voaden (South Devon):	(900349)
T6	Julia Buckley (Shrewsbury):	(900350)
T7	Rachael Maskell (York Central):	(900351)
T8	Uma Kumaran (Stratford and Bow):	(900352)
T9	Claire Young (Thornbury and Yate):	(900353)
T10	Mark Ferguson (Gateshead Central and Whickham):	(900354)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 10 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish a list of exceptions that were used in the recruitment of civil servants (a) at and (b) above Payband 2 level before Civil Service Commission approval, between 2010 and 2018. (3939)
- 2N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the cost to the public purse would be of all people eligible for pension credit claiming it. (4038)
- 3N **Dr Rupa Huq** (Ealing Central and Acton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to increase (a) recruitment and (b) retention of NHS staff in Ealing Central and Acton constituency. (4009)
- 4N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the proposed saving is from the reduction in the franchise of the Winter Fuel Allowance. (4039)
- 5N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the campaign to increase the uptake of pension credit on proposed savings from reductions in the Winter Fuel Allowance. (4040)

- 6N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the administrative cost to her Department will be to means-test Winter Fuel payments. (4041)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 11 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veteran ID cards have been distributed in each local authority area. (4129)
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Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Wales

- 1 **Nick Smith** (Blaenau Gwent and Rhymney): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for clean energy projects in Wales. (900305)
- 2 **Steve Witherden** (Montgomeryshire and Glyndŵr): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support the steel industry in Wales. (900306)
- 3 **Liz Twist** (Blaydon and Consett): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support the steel industry in Wales. (900307)
- 4 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): Whether she has had recent discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) the Welsh Government on steps to improve cross-border train services. (900308)
- 5 **Matthew Patrick** (Wirral West): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help improve transport infrastructure in Wales. (900309)
- 6 **Jessica Morden** (Newport East): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help support the steel industry in Wales. (900310)
- 7 **Torsten Bell** (Swansea West): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on supporting economic growth in Wales. (900311)
- 8 **Gill German** (Clwyd North): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for clean energy projects in Wales. (900312)
- 9 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): What the Government's policy is on the proposed nuclear power plant at Wylfa. (900313)
- 10 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for clean energy projects in Wales. (900314)
- 11 **Claire Hughes** (Bangor Aberconwy): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on supporting economic growth in Wales. (900315)

- 12 **David Chadwick** (Brecon, Radnor and Cwm Tawe): What steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to improve digital infrastructure in rural Wales. (900316)
- 13 **Henry Tufnell** (Mid and South Pembrokeshire): What recent discussions she has had with Cabinet colleagues on support for clean energy projects in Wales. (900317)
- 14 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): What discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on NHS waiting lists. (900318)
- 15 **Robbie Moore** (Keighley and Ilkley): What discussions she has had with the Welsh Government on road building projects in Wales. (900319)