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## Questions tabled on Thursday 5 September 2024

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### Questions for Answer on Monday 9 September

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his oral contribution of 25 July 2024 in response to the question from the hon. Member for Islington North, if he will publish a summary of his meeting with civil service unions. (4340)
- 2 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of establishing a Commissioner for Older People. (4384)
- 3 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the report entitled China: The top ten priorities for early Labour government action published by the Coalition on Secure Technology and the Council on Geostrategy China Observatory in September 2024. (4467)
- 4 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to pages 4 and 5 of the report entitled China: The top ten priorities for early Labour government action published by the Coalition on Secure Technology and the Council on Geostrategy China Observatory in September 2024, what steps he is taking to tackle the threat to UK national security posed by the use of Chinese-manufactured cellular Internet of Things modules. (4468)
- 5 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the report entitled China: The top ten priorities for early Labour government action published by the Coalition on Secure Technology and the Council on

- Geostrategy China Observatory in September 2024, what steps he is taking to (a) address vulnerabilities, (b) redirect critical economic supply chains and (c) otherwise reduce dependencies. (4469)
- 6 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the value of trade was between the UK and Taiwan in (a) each year since 2020 and (b) the latest period for which data is available. [Transferred] (4185)
- 7 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what trade deals his Department is (a) negotiating and (b) not currently negotiating. (4339)
- 8 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the report by the Financial Reporting Council entitled Annual Review of Audit Quality 2024, published on 30 July 2024, whether he plans to take steps to improve audit (a) regulation, (b) quality and (c) accountability. [Transferred] (4286)
- 9 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the Government response to the consultation entitled Health is everyone's business, published on 4 October 2021, whether he plans to incorporate proposals within that consultation on tackling ill health-related job losses into the Employment Rights Bill. (4439)
- 10 **Valerie Vaz** (Walsall and Bloxwich): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with businesses that trade with the EU on the potential impact of inconsistent application of border controls on the (a) time taken for goods to clear EU customs and (b) cost of exporting goods. (4361)
- 11 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to (a) take steps to (i) improve accountability processes for and (ii) simplify complaint routes for the parents of children that access SEND provision in schools and (b) continue the SEND Change Programme. (4460)
- 12 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to hold discussions with (a) parents of children with SEND and (b) specialist charities that support parents on reforms to the SEND system. (4461)
- 13 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to provide funding for the Primary PE and Sport Premium in the 2024-25 financial year. (4481)
- 14 **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the average spend per pupil was in state schools in each year since 1994, broken down by region. (4411)
- 15 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the provision of SEND services. (4462)

- 16 **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had recent discussions with the Mineworkers Pension Scheme Trustees on potential reforms to the Mineworkers Pensions Scheme. (4408)
- 17 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how he determines schedules for insulating homes of pensioners. (4379)
- 18 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will hold discussions with energy producers on the potential merits of using profits to create an energy social tariff. (4380)
- 19 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he (a) is having and (b) plans to have discussions with local authorities on steps that can be taken to ensure older people are able to (i) heat their homes and (ii) access other warm spaces. (4381)
- 20 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how much and what proportion of the additional funding for the expanded Farming Recovery Fund announced on 24 May 2024 (a) has been paid out as of 5 September 2024 and (b) is projected to be spent by the end of the 2024-25 financial year. (4363)
- 21 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the use of unbound incinerator bottom ash aggregate in construction on the environment in (a) the Fenlands and (b) other low-lying areas. (4364)
- 22 **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the Environment Agency regulatory policy statement entitled Using unbound incinerator bottom ash aggregate (IBAA) in construction activities: RPS 247, published on 25 June 2024, if she will take steps to update Regulatory Policy Statement 247. (4365)
- 23 **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress his Department had made with the River Severn Partnership on (a) reducing flooding and (b) protecting homes and businesses from flood risk. (4456)
- 24 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to change existing policies to prevent the use of neonicotinoid pesticides. (4417)
- 25 **Ben Goldsborough** (South Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reforming the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to help foster responsible access to the countryside. (4491)

- 26 **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the outputs of the Air Quality Common Framework emissions reduction sub-group. (4471)
- 27 **Seamus Logan** (Aberdeenshire North and Moray East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to ensure continuity of Government support for farmers through a multi-annual ring-fenced funding commitment; and how much financial support will be allocated to farmers over the current Parliament. (4507)
- 28 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help sure regulators sponsored by his Department have sufficient resources for enforcement work. (4464)
- 29 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve road (a) maintenance and (b) conditions in (i) Ashfield constituency and (ii) Nottinghamshire. (4413)
- 30 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of building a new railway station at Alconbury Weald in Huntingdon constituency. (4478)
- 31 **Mark Pritchard** (The Wrekin): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps with car manufacturers to agree a minimum stopping safety requirement for car tyres which are (a) manufactured in the UK and (b) imported. (4343)
- 32 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, with reference to the report by the Motorcycle Industry Association entitled A Licence to Net Zero: Unleashing Our Potential, License Reform Essential: L-Category Licensing Reform Proposals, published on 16 October 2023, if she will make an assessment of the implications for her policies of the proposals in that report on the licensing regime for (a) mopeds, (b) motorcycles and (c) other powered light vehicles; and if she will hold discussions with relevant stakeholders on this matter. (4346)
- 33 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, when the Motorcycle Strategy Focus Group is next scheduled to meet; and whether the agenda will include a review of (a) moped and (b) motorcycle licensing requirements. (4347)
- 34 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what the evidential basis is for (a) licensing requirements and (b) age restrictions for (i) mopeds, (ii) motorcycles and (iii) other powered light vehicles. (4348)
- 35 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she is taking steps to establish a long-term strategy to end pensioner poverty. (4517)

- 36 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether Ministers in her Department have met representatives of the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change since 5 July 2024. (4338)
- 37 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will make an estimate of the potential impact of changes to the eligibility criteria for winter fuel payment on mortality rates in Winter 2024-25. (4341)
- 38 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of people applying for child disability living allowance waited longer than 20 weeks in Bournemouth East constituency in the last 12 months for which data is available; and what proportion of benefit decisions for applicants from residents of Bournemouth East constituency were not made within the target timeframe set by her Department in each of the last 12 months for which data is available. (4494)
- 39 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioners have an income lower than the (a) minimum and (b) living wage. (4400)
- 40 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many parents are (a) making child maintenance payments through the Child Maintenance Service and (b) in arrears on those payments. (4401)
- 41 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the time taken for all eligible pensioners to apply for Pension Credit. (4375)
- 42 **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 asking local authorities to contact every pensioner on Housing Benefit to encourage them to take up Pension Credit; and if she will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of whether local authorities have sufficient resources to undertake this task. (4376)
- 43 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what his deadline is for writing to Housing Benefit claimants about taking up Pension Credit; and what further steps he plans. (4377)
- 44 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether he plans to take steps to enable people who are unable to claim Pension Credit to receive the Winter Fuel Payment. (4378)
- 45 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support people eligible for Pension Credit to claim it. (4385)
- 46 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to ensure that reforms of Statutory Sick Pay take account of (a) multiple sclerosis and (b) other fluctuating conditions. (4435)

- 47 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to implement the recommendations of the Fourth Report of the Work and Pensions Committee of Session 2023-24 on Statutory Sick Pay, HC148, published on 28 March 2024, in the Employment Rights Bill. (4436)
- 48 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): 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 Statutory Sick Pay to that of the National Living Wage. (4437)
- 49 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of paying Statutory Sick Pay at an hourly rate. (4438)
- 50N **Mel Stride** (Central Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (3958)
- 51 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of increasing funding for hospices. (4414)
- 52 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) provide funding and (b) improve access to NHS dental practices in Ashfield constituency. (4415)
- 53 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department have carried out impact assessments of the Government's plans to ban (a) smoking and (b) vaping (i) in pub gardens, (ii) at outdoor restaurant tables, (iii) at outdoor shisha bar seating and (iv) in outdoor nightclubs. (4350)
- 54 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Government's proposals to ban outdoor smoking and vaping in and by pubs on the number of pub closures. (4351)
- 55 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has carried out an impact assessment of the Government's plans to ban (a) smoking and (b) vaping across university campuses. (4352)
- 56 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to consult on banning smoking and vaping outside pubs, nightclubs and restaurants; and whether he has a planned timetable for the proposed ban. (4353)



- 57 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) support people with and (b) raise awareness of endometriosis. (4418)
- 58 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department issues on questioning patients on (a) pregnancy and (b) risk of pregnancy before (i) scans and (ii) operations. [R] (4395)
- 59 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timetable is for delivering 40,000 more NHS appointments per week. [R] (4396)
- 60 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many (a) adults and (b) children are living with HIV in each (i) region, (ii) county and (iii) local authority area. (4399)
- 61 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of allowing GPs to prescribe a Winter Fuel Payment to pensioners in fuel poverty. (4374)
- 62 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to target people living in fuel poverty for the flu vaccine. (4382)
- 63 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with Directors of Public Health on the risks posed to elderly people of not being able to heat their home to minimum temperature thresholds for health in winter 2024-25. (4383)
- 64 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support people (a) on lower incomes and (b) who are living with a long-term health condition with the cost of prescription charges. (4433)
- 65 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to review the prescription charge medical exemption list annually. (4434)
- 66 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what percentage of medical waste incineration capacity is underutilised in the East of England. (4476)
- 67 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the number of neurodevelopmental assessments for children in (a) England and (b) Norfolk. (4428)
- 68 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to increase the level of funding for neurodevelopmental services. (4429)

- 69 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve access to neurodevelopmental assessments. (4430)
- 70 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools programme on (a) access to neurodevelopmental assessments and (b) outcomes for neurodivergent children. (4431)
- 71 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to reduce waiting times for neurodevelopmental services. (4432)
- 72 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his Israeli counterpart on (a) escalating violence, (b) compliance with international humanitarian law by Israeli forces and (c) accountability for recent settler violence in the occupied West Bank. (4457)
- 73 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent representations he has made to his Israeli counterpart on compliance with (a) the UN Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and (b) other provisions of international law by the Israeli authorities in the treatment of Palestinian detainees in Israeli custody. (4458)
- 74 **Mr Calvin Bailey** (Leyton and Wanstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of changes in the level of a) humanitarian access, (b) protection of humanitarian facilities and personnel and (c) accountability in relation to violence against humanitarian facilities and personnel in Gaza since 5 July 2024; and what recent representations he has made to his Israeli counterpart on these issues. (4459)
- 75 **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 support (a) refugees and (b) host communities in Jordan. (4368)
- 76 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has taken recent steps to call on the Venezuelan National Election Council to publish the voting records from the Presidential election in that country. (4344)
- 77 **Sammy Wilson** (East Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made recent representations to his Venezuelan counterpart on taking steps to allow a democratic and peaceful transition following the recent presidential election in that country. (4345)



- 78 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to (a) monitor and (b) maintain standards of police conduct. (4508)
- 79 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to support victims of sexual assault. (4402)
- 80 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of using voluntary organisations to support victims of sexual assault. (4403)
- 81 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of the performance of for-profit providers of sexual assault referral centres. (4404)
- 82 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of penalties for dangerous driving. (4405)
- 83 **Joy Morrissey** (Beaconsfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of violent disorder cases were heard by (a) district judges and (b) lay magistrates in August. (4420)
- 84 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment his Department has made of the potential merits of an increase in the annual budget of Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service to provide operational coverage to the new homes to be built during this Parliament. (4480)
- 85 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he plans to take to support homeless veterans in Ashfield constituency. (4412)
- 86 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate his Department has made on the number of veterans in prison. (4445)
- 87 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to support UK defence manufacturing through government procurement. (4446)
- 88 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make an assessment of the legality under international humanitarian law of operational support to the Israeli military.. (4447)
- 89 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which (a) agencies and (b) departments are authorised to manage defence research and development projects. (4391)

- 90 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether in light of recent government announcements about the risk of Israel forces being non-compliant with international law, UK intelligence is passed to Israel for the purposes of military targeting. (4501)
- 91 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he is taking steps to waive dependent visa fees for (a) foreign and (b) Commonwealth veterans. (4482)
- 92 **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to require relevant public bodies to ask people whether they (a) are veterans and (b) have veterans in their immediate family for the purpose of ensuring that those people receive any public services to which they are entitled. (4484)
- 93 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent steps her Department has taken to identify buildings affected by (a) dangerous cladding and (b) other fire safety issues. (4416)
- 94 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of banning smoking and vaping outside pubs, restaurants and nightclubs on the (a) night-time economy and (b) viability of local high streets. (4359)
- 95 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what business rate reliefs will be available in (a) 2024-25 and (b) 2025-26, to (i) pubs, (ii) restaurants and (iii) nightclubs; and what the thresholds and eligibility requirements are for each. (4360)
- 96 **John Cooper** (Dumfries and Galloway): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to (a) implement the Northern Ireland Enhanced Investment Zone and (b) extend that zone to cover Stranraer and Cairnryan. [Transferred] (4334)
- 97 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to extend the Help to Buy scheme for first-time buyers. (4336)
- 98 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an estimate of the number of unoccupied dwellings there are in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (4337)
- 99 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many building assessment certificate applications had been received by the Building Safety Regulator by 30 June 2024; and how many building safety certificates have been (a) issued and (b) refused. (4487)

- 100 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many applications for (a) higher-risk building work and (b) a stage of higher-risk building work had been received by the Building Safety Regulator by 30 June 2024; and how many (i) of those applications were determined within 12 weeks of being received, (ii) extensions to the 12-week determination period have been agreed by the Regulator with the applicant and (iii) how many applications have been refused. (4488)
- 101 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many applications for building work to an existing higher-risk building had been received by the Building Safety Regulator by 30 June 2024; and how many (a) of these applications were determined within 8 weeks of being received, (b) extensions to the eight-week determination period have been agreed by the Regulator with the applicant and (c) applications have been refused. (4489)
- 102 **Jenny Riddell-Carpenter** (Suffolk Coastal): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many completion certificate applications for (a) higher-risk building work, (b) a stage of higher-risk work and (c) building work to an existing higher-risk building had been received by the Building Safety Regulator by 30 June 2024; and how many (i) of those completion certificate applications were determined within eight weeks of being received, (ii) extensions to the eight-week determination period have been agreed by the Regulator with the applicant and (iii) applications have been refused. (4490)
- 103 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she plans to end the use of A to D ratings for the prisons system. (4392)
- 104 **Steve Race** (Exeter): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to help reduce levels of reoffending. (4463)
- 105 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Valuation Office Agency takes account of the (a) presence and (b) size of a pub garden when valuing a pub for business rates; and whether the size of the garden is recorded by Agency. (4354)
- 106 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in what Special Category code the Valuation Office Agency classifies shisha bars; and how many shisha bars there are in each local authority in England. (4355)
- 107 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what information the Valuation Office Agency holds on the number of hereditaments there are with the (a) 227 Public Houses/Pub Restaurants (Inc. Lodge) (National Scheme), (b) 226 Public Houses/Pub Restaurants (National Scheme), (c) 234 Restaurants, (d) 238 Roadside Restaurants (National Scheme), (e) 409 Cafes, (f) 500 Cafes/Restaurants Within/Part of Specialist Property, (g) 060 Clubhouses, (h) 061 Licensed Sports, Social and Private Members Clubs, (i) 062 Coaching Inns, (j) 303 Bars (Valued on Floor Space) and (k) 199 G Night Clubs and Discotheques special category code in each local authority. (4356)

- 108 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the average rateable value was for hereditaments with the (a) 227 Public Houses/Pub Restaurants (Inc. Lodge) (National Scheme), (b) 226 Public Houses/Pub Restaurants (National Scheme), (c) 234 Restaurants, (d) 238 Roadside Restaurants (National Scheme), (e) 409 Cafes, (f) 500 Cafes/Restaurants Within/Part of Specialist Property, (g) 060 Clubhouses, (h) 061 Licensed Sports, Social and Private Members Clubs, (i) 062 Coaching Inns, (j) 303 Bars (Valued on Floor Space) and (k) 199 G Night Clubs and Discotheques special category code in each local authority in (i) England and (ii) Wales in the latest period for which data is available. (4357)
- 109 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the average business rates charge was for hereditaments with the (a) 227 Public Houses/Pub Restaurants (Inc. Lodge) (National Scheme), (b) 226 Public Houses/Pub Restaurants (National Scheme), (c) 234 Restaurants, (d) 238 Roadside Restaurants (National Scheme), (e) 409 Cafes, (f) 500 Cafes/Restaurants Within/Part of Specialist Property, (g) 060 Clubhouses, (h) 061 Licensed Sports, Social and Private Members Clubs, (i) 062 Coaching Inns, (j) 303 Bars (Valued on Floor Space) and (k) 199 G Night Clubs and Discotheques special category code in each local authority in (i) England and (ii) Wales in the latest period for which data is available. (4358)
- 110 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential economic impact of the introduction of VAT on independent schools in South Suffolk constituency. [Transferred] (4227)
- 111 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the introduction of VAT on independent schools on employment in such schools in South Suffolk constituency. [Transferred] (4228)
- 112 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September to Question 3748 on Private Education: Business Rates, what estimate she has made of the amount of revenue that will be raised in each remaining year of the current Parliament as a result of removing the eligibility of private schools in England to business rates charitable rates relief. (4393)
- 113 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 3748 on Private Education: Business Rates, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of removing the eligibility of private schools to business rates relief on those schools in South Suffolk constituency. (4394)
- 114 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of a wealth tax. (4419)
- 115 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the imposition of VAT on independent school fees on the number of children who are home schooled. (4349)

- 116 **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what her policy is on the ownership of interests in UK oil and gas companies by sanctioned Russians. (4500)
- 117 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 3923 Parcels: Northern Ireland, what new mechanisms for business to business her Department discussed with freight operators in Northern Ireland in its engagement with businesses and parcel carriers. (4510)
- 118 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 3923 Parcels: Northern Ireland, what new supports for fast parcel operations between Great Britain and Northern Ireland her Department discussed with freight operators in Northern Ireland in its engagement with businesses and parcel carriers. (4511)
- 119 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will raise apprenticeship levy funding. [Transferred] (4292)
- 120 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, whether it remains his Department's policy that Wylfa is the preferred site for a large-scale nuclear development. (4502)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 10 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his planned timetable is for appointing the Head of the National Security Unit for Procurement. (4406)
- 2N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the sanction compliance of LetterOne's recent acquisition of a 15 per cent stake in Harbour Energy. (4388)
- 3N **Helen Morgan** (North Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how much funding the Marches Growth Hub received (a) when the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) was in place and (b) after the LEP was removed. [Transferred] (3833)
- 4N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of SEND provision in (a) Bournemouth, (b) Christchurch and (c) Poole. (4492)
- 5N **Sir Desmond Swayne** (New Forest West): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many fines were issued to parents for taking children on holiday during term time at (a) independent and (b) maintained schools in the last year. (4335)

- 6N **Olivia Blake** (Sheffield Hallam): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will take steps to review the North Sea Transition Authority's Supply Chain Action Plans. (4448)
- 7N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact on consumer energy bills of the total lifetime cost of delivering (a) the Western Link and (b) all current and future stages of the Eastern Green Link offshore cabling. (4389)
- 8N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 3867 on Hitachi: Wylfa Power Station, if he will provide a breakdown of how much of the £160 million total was spent on the site at (a) Wylfa and (b) Oldbury. (4472)
- 9N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of the spread of bluetongue disease on South Suffolk constituency. (4386)
- 10N **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what discussions he has had with his EU counterparts on the adequacy of EU export regulations for preventing the importation of diseased plants into the UK. (4516)
- 11N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he plans to take with the UK Infrastructure Bank to support the semiconductor industry. (4442)
- 12N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the proposed saving is from the reduction in the franchise of the Winter Fuel Payment. [Transferred] (4039)
- 13N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (4040)
- 14N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the administrative cost to her Department will be to means-test Winter Fuel payments. [Transferred] (4041)
- 15N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate his Department has made of the cost of opening each trial neighbourhood health centre. (4441)
- 16N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to end the use of one or two word ratings used by the Care Quality Commission. (4390)



- 17N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment with Cabinet colleagues of the potential impact of the proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for the Winter Fuel Payment on (a) the number of (i) acute admissions to hospital, (ii) patients attending emergency departments, (iii) elderly people (A) with pneumonia, (B) requiring antibiotics and (C) GP appointments, (b) the risk of death in elderly people, (c) the number of deaths and (d) NHS expenditure. [R] (4397)
- 18N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will hold discussions with the Chief Medical Officer on the effect of (a) becoming cold and (b) living in a cold home on the (i) health, (ii) rate of hospitalisation and (iii) death rates of (A) elderly and (B) disabled people. (4398)
- 19N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of cold and damp housing conditions on health outcomes. (4369)
- 20N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of instances of (a) stroke, (b) myocardial infarction, (c) hyperthermia, (d) pneumonia and (e) other respiratory disease admissions to NHS hospitals that have been the result of patients living in damp homes, in the last 12 months. (4370)
- 21N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure a cross-departmental approach to preventing ill health due to damp and cold homes. (4371)
- 22N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for his policies on preventing ill health in later life of the Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report 2023, Health in an Ageing Society, published on 10 November 2023. (4372)
- 23N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has asked the Chief Medical Officer to conduct an impact assessment of introducing means-testing for the Winter Fuel Payment. (4373)
- 24N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what guidance his Department issues on the incineration of medical waste in the East of England. (4475)
- 25N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of prioritising the rebuilding of Hinchingbrooke Hospital. (4477)
- 26N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to improve access to clinical trials for those affected by brain tumours. (4454)

- 27N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of recent Israeli military activity in the West Bank. (4443)
- 28N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking as penholder on Sudan to support the development of options for the deployment of a civilian protection mission for that country in coordination with the (a) African Union, (b) UN and (c) Intergovernmental Authority on Development. (4367)
- 29N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Israeli counterpart on recent Israeli settlements in the Al Makhrou area of Beit Jala in the occupied West Bank. (4512)
- 30N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the increase in Israeli settlement expansion and the depopulation of Palestinian villages in the occupied West Bank. (4513)
- 31N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential implications for his policies of the reported (a) use of violence and (b) detention of Palestinian land owners in the West Bank by Israeli (i) settlers and (ii) soldiers. (4514)
- 32N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will raise the case of Alice Kisiya, a Palestinian property owner in Al Makhrou, with his Israeli counterpart; and what diplomatic steps he is taking to help protect land rights of Palestinians. (4515)
- 33N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support the implementation of UN General Assembly resolution A /RES/78/230 on the Promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the United Nations adopted on 22 December 2023. (4409)
- 34N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations he has made to his Israeli counterpart on violence against Palestinian civilians. (4410)
- 35N **Emily Thornberry** (Islington South and Finsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his Department's planned timetable is for publishing its monthly transparency data for (a) spending over £25,000 from June 2022 to July 2024 inclusive and (b) spending over £500 using a government procurement card from November 2022 to July 2024 inclusive. (4342)

- 36N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people had their application for asylum (a) accepted and (b) declined (i) with and (ii) without an appeal since 5 July 2024; and how many of those who had their application asylum declined have been returned, broken down by country. (4479)
- 37N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether he has a target for increasing the use of the UK steel industry in Defence. (4387)
- 38N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will ensure that the upcoming Strategic Defence Review (a) begins with a statement of Britain's (i) interests, (ii) role in the world and (iii) military ambitions over the next 10 years and (b) matches available or planned military resources to that statement of interest, role and ambition. (4499)
- 39N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she has taken to rejuvenate town centres. (4497)
- 40N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department has obtained to inform a potential future decision on whether to break Kent County Council into a small number of unitary authorities. (4498)
- 41N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that prisons are safe workplaces for staff. (4485)
- 42N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what (a) protections and (b) support mechanisms are in place for whistleblowers in prisons. (4486)
- 43N **Mr Paul Foster** (South Ribble): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people in South Ribble constituency received a winter fuel payment in the 2023-24 financial year. (4465)
- 44N **Mr Paul Foster** (South Ribble): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many people are in receipt of Pension Credit in South Ribble constituency; and if she will make an estimate of the number of people who are not claiming Pension Credit but are eligible in that constituency. (4466)
- 45N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September to Question 900173, when she last met representatives of the Northern Ireland Haulage industry; what issues were raised; and what steps her Department took to help resolve those issues. (4509)
- 46N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish the exceptional appointment form for Ian Corfield that was submitted to the Civil Service Commission. (4424)

- 47N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether Ian Corfield's involvement with the Labour Party was declared to the Civil Service Commission before its approval of his appointment to the Civil Service. (4425)
- 48N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her donation from Ian Corfield was declared to the Cabinet Office prior to his appointment as a Director in her Department. (4426)
- 49N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her donation from Ian Corfield was declared to the Permanent Secretary of her Department within 14 days of her appointment. (4427)

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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 11 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the (a) purpose and (b) function is of the 10 Downing Street data science team. (4407)
- 2N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how much and what proportion of the land to be used for the proposed East Park Energy Solar Farm is designated as agricultural grade (a) 1, (b) 2 and (c) 3a farmland. (4474)
- 3N **Steve Barclay** (North East Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many farmers who are eligible for support under the expanded Farming Recovery Fund announced on 24 May 2024 have been (a) (i) identified and (ii) contacted by the Rural Payments Agency and (b) paid. (4362)
- 4N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to require meat produced from animals not stunned before slaughter to be clearly labelled. (4451)
- 5N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he plans to take to reduce the levels of fipronil and imidacloprid in UK waters. (4504)
- 6N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he plans to take to prevent the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in off-the-shelf pet treatments. (4505)

- 7N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that (a) vets and pet owners have access to advice on the responsible use of pet parasiticides and (b) the (i) packaging, (ii) usage guidance and (iii) point of sale advice for flea and tick pet treatments warn pet owners of the danger to aquatic life of those products entering watercourses. (44506)
- 8N **Sojan Joseph** (Ashford): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to ensure that thistles and ragwort are removed from land owned by her Department between the village of Mersham and the Sevington inland border facility. (44503)
- 9N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the accessibility of treatment for terminal lung condition idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis on the NHS. (4452)
- 10N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase the capacity of interstitial lung disease specialist centres, in the context of increased eligibility for antifibrotic treatment. (4453)
- 11N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he has taken to review the GP contract. (4496)
- 12N **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of implementing a redistribution of the Police Allocation Formula based on the previous Government's preparatory work. (4473)
- 13N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the impact of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 on airspace development. (4449)
- 14N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of airspace development to help tackle housing shortages. (4450)
- 15N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make it her policy to make the veterans ID card an acceptable form of photo ID for elections. [Transferred] (4297)
- 16N **Mike Martin** (Tunbridge Wells): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people will be released early from prison due to overcapacity in Kent in September 2024; and how many units of accommodation are available for those people. (4495)
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**Oral Questions to the Prime Minister**

- 1 **Torsten Bell** (Swansea West): If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 11 September. (900402)
- 2 **Tessa Munt** (Wells and Mendip Hills): (900403)
- 3 **Brendan O'Hara** (Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber): (900404)
- 4 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): (900405)
- 5 **Lizzi Collinge** (Morecambe and Lunesdale): (900406)
- 6 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): (900407)
- 7 **Patrick Hurley** (Southport): (900408)
- 8 **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South and South Bedfordshire): (900409)
- 9 **Luke Murphy** (Basingstoke): (900410)
- 10 **Blake Stephenson** (Mid Bedfordshire): (900411)
- 11 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): (900412)
- 12 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): (900413)
- 13 **Mr Louie French** (Old Bexley and Sidcup): (900414)
- 14 **Ann Davies** (Caerfyrddin): (900415)
- 15 **Olly Glover** (Didcot and Wantage): (900416)

**Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 September****Questions for Written Answer**

- 1N **Shaun Davies** (Telford): To ask the Solicitor General, if she will publish the number of cases awaiting charging decisions by the Crown Prosecution Service, broken down by (a) whether they are (i) summary only, (ii) either way and (iii) indictable only offences and (b) by Crown Prosecution Service region. (4455)
- 2N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to give worker status to foster carers. (4366)
- 3N **Joy Morrissey** (Beaconsfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether her Department will take steps to support children who receive bursaries and scholarships at independent schools who are adversely affected by the introduction of VAT on such schools. (4422)



- 4N **Joy Morrissey** (Beaconsfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the decision to stop implementation of the Higher Education (Free Speech) Act 2023, whether she received representations that informed that decision (a) on the potential impact of that Act on universities' (i) operations and (ii) revenues in non-democratic states and (b) from academics or academic groups on matters relating to academic freedoms; and if she will publish the (A) minutes of meetings and (B) written representations received relating to that matter. (4423)
- 5N **Pippa Heylings** (South Cambridgeshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his Department's policy is on the National Air Control Programme. (4470)
- 6N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the funding of the (a) High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant and (b) servicing of the debt incurred by local authorities. (4493)

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### Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- 1 **Sir Julian Smith** (Skipton and Ripon): What steps he is taking to promote innovation in the agricultural sector. (900417)
- 2 **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): What steps his Department is taking to increase uptake of environmental land management schemes. (900418)
- 3 **Sarah Bool** (South Northamptonshire): What steps he is taking to support British food producers. (900419)
- 4 **Sarah Coombes** (West Bromwich): What recent progress he has made on increasing the accountability of water companies for pollution discharges into waterways. (900420)
- 5 **Harriet Cross** (Gordon and Buchan): If he will maintain the level of funding for farming. (900421)
- 6 **Dame Harriett Baldwin** (West Worcestershire): What steps he is taking to support farmers. (900422)
- 7 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): What steps his Department is taking to ensure the UK's biosecurity. (900423)
- 8 **Phil Brickell** (Bolton West): What steps he is taking to extend the right to roam. (900424)
- 9 **Christine Jardine** (Edinburgh West): What steps his Department is taking to tackle biodiversity loss. (900425)
- 10 **John Lamont** (Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk): What discussions he has had with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on funding for farming. (900426)
- 11 **Freddie van Mierlo** (Henley and Thame): If he will meet the hon. Member for Henley and Thame and the Environment Agency to discuss the repair of a bridge on the Thames Path between Henley and Shiplake. (900427)

- 12 **Martin Vickers** (Brigg and Immingham): If he will maintain the level of funding for farming. (900428)
- 13 **Kevin Bonavia** (Stevenage): What recent progress he has made on increasing the accountability of water companies for unlawful discharges of sewage into waterways. (900429)
- 14 **Mr Joshua Reynolds** (Maidenhead): What steps he is taking to improve the water quality of rivers. (900430)
- 15 **Dr Kieran Mullan** (Bexhill and Battle): What recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the potential impact of planning reforms on areas of outstanding natural beauty. (900431)
- 16 **Chris Bloore** (Redditch): What steps he is taking to ensure that proposed increases to consumer water bills are used for infrastructure investment. (900432)
- 17 **Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): What recent progress he has made on banning the payment of bonuses to the executives of water companies that are found to have polluted waterways. (900433)
- 18 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): What recent progress he has made on banning the payment of bonuses to the executives of water companies that are found to have polluted waterways. (900434)

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### Topical Questions to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- T1 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): If he will make a statement on his departmental responsibilities. (900435)
- T2 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): (900436)
- T3 **Dr Beccy Cooper** (Worthing West): (900437)
- T4 **Helena Dollimore** (Hastings and Rye): (900438)
- T5 **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): (900439)
- T6 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): (900440)
- T7 **Polly Billington** (East Thanet): (900441)
- T8 **Alison Griffiths** (Bognor Regis and Littlehampton): (900442)

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### Oral Questions to the Solicitor General

- 1 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): If she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Unduly Lenient Sentence scheme to include unduly severe sentences. (900390)
- 2 **Abtisam Mohamed** (Sheffield Central): What steps she is taking to help ensure rioters are prosecuted efficiently and effectively. (900391)

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- 3 **Debbie Abrahams** (Oldham East and Saddleworth): What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates for cases relating to violence against women and girls. (900392)
- 4 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates for shoplifting. (900393)
- 5 **Bill Esterson** (Sefton Central): What steps she is taking to help ensure rioters are prosecuted efficiently and effectively. (900394)
- 6 **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): What steps she has taken to help ensure the perpetrators of genocide and other crimes against Yazidis in 2014 are investigated and prosecuted. (900395)
- 7 **Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck** (South Shields): What assessment she has made of the effectiveness of support provided by the Crown Prosecution Service for victims of crime. (900396)
- 8 **Polly Billington** (East Thanet): What steps she is taking to help ensure the effective prosecution of street crime. (900397)
- 9 **Peter Swallow** (Bracknell): What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates for cases relating to violence against women and girls. (900398)
- 10 **Jake Richards** (Rother Valley): What steps she is taking to help ensure rioters are prosecuted efficiently and effectively. (900399)
- 11 **Catherine Fookes** (Monmouthshire): What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates for cases relating to violence against women and girls. (900400)
- 12 **Anneliese Midgley** (Knowsley): What steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates for cases relating to violence against women and girls. (900401)
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## Questions for Answer on Monday 7 October

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Joy Morrissey** (Beaconsfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate her Department has made of the percentage of designated Green Belt in each constituency to be re-classified Grey Belt under the changes proposed to the National Planning Policy Framework. (4421)
- 2N **Manuela Perteghella** (Stratford-on-Avon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the impact of the HMRC mileage rate for reimbursing the use of private cars on (a) volunteer drivers and (b) organisations in the volunteer sector; and if she will take steps to review the mileage payment allowance. (4483)