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## Questions tabled on Friday 6 September 2024

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- T Indicates a topical oral question. Members are selected by ballot to ask a Topical Question.
- † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.
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### Questions for Answer on Monday 9 September

#### Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to align (a) pay, (b) terms and (c) conditions of facilities management employees contracted to his Department by OCS with those of comparable directly-employed staff. [Transferred] (4166)
- 2N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many passes for HM Treasury have been issued to (a) civil servants and (b) special advisers since 4 July 2024. [Transferred] (4025)
- 3 **Aphra Brandreth** (Chester South and Eddisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether it remains his Department's policy that Wylfa is the preferred site for a large-scale nuclear development. [Transferred] (4502)
- 4 **Ayoub Khan** (Birmingham Perry Barr): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to help prepare for COP29. [Transferred] (4324)
- 5 **Anna Dixon** (Shipley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to tackle dangerous driving in (a) villages and (b) rural areas. [Transferred] (4310)
- 6 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of penalties for dangerous driving. [Transferred] (4405)

- 7 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment his 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. [Transferred] (4359)
- 8 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made a recent assessment of the potential merits of using voluntary organisations to support victims of sexual assault. [Transferred] (4403)
- 9 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment his Department has made of the adequacy of the performance of for-profit providers of sexual assault referral centres. [Transferred] (4404)
- 10 **Graham Leadbitter** (Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if the Government will publicly call for the release of Jagtar Singh Johal. [Transferred] (4305)
- 11 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate her Department has made of the number of veterans in prison. [Transferred] (4445)
- 12 **Preet Kaur Gill** (Birmingham Edgbaston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to support victims of sexual assault. [Transferred] (4402)
- 13N **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many subpostmasters had their convictions quashed as a result of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Act. [Transferred] (4254)
- 14 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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. [Transferred] (4360)

## Questions for Answer on Tuesday 10 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the terms were for the secondment of Kate Owen as Interim Chief Executive of the Civil Service Commission; and when the secondment will end. (4559)
- 2 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when he plans to commence negotiations on a future reciprocal agreement with the European Commission for professional qualifications. (4545)

- 3 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Government last held discussions with the European Commission on the potential merits of negotiating a mutual recognition of professional qualifications agreement for the aviation sector. (4547)
- 4 **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what capacity his Department has for monitoring the end-user destination of arms exported under the Open General license regime; and what assessment he has made of the compatibility of those licenses with the end-use monitoring obligations of the Export Control Joint Unit. (4533)
- 5 **Anna Gelderd** (South East Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress her Department has made on implementing the National Kinship Care Strategy. (4581)
- 6 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help improve educational outcomes for (a) children in social care and (b) other care-experienced young people. (4573)
- 7 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent progress his Department has made to meet the commitment to protect 30% of (a) land and (b) seas by 2030. (4540)
- 8 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish the next phase of the consultation on restricting bottom trawling in offshore marine protected areas (MPAs); and whether he plans to include an option for bottom trawling to be banned across offshore MPAs on a whole site basis. (4529)
- 9 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help tackle sewage discharges by Thames Water into chalk streams in Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency. (4568)
- 10 **Amanda Martin** (Portsmouth North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to enable criminal charges to be brought against water company executives who persistently break the law. (4574)
- 11 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, with reference to the answer of 26 July 2024 to Question HL226 on Animal Products: Imports, what his Department's planned timescale is for banning the import of hunting trophies. (4518)
- 12 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he expects the Animal Welfare Committee to (a) complete and (b) publish its review of responsible sourcing of fur. (4519)

- 13 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timescale is for the delivery of animal health and welfare pathway grants to the pig farming sector. (4520)
- 14 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to publish the responses to his Department's consultation entitled Fairer food labelling, which closed on 7 May 2024; and whether he plans to bring forward legislation introducing mandatory Method of Production labelling. (4521)
- 15 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what is his planned timescale for introducing legislation to ban the use of snares in England. (4522)
- 16 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his policy is on future funding of the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research. (4523)
- 17 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to continue the previous Government's work on accelerating the (a) development, (b) validation and (c) update of (i) technologies and (ii) methods to reduce reliance on the use of animals in science. (4524)
- 18 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to replace the use of animals in science. (4525)
- 19 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when his Department plans to publish the roadmap to phase out the use of animals in testing; who will be involved in development of the roadmap; what the first practical steps of the roadmap will be; and whether he plans to take further steps in addition to the roadmap. (4526)
- 20 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many Veterans Railcards have been issued since they were introduced. (4571)
- 21 **Graeme Downie** (Dunfermline and Dollar): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many journeys have been booked using a Veterans Railcard in each month since its introduction. (4572)
- 22 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she has had recent discussions with the (a) Secretary of State for Business and Trade and (b) Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations on the potential merits of negotiating a mutual recognition of professional qualification agreement with the European Commission for the aviation sector. (4546)
- 23 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support pensioners who are no longer eligible for winter fuel payments. (4541)

- 24 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential (a) impact of non-take up of Pension Credit by eligible people on their ability to meet fuel costs this winter and (b) merits of providing an automatic Pension Credit assessment for people who reach State Pension age with an opt-out option for people who (i) know they do not qualify and (ii) choose not to claim. (4575)
- 25 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an equalities impact assessment of the decision to means-test the Winter Fuel Payment. (4576)
- 26N **Mr Paul Foster** (South Ribble): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in South Ribble constituency received a winter fuel payment in the 2023-24 financial year. [Transferred] (4465)
- 27N **Mr Paul Foster** (South Ribble): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (4466)
- 28 **Dan Carden** (Liverpool Walton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for his Department's policies of the recommendations of Blood Cancer UK's Action Plan. (4539)
- 29 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that the specialised (a) challenges and (b) needs of young cancer patients are met. (4531)
- 30 **Blair McDougall** (East Renfrewshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he (a) is taking and (b) plans to take steps to prevent the online (i) purchase and (ii) use of harmful dermal fillers and botox injections by unqualified beauticians. (4563)
- 31 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what form of accommodation has been provided to migrants who were staying on the Bibby Stockholm. (4535)
- 32 **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what form of accommodation is being provided for newly arrived asylum seekers. (4536)
- 33 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the average daily (a) upkeep and (b) accommodation cost is per irregular migrant; and what the total daily cost to the public purse incurred as a result of irregular migrants is as of 6 September 2024. (4567)

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- 34 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when his department purchased combat arms earplugs from 3M. (4537)
- 35 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many combat arms earplugs his Department purchased from 3M; and what the cost was. (4538)
- 36 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department has taken to facilitate (a) restaurants and (b) pubs to offer outdoor smoking facilities since 2010. (4527)
- 37 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what progress her Department has made on developing the cross-departmental strategy to end homelessness; and what her planned timeline is for publishing this strategy. (4570)
- 38 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether the Victims Grant will continue to be given to Police and Crime Commissioners. (4550)
- 39 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that funding for victims of crime is provided to Police and Crime Commissioners in a timely fashion after 31 March 2025. (4551)
- 40 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to reduce the backlog in court cases. (4552)
- 41 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that victims of crime do not wait more than a year for cases to reach trial. (4553)
- 42 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps she is taking to ensure that victims of rape do not wait more than a year for cases to reach trial. (4554)
- 43 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether he has made an estimate of reoffending rates for prisoners released under the early release scheme. (4565)
- 44 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people will be released from prisons in Norfolk under the early release scheme. (4566)
- 45 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department has made an assessment of the (a) costs and (b) merits of each of the restrictions during the covid-19 pandemic. (4564)
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## Questions for Answer on Wednesday 11 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how his proposed review into the implementation of unpaid carers' leave is to be conducted; and whether the review will be published. (4528)
- 2N **Rachael Maskell** (York Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether it is possible to introduce restrictions under the Open General export licensing regime to prevent export of arms to countries deemed at risk of using them for purposes that would violate international humanitarian law without disrupting export to approved recipients. (4532)
- 3N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will expedite the approval of additional trains to help resolve capacity issues on Chiltern Railways. (4549)
- 4N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of people who will be affected by the decision to amend the eligibility criteria for the Winter Fuel Payment in Arundel and South Downs constituency. (4560)
- 5N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment in Rutland and Stamford constituency; and what estimate she has made of the number of people who will be eligible under the proposed changed eligibility requirements. (4548)
- 6N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department is taking steps to audit NHS supply chains to ensure that no medical (a) garments and (b) equipment are sourced from (i) Xinjiang and (ii) other regions with widespread reports of forced labour and human rights abuses. (4556)
- 7N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent progress his Department and NHS England have made on the Greener NHS initiative. (4557)
- 8N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to set a date to commence Section 9 of the Public Order Act 2023 to enforce safe access zones outside abortion clinics. (4542)
- 9N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, on what date he became aware of resignation of the Northern Ireland Veterans' Commissioner; and whether he had had discussions with the Commissioner prior to his resignation. (4577)



- 10N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to support veterans in Northern Ireland following the resignation of the Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner. (4578)
- 11N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an estimate of the potential costs to local authorities of providing temporary accommodation in line with their their homelessness relief duties in the 2024/25 financial year. (4543)
- 12N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her planned timetable is for holding the inaugural meeting of the inter-ministerial group on homelessness; and how frequently that group will meet. (4544)
- 13N **Laurence Turner** (Birmingham Northfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 3908 on Max Caller, what records were kept of that meeting. (4569)
- 14N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has taken steps to establish an independent review of HMRC's implementation of the Loan Charge. (4534)
- 15N **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to engage with LGBT+ people from minority (a) ethnic and (b) religious groups about the impact on them of (i) conversion practices, (ii) prejudice, and (iii) abuse. (4555)

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 September

### Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, 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. [Transferred] (4493)
- 2N **Rachel Hopkins** (Luton South and South Bedfordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the merits of the use of snares. (4558)
- 3N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to reduce waiting times for practical driving tests in Buckinghamshire. (4562)



- 4N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent estimate she has made of the number of pensioners eligible for Pension Credit in Aylesbury constituency; and what steps she is taking to encourage the take-up of Pension Credit in that constituency. (4579)
- 5N **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 restricting the sale of a proportion of new homes to those under 30. (4561)
- 6N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending Winter Fuel Payment eligibility to people receiving Attendance Allowance. (4530)
- 7N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to support pensioners with the cost of living crisis in Aylesbury constituency. (4580)