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Questions tabled on Monday 9 September 2024

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Questions for Answer on Tuesday 10 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has made an assessment of the (a) costs and (b) merits of each of the restrictions during the covid-19 pandemic. [Transferred] (4564)
- 2N **Deirdre Costigan** (Ealing Southall): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of strengthening the right to Disability Leave for disabled workers. [Transferred] (4289)
- 3N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she 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. [Transferred] (4409)
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Questions for Answer on Wednesday 11 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the (a) pay band, (b) full job description and (c) salary is for the new Deputy Director in his Department's Propriety and Constitution Group; whether the position was appointed through open and fair competition; and for what reason she was not appointed as a special adviser. (4638)

- 2 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps have been taken to ensure firewalls are in place relating to the new Deputy Director in the Cabinet Office's Propriety and Constitution Group's work on propriety casework, inquiries and investigations in relation to (a) Ministers, (b) special advisers and (c) Labour Party donors. (4639)
- 3 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Ms Jessica Sargeant will have access to Ministerial papers of the last Conservative Government. (4640)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the appointment of civil servants by Ministers without open and fair competition is classified as a direct ministerial appointment. (4641)
- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance the Civil Service Commission has provided on whether a decision to appoint a civil servant under one of the Recruitment Principles exceptions can be taken by a Minister. (4642)
- 6 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 939 on Civil Service, whether he has a target size for the Civil Service in headcount or full-time equivalent terms relative to the planned reductions of the previous government. (4643)
- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what role Ms Jessica Sargeant will play in developing public policy on (a) the proposed Ethics and Integrity Commission, (b) reform of the Business Appointment Rules, (c) lobbying regulation, (d) political donation laws, (e) honours and dignities, (f) the regulation of public appointments, (g) the Civil Service Commission and (h) the Crown Prerogative. (4644)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will instruct the (a) Cabinet Secretary and Head of Civil Service and (b) Civil Service Commission to make an assessment of the probity of appointment as civil servants without open and fair competition of people who have previously worked for (a) the Labour Party, (b) Labour Party parliamentarians and (c) Labour-affiliated organisations as civil servants. (4645)
- 9 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 919 on Civil Service, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of working from home on Civil Service productivity. (4646)
- 10 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 907 on Government Departments: Public Consultation, whether his Department has issued guidance on whether (a) communications should be sent to participants in consultations initiated under the previous Government on the conclusions of that consultation and (b) consultation webpages should be updated to advise the public of the (i) status and (ii) conclusions of those consultations. (4647)

- 11 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 1261 on Senior Civil Servants, for what reason the appointment of HM Treasury's Director of Special Advisers and Chancellor Engagement was not included in that list. (4648)
- 12 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, When the Cabinet Secretary will reply to the letter from the Rt Hon Member for Salisbury of 25 July 2024 on special adviser appointments. (4649)
- 13 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will hold discussions with the Cabinet Secretary on when he plans to reply to the correspondence of 25 July 2024 from the Rt Hon Member for Salisbury on the Casement Stadium. (4650)
- 14 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether (a) the Prime Minister, (b) the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff, (c) a civil servant, (d) a special adviser (i) requested and (ii) authorised the allocation of a Downing Street pass to Lord Alli. (4651)
- 15 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many members sit on his Department's Audit and Risk Committee. (4652)
- 16 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 26 July 2024, to Question 1260, on Senior Civil Servants: Recruitment, for how many days a job must be advertised publicly to be considered as open to external candidates. (4653)
- 17 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024, to Question 902, on Public sector: trade unions, whether it is the Government's policy to (a) amend and (b) repeal the check-off provisions from the (i) Trade Union Act 2016 and (ii) The Trade Union (Deduction of Union Subscriptions from Wages in the Public Sector) Regulations 2024. (4654)
- 18 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many Non-Executive Directors have left all (a) Government departments and (b) arms' length public bodies since 4 July 2024. (4655)
- 19 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, Pursuant to the answer of 30 July 2024, to Question 1261, on Senior Civil Servants, whether each of these roles were (a) externally advertised and (b) subject to open competition; and how many senior civil servants have been appointed without external advertisement and open competition since 30 May 2024. (4656)
- 20 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 927 on Civil Service: Performance Related Pay, by which metrics Senior Civil Service end of year performance assessments consider delivery against the Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-25. (4657)

- 21 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, What the average length of a recruitment competition is from advertisement to recruitment of the winning candidate for a Civil Service job advertised on the (a) public and (b) civil service-only version of Civil Service jobs. (4658)
- 22 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of repealing the Trade Union Act 2016 on public sector pay discussions with trade unions. (4659)
- 23 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans he has to respond formally to Lord Maude of Horsham's independent review of governance and accountability in the civil service. (4660)
- 24 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of ending the Trade Union Act 2016 requirement for industrial action ballot thresholds on trends in the level of industrial action. (4661)
- 25 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Civil Service Commission Recruitment Principles, published in April 2018, whether his Department has published supplementary guidance on appointing civil servants under exception 1 on temporary appointments. (4662)
- 26 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many work desks are available for civil servants in 70 Whitehall; and how many staff are assigned to work in 70 Whitehall. (4663)
- 27 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1214 on Ministers: Official Residences, what the timetable is for allocating each of the remaining official residences. (4664)
- 28 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to meet the Public and Commercial Services Union pay demands for 2024-25 of a (a) 35 days annual leave minimum and (b) significant shortening of the working week with no loss of pay. (4666)
- 29 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Civil Service Commission publication entitled 2023/24 Exceptions at and above Payband 2, for what reason the Exception Used for Nick Joicey was Paragraph 100 of Recruitment Principles. (4667)
- 30 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1208 on Government Communication Service, if he will place a copy of the audit in the House of Commons Library that (a) redacts the names of junior civil servants, (b) uses pseudonymisation or (c) uses anonymisation as necessary to ensure that individuals cannot be identified. (4668)

- 31 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 1261 on Senior Civil Servants, if he will provide a breakdown by (a) department and (b) job title of senior civil service jobs (i) offered and (ii) appointed since 30 July 2024. (4669)
- 32 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will provide a list of each appointment by (a) department, (b) payband, (c) job title, (d) exception used, (e) appointment length and (f) civil servant name that has been approved by the Civil Service Commission since 4 July 2024. (4670)
- 33 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy is on youth movement of EU nationals, in the context of the Government's plans to change its relationship with the EU. (4671)
- 34 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will place in the House of Commons Library a copy of the (a) terms of reference and (b) responsibilities of the Cabinet Office's Propriety and Ethics Team. (4672)
- 35 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many applications for Recruitment Principles exceptions has the Civil Service Commission rejected since 4 July 2024; and how many breaches of the Recruitment Principles have been identified in the same period. (4673)
- 36 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to publish an updated version of the Directory of Civil Service Guidance, last published on 21 September 2010. (4674)
- 37 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy is on the potential impact of European Court of Justice rulings on the UK, in the context of the Government's plans to change its relationship with the EU. (4675)
- 38 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy is on EU fishing rights in UK waters, in the context of the Government's plans to change its relationship with the EU. (4676)
- 39 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1244 on Ministers: Training, whether those induction briefings included guidance on (a) anti-bullying, (b) allyship and (c) unconscious bias. (4677)
- 40 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the staff guidance on obtaining a pass to exit 70 Whitehall via the Horse Guards cyclist entrance; and whether staff not travelling by bicycle are permitted to use that entrance. (4678)
- 41 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 936 on Civil Service: Equality, whether he plans to implement the previous Government's planned reductions on equality, diversity and inclusion spending in the civil service. (4679)

- 42 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance the civil service issues on employing (a) staff without posts, (b) people action teams, (c) priority movers lists, (d) redeployment registers and (e) talent pools. (4680)
- 43 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which Department is responsible for Government policy on community pubs. (4681)
- 44 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to page 72 of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities annual report and accounts 2022-23, what is the Cash Equivalent Transfer Value of the civil service pension of the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff in the most recent period for which figures are available. (4682)
- 45 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the average salary is of civil servants working in roles relating to diversity, equality and inclusion. (4683)
- 46 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the press notice by the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) entitled PCS demands Cabinet Office meeting over Gaza, published on 26 July 2024, whether he has had recent discussions with the PCS on the potential implications of the situation in Gaza for civil servants who are members of that union. (4684)
- 47 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the report entitled Strengthening Ethics and Integrity in Central Government, published in July 2023, CP 900, who is responsible for upholding ethics and integrity in each Department. (4685)
- 48 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 12 August 2024 to Question HL421 on Employment, what steps he plans to take to implement the Government's policy on strengthening equality impact assessments for public sector bodies. (4686)
- 49 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 921 on Government Communication Service, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of changing the configuration of (a) staffing and (b) other resources for digital communications within the Government Communications Service relative to other means of communication. (4687)
- 50 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what information his Department holds on the (a) number of and (b) full-time equivalent staff there are in each Department that have roles relating to equality, diversity and inclusion; and whether each Department plans to change the number of such roles. (4688)

- 51 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 921 on Government Communication Service, what job vacancies have been advertised by the Government Communication Service (a) internally within Government, (b) internally only to existing staff of the Government Communication Service and (c) externally, by job title, department and pay range, since 4 July 2024. (4689)
- 52 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what data his Department holds on the number of staff in each department that work in (a) communications and (b) marketing, by (i) headcount and (ii) full-time equivalent; and whether the Government has plans to amend the number of such roles. (4690)
- 53 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the 2024-25 Senior Civil Service Pay Framework, what changes are being made to (a) the Pay Band 4 ceiling and (b) other special adviser pay bands relative to the rates previously set out in the 2023 special adviser list. (4691)
- 54 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Civil Service's policy is on employing people who were previously employed in roles in a party political capacity, other than as special advisers. (4692)
- 55 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff in terms of (a) headcount and (b) full-time equivalent are employed in roles relating to communications, by department or public body, according to figures held by the Government Communications Service's most recent data audit. (4693)
- 56 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Cabinet Secretary has responded to the letter from the former Prime Minister, Liz Truss, of 18 July 2024. (4694)
- 57 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 921 on Government Communication Service, what assessment he has made of the compatibility of the decision not to change the size of the Government Communication Service with the identification of savings from stopping all non-essential spending on communications in Table 2 of HM Treasury's publication entitled Fixing the foundations: public spending audit 2024-25, CP 1133, published in July 2024. (4695)
- 58 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what government efficiency savings planned by the previous government he plans to (a) continue and (b) discontinue. (4696)
- 59 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on giving (a) bonuses and (b) reward-based pay to civil servants in the form of shopping vouchers. (4697)
- 60 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on the use of contingent labour in the Civil Service. (4698)

- 61 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what disciplinary investigations have taken place in the last 12 months in relation to civil servants breaching political impartiality restrictions by campaigning in Parliamentary by-elections or the general election, according to records held by the Cabinet Office's propriety and ethics team. (4699)
- 62 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will issue guidance on impartiality in Government communications. (4700)
- 63 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 31 July 2024, to Question 1251, on the Ethics and Integrity Commission, whether the Ethics and Integrity Commission will replace the (a) the Committee on Standards in Public Life and (b) the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments. (4701)
- 64 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Classification Of Public Bodies: Guidance For Department, whether it is his policy that setting up new public bodies should be a last resort. (4702)
- 65 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to his Department's guidance entitled Practitioner Guidance on the 2024-25 Senior Civil Service Pay Framework, if he will list the statutory office holders whose pay is directly linked to Senior Civil Service pay bands. (4703)
- 66 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Government Departments collect information on staff turnover. (4704)
- 67 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what his policy is on applying the family test to new policies. (4705)
- 68 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether it is his policy that all civil service appointments should be advertised on gov.uk. (4706)
- 69 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will provide hon. Members with an updated list of email addresses and telephone numbers of Government Ministerial private offices for correspondence inquiries. (4707)
- 70 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether minutes from mission delivery boards will be made publicly available. (4587)
- 71 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to provide disability awareness training to all civil servants in public-facing roles. (4823)
- 72 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will take steps with Cabinet colleagues to reduce the number of civil servants. (4618)

- 73 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to review the Office for Investment's strategy. (4875)
- 74 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what metrics his Department uses to assess the performance of the Office for Investment; and how it has performed against those metrics in the last year. (4876)
- 75 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what initiatives the Office for Investment has introduced to attract investment in small and medium-sized enterprises in the UK. (4877)
- 76 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps the Office for Investment has taken to build and strengthen international partnerships that promote inward investment to the UK. (4878)
- 77 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps the Office for Investment is taking in response to global economic trends to maintain the attractiveness of the UK as an investment destination. (4880)
- 78 **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of support available to victims of sexual assault who need to take time off work to attend court and interviews related to the case. (4953)
- 79 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps the planned Fair Work Agency will take to strengthen the enforcement of workplace rights. (4740)
- 80 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to inform the public of their rights under the Consumer Contracts Regulations when buying from an online trader. (4955)
- 81 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many letters informing postmasters and former postmasters that their conviction has been quashed under the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Act 2024 his Department has sent. (4865)
- 82 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to support the pub industry. (4608)
- 83 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will take steps to ensure that Crown dependencies are represented in trade negotiations. (4611)
- 84 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to continue the Libraries Improvement Fund. (4845)

- 85 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the value to the UK economy of the horse racing industry. (4724)
- 86 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department plans to take steps to recognise the retirement of Sir Andy Murray. (4627)
- 87 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking step to use the career of Sir Andy Murray to encourage more people to play tennis. (4628)
- 88 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to invest in tennis facilities to support more people to play tennis year-round. (4629)
- 89 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether she plans to continue funding the Park Tennis Court Programme. (4630)
- 90 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what plans she has to fund (a) grassroots and (b) community tennis. (4631)
- 91 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, which state secondary schools in Leicestershire county council area have no school places available. (4723)
- 92 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many vacant state secondary school places there were in (a) Leicestershire County Council LA area, (b) Melton Borough and (c) Melton and Syston constituency on 6 September 2024. (4727)
- 93 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what support is available for teachers who are unable to work as a result of workplace injury. (4906)
- 94 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure the adequacy of SEND support in West Sussex. (4907)
- 95 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of primary school age children with (a) SEN Support and (b) an Education, Health and Care Plan have not attended school in Mid Cheshire constituency in each of the last five years. (4903)
- 96 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of children of secondary school age who were not attending school in Mid Cheshire constituency in the past five years had (a) previously been identified in the SEN Support category and (b) an education, health and care plan. (4904)

- 97 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what proportion of 16 to 24-year-olds who were not in education, employment or training in Mid Cheshire constituency in the last five years had (a) previously been identified in the SEN Support category and (b) an education, health and care plan. (4905)
- 98 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the real-terms funding per pupil in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in Nuneaton constituency has been in each financial year since 2010. (4959)
- 99 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment she has made of trends in the number of teachers in South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (4597)
- 100 **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the difficulties faced by parents in accessing free childcare places for children under 9 months old. (4946)
- 101 **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of a) extending adoption leave to more than one parent and b) introducing the equivalent of paternity leave for adoptive parents. (4949)
- 102 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she is making additional resources available to accommodate changes in the number of Education Health and Care Plan applications (a) this and (b) next financial year. (4623)
- 103 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of charging VAT on independent schools on levels of usage of unregistered schools. (4624)
- 104 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to continue to report on the (a) outputs of the Teacher Workforce Model and (b) extent to which targets are met. (4625)
- 105 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timetable is for making free breakfast clubs available in every primary school. (4838)
- 106 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to help increase the accessibility of UK university education to British Overseas Territories citizens. (4617)
- 107 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure there is adequate funding for transport to specialised educational facilities for SEND students. (4932)

- 108 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to make funding available for the Holiday Activity and Food programme beyond 31 December 2024. (4902)
- 109 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the report by Offshore Energies UK entitled Impact of UKCS fiscal policy on UK economic growth, published on 2 September 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) increasing the headline rate of the Energy Profits Levy to 78%, (b) extending the Energy Profits Levy for a year and (c) removing all allowances associated with the Energy Profits Levy on the level of capital investment on the UK continental shelf in the period between 2025 and 2029. (4758)
- 110 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the report by Offshore Energies UK entitled Impact of UKCS fiscal policy on UK economic growth, published on 2 September 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) increasing the headline rate of the Energy Profits Levy to 78%, (b) extending the Energy Profits Levy for a year and (c) removing all allowances associated with the Energy Profits Levy on the total economic value of the sector in the period between 2025 and 2029. (4759)
- 111 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the report by Offshore Energies UK entitled Impact of UKCS fiscal policy on UK economic growth, published on 2 September 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) increasing the headline rate of the Energy Profits Levy to 78%, (b) extending the Energy Profits Levy for a year and (c) removing all allowances associated with the Energy Profits Levy on (i) demand for supply chain companies and (ii) business decisions on the location of (A) resource capability and (B) assets in that sector. (4760)
- 112 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the report by Offshore Energies UK entitled Impact of UKCS fiscal policy on UK economic growth, published on 2 September 2024, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of (a) increasing the headline rate of the Energy Profits Levy to 78%, (b) extending the Energy Profits Levy for a year and (c) removing all allowances associated with the Energy Profits Levy on the (i) level of employment and (ii) number of projects that will start in the period to 2029. (4761)
- 113 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps the Government is taking to support negotiations to agree an ambitious New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance at COP29. (4747)
- 114 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will have discussions with Havering Council on the proposed East Havering Data Centre. (4609)

- 115 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many businesses in the UK have Government funded solar panels. (4718)
- 116 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had discussions with Ofgem on British Gas's billing system migration; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential impact of that migration on customers. (4800)
- 117 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what progress his Department has made on its review of biomass sustainability standards. (4773)
- 118 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an estimate of the cost per household of government support for biomass in (a) 2024, (b) 2025 and (c) 2026. (4774)
- 119 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing the energy price cap for winter 2024-25. (4776)
- 120 **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what budget he plans to allocate to the competent authority for Northern Ireland under EU Regulation 2023/1115. (4799)
- 121 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to publish a land use framework. (4844)
- 122 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will review the rules on beaver (a) protection and (b) management. (4913)
- 123 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to end the use of snare traps by 1st January 2025. (4721)
- 124 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to tackle illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (a) domestically and (b) internationally. (4722)
- 125 **Tim Farron** (Westmorland and Lonsdale): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to establish a Tenant Farming Commissioner for England. (4619)
- 126 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the effectiveness of Ofwat in regulating Northumbrian Water. (4901)

- 127 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plan to meet with representatives of the charity Asthma and Lung UK. (4867)
- 128 **Melanie Onn** (Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what skills grants (a) are available and (b) he plans to make available for the seafood sector in Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes constituency. (4748)
- 129 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will take steps to ensure that Northern Ireland is included in the free tree scheme this year. (4719)
- 130 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that the (a) phasedown and (b) phaseout of fluorinated greenhouse gases takes into account the requirements of the pharmaceutical industry for (i) developing sustainable inhalers using climate-friendly gases and (ii) securing regulatory approval of such medicines. (4785)
- 131 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that his approach to (a) per- and (b) poly-fluoroalkyl substances restrictions takes account of the (i) requirements and (i) time required for the pharmaceutical industry to (A) develop sustainable inhalers and (B) secure regulatory approval for these medicines using novel low global warming potential gases. (4786)
- 132 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department are taking to promote direct to device mobile connectivity from satellite. (4941)
- 133 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps his Department is taking to support the manufacture of low earth orbit satellite manufacturing in the UK. (4942)
- 134 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what steps he is taking to help provide supplemental broadband coverage via satellite in rural areas. (4943)
- 135 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will take steps to continue the work of the AI Opportunity Forum. (4948)
- 136 **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, when Innovate UK will commence its next funding round. (4950)

- 137 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether his Department has made an estimate of the cost-benefit return of the projected Edinburgh supercomputer. (4591)
- 138 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what estimate he has made of the number of households that do not have internet access in (i) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (ii) Lincolnshire. (4598)
- 139 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the report by Ipsos MORI entitled Attitudes to animal research in 2018, published by his Department on 24 May 2019, whether he plans to commission updated research on this matter. (4605)
- 140 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will have discussions with Havering Council on the proposed East Havering Data Centre. (4610)
- 141 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2023, whether the plans to make £520 million available for life sciences. (4783)
- 142 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to the Autumn Statement 2023, when stakeholders will be able to apply for the £520 million in funding from 2025-26 to support transformational manufacturing investments in life sciences. (4784)
- 143 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of the Aylesbury spur of the East-West Rail link for the (a) Buckinghamshire and (b) UK economy. (4888)
- 144 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to end the use of smart motorways. (4584)
- 145 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to help reduce waiting times for practical driving tests in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (4585)
- 146 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing five year block awards to councils for pothole management. (4592)
- 147 **Sarah Olney** (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will publish the memorandum of understanding between (a) her Department, (b) Transport for London and (c) the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham on the cost of the Hammersmith Bridge repairs. (4754)

- 148 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to ensure that transport infrastructure in the M5 corridor north of Bristol is developed in a way that allows housing targets in the Stroud district council local plan to be achieved. (4958)
- 149 **David Taylor** (Hemel Hempstead): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of (a) signalling safety, (b) service reliability and (c) maintenance on the West Coast Mainline. (4861)
- 150 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of inflation on living standards of pensioners in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire. (4920)
- 151 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of Local Housing Allowance for residents in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire. (4921)
- 152 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to reduce the levels of child poverty in Aldershot constituency. (4922)
- 153 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of trends in the level of long-term youth unemployment in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire; and what (i) financial and (ii) other steps she is taking to tackle long-term youth unemployment in those areas. (4923)
- 154 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of claimants for Personal Independence Payments were (a) initially turned down and (b) successful on appeal in Aldershot constituency in the latest period for which data is available. (4924)
- 155 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to support people with learning difficulties who are seeking paid employment in Aldershot constituency. (4925)
- 156 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average waiting time was for a Work Capability Assessment in Aldershot constituency in the latest period for which data is available. (4926)
- 157 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate her Department has made of the number of people eligible for but not claiming Pension Credit in Aldershot constituency. (4927)
- 158 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of the Child Maintenance Service in protecting victims of domestic abuse when using their service. (4853)

- 159 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of victims of domestic abuse experiencing financial abuse while using the Child Maintenance Service. (4855)
- 160 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of creating a hardship fund for women affected by the change to the State Pension age. (4596)
- 161 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will take steps to reform child maintenance services by (a) abolishing fees for survivors of violence against women and girls and (b) implementing robust enforcement measures for non-paying parents. (4808)
- 162 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will extend the Domestic Violence Easement available to survivors claiming (a) Job Seekers' Allowance and (b) Universal Credit to disabled survivors who (i) claim Employment Support Allowance and (ii) are in the Support Group for Universal Credit. (4809)
- 163 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will introduce statutory paid leave for survivors of domestic abuse. (4810)
- 164 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will bring forward legislation to introduce target dates to eradicate poverty for vulnerable groups. (4821)
- 165 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make it her policy to close the disability employment gap by 2030. (4822)
- 166 **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether ulcerative colitis is classified as an official disability; and what protections in law are available to people with that condition. (4952)
- 167 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to implement the proposals outlined in the consultation entitled Modernising support for independent living: the health and disability green paper, published in April 2024. (4735)
- 168 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to help ensure that people with multiple sclerosis are (a) treated fairly and (b) supported at work. (4736)
- 169 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Labour Party's publication entitled Labour's plan to make work pay: Delivering a new deal for working people, published in May 2024, whether she plans to incorporate (a) that plan and (b) the proposed changes to statutory sick pay outlined in that plan into the Employment Rights Bill. (4737)

- 170 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take with Cabinet colleagues to (a) engage and (b) consult with people with multiple sclerosis when developing new employment rights legislation. (4738)
- 171 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take through new employment rights legislation to help tackle challenges for people with (a) multiple sclerosis and (b) other fluctuating conditions in the workplace. (4739)
- 172 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioners in the Great Yarmouth council area will no longer receive the winter fuel allowance. (4835)
- 173 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioners in Tatton constituency will lose entitlement to winter fuel payments as a result of the proposed changes. (4711)
- 174 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in Leicester East constituency will be impacted by the decision to abolish universal winter fuel payments. (4801)
- 175 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in the Romford constituency will be impacted by the end of universal winter fuel payments. (4607)
- 176 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the number of pensioners who will be affected by proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for the Winter Fuel Payment in South West Devon constituency. (4900)
- 177 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she plans to make additional support for food banks available. (4899)
- 178 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many claims were processed by the Child Maintenance Agency in each of the last five years; and how many appeals were (a) lodged, (b) fully processed, (c) upheld and (d) rejected. (4873)
- 179 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish the total number of claimants broken down by nationality for all benefits. (4874)
- 180 **Katie White** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to reduce the length of time to undertake a PIP review. (4836)

- 181 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in North West Norfolk constituency will be affected by the change in eligibility requirement for Winter Fuel Allowance. (4804)
- 182 **Pete Wishart** (Perth and Kinross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how much funding was allocated to the Pension Credit week of action campaign, launched on 2 September 2024. (4604)
- 183 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure that hospices in (a) South Shropshire constituency and (b) the West Midlands receive (i) adequate and (ii) sustainable funding. (4847)
- 184 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will require Integrated Care Boards to have a dedicated focus on tackling health inequalities for inclusion health populations. (4817)
- 185 **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential benefits of introducing national screening for prostate cancer. (4826)
- 186 **Kim Leadbeater** (Spennings Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to protect soft facilities management employment in the NHS. (4938)
- 187 **Josh MacAlister** (Whitehaven and Workington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what progress the NHS England and College of Operating Department Practitioners working group has made on prescribing rights. (4802)
- 188 **Ben Maguire** (North Cornwall): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase awareness of (a) prostate cancer risk factors and (b) eligibility for PSA testing of patients aged 50 and above in (i) Cornwall and (ii) England. (4787)
- 189 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 2887 on Food and Cosmetics: Pollutants, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the International Agency for Research on Cancer's classification of titanium dioxide as possibly carcinogenic to humans. (4710)
- 190 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support (a) NHS staff and (b) patients with car parking charges at NHS facilities. (4749)
- 191 **Kate Osamor** (Edmonton and Winchmore Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to provide funding for (a) free or (b) subsidised parking for NHS (i) staff and (ii) patients at NHS facilities. (4750)

- 192 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce accident and emergency waiting times at Queen's Hospital, Romford. (4612)
- 193 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to support research on (a) the causes of and (b) treatments for acute myeloid leukaemia. (4613)
- 194 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to increase bed capacity in Queen's Hospital, Romford. (4614)
- 195 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of levels of vaping by young people. (4715)
- 196 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help improve men's mental health. (4716)
- 197 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many people in the UK have been diagnosed with severe visual impairments. (4720)
- 198 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people being removed from dentist registries due to (a) missing appointments and (b) failing to make timely appointments. (4931)
- 199 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what information his Department holds on the number of recorded cases of cervical cancer in patients over the age of 65 in the last five years. (4935)
- 200 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing women over the age of 65 to request a cervical smear. (4936)
- 201 **Munira Wilson** (Twickenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the cost-effectiveness of extending the cervical screening programme beyond the age of 65. (4939)
- 202 **Daisy Cooper** (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he has taken with international partners to establish an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace. (4825)
- 203 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department plans to take steps to support Palestinian Christians. (4934)

- 204 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether Ministers in his Department have met representatives of the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change since 5 July 2024. (4589)
- 205 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the Azerbaijani government's (a) human rights record and (b) treatment of political dissidents. (4729)
- 206 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking with his international counterparts to help safeguard human rights defenders in Azerbaijan (a) before, (b) during and (c) after COP29. (4730)
- 207 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Azerbaijani counterpart on the detention of Dr Gubad Ibadoghlu in Baku. (4731)
- 208 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether his Department has taken recent steps to secure the release of Dr Gubad Ibadoghlu from detention in Azerbaijan. (4732)
- 209 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment his Department has made of the implications for his policies of (a) arbitrary detainment of prisoners in Azerbaijan and (b) reports of human rights abuses in prisons in that country. (4733)
- 210 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Azerbaijani counterpart on (a) arbitrary detainment of prisoners in Azerbaijan and (b) reports of human rights abuses in prisons in that country. (4734)
- 211 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to help (a) support the safety of and (b) increase accountability for attacks on humanitarian workers. (4741)
- 212 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she plans to implement the recommendations of the fifteenth Special Report of Session 2017-19 of the International Development Committee on Tackling violence against aid workers, HC 2691, published on 10 October 2019. (4742)
- 213 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish his Department's plan for meeting its international climate finance targets in the 2025-26 financial year. (4743)

- 214 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department has taken to track the delivery of climate finance to (a) least developed countries, (b) fragile and conflict-affected states and (c) small island developing states. (4744)
- 215 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proportion of his Department's international climate finance was allocated to fragile and conflict-affected states in (a) 2023-24, (b) 2022-23 and (c) 2021-22. (4745)
- 216 **Chris Law** (Dundee Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what proportion of the £40 million pledged to the Loss and Damage Fund has been disbursed; and what his Department's priorities are for loss and damage funding. (4746)
- 217 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with his Sudanese counterpart on the ongoing civil war. (4606)
- 218 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support the development of (a) transport and (b) utilities infrastructure in Montserrat. (4616)
- 219 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Colombian counterpart on sustainable access to medical services for people in that country. (4713)
- 220 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the political situation in Lebanon. (4717)
- 221 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to reduce anti social behaviour caused by cyclists. (4940)
- 222 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) reports of, (b) charges for and (c) convictions for shoplifting there were in (i) Aldershot constituency and (ii) Hampshire in each of the last three years for which data is available. (4928)
- 223 **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of trends in the level of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire. (4930)
- 224 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many police officers have (a) been recruited by and (b) left the National Crime Agency since January 2023. (4588)

- 225 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to extend the Domestic Violence Indefinite Leave to Remain and Destitution Domestic Violence Concession to all migrant victims of domestic abuse regardless of immigration status. (4805)
- 226 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to ensure that her Department collects (a) comprehensive, (b) comparable and (c) disaggregated data on (i) violence against women and girls, (ii) the protected characteristics of (A) victims and (B) perpetrators and (iii) their relationship. (4806)
- 227 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether future funding for organisations tackling violence against women and girls will (a) support the full running costs of services, (b) make provision for cost of living increases over the funding period and (c) allow for the remuneration of staff. (4807)
- 228 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to remove clauses 22-25 from the Illegal Migration Act 2023. (4812)
- 229 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to Sections 14.128-131 of the Modern Slavery Guidance, published in May 2024, if her Department will take steps to amend the prioritisation criteria to ensure her Department prioritises conclusive grounds cases for people in the National Referral Mechanism that have waited the longest. (4813)
- 230 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that competent authorities issue decisions on (a) reasonable grounds within five working days and (b) conclusive grounds within 30 days of a reasonable grounds decision; and if her Department will provide support for all victims of modern slavery who have been given a positive conclusive grounds decision for at least 12 months. (4814)
- 231 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to amend the Modern Slavery Statutory Guidance, published in May 2024, to ensure that people who (a) have been referred to the National Referral Mechanism and (b) do not have legal representation cannot have support from her Department withdrawn from them. (4815)
- 232 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to extend the move-on period for newly-recognised refugees to a minimum of 56 days. (4816)
- 233 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many beds are reserved to house irregular migrants; and what the cost is of those beds. (4834)

- 234 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions she has had with the PSNI on underage (a) anti-social behaviour and (b) abuse of (i) alcohol and (ii) drugs. (4712)
- 235 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the (a) names and (b) addresses are of all test centres used for the Life in the UK Test. (4869)
- 236 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress she has made in reforming vetting procedures for police recruits since 3 March 2021. (4870)
- 237 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many employees of (a) Immigration Enforcement, (b) UK Visas and Immigration, (c) Border Force and (d) HM Passport Office were (i) suspended and (ii) dismissed for gross misconduct in each of the last 10 years. (4871)
- 238 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many employees of (a) Immigration Enforcement, (b) UK Visas and Immigration, (c) Border Force and (d) HM Passport Office have been found guilty of (i) corruption and (ii) immigration offences in each of the last 10 years. (4872)
- 239 **Nadia Whittome** (Nottingham East): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she is taking steps to increase access to resettlement to the UK for Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries who are at risk and cannot return to Sudan. (4866)
- 240 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will prohibit trail hunting across the Defence estate. (4778)
- 241 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the financial sustainability of Buckinghamshire Council in the 2024-25 financial year. (4881)
- 242 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to monitor the financial health of Buckinghamshire council; and what steps her Department takes to support councils that may be at risk of financial difficulties. (4882)
- 243 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions her Department has had with Buckinghamshire Council on the adequacy of its financial reserves. (4883)
- 244 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions her Department has had with Buckinghamshire Council on that Council's (a) financial resilience and (b) long-term sustainability. (4884)

- 245 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of Buckinghamshire Council's financial planning, in the context of increases in levels of demand for services. (4885)
- 246 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will include (a) shotgun licences and (b) veteran ID cards as accepted forms of voter identification in (i) general and (ii) local elections. (4843)
- 247 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to redistribute assets and wealth between different (a) local authorities, (b) communities and (c) local government through the Local Government Finance Settlement. (4632)
- 248 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Local Government Finance Settlement will contain measures to reform adult social care funding. (4633)
- 249 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to change the local government funding formula in the upcoming Local Government Finance Settlement; and whether she plans to consult on (a) technical changes and (b) data sources before publication. (4634)
- 250 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, when she plans to reopen the next round of the Community Ownership Fund for applications. (4725)
- 251 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if her Department will remove the cap on housing benefit subsidy rates for temporary accommodation. (4780)
- 252 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much of the previous Government's £4.2 billion Housing Infrastructure Fund remains (a) unspent and (b) unallocated. (4857)
- 253 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what estimate she has made of the (a) number of homes that have been unlocked by the Housing Infrastructure Fund and (b) number and proportion of those homes that have (i) received planning consent, (ii) started on site and (iii) been completed as of 9 September 2024. (4858)
- 254 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of utilising unallocated funds from the Housing Infrastructure Fund to directly fund delivery of new social homes. (4859)

- 255 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the National Audit Office report entitled The effectiveness of government in tackling homelessness, published on 23 July 2024, what steps her Department is taking in response to (a) that report's findings that (i) funding sources are complex, fragmented and uncertain and (ii) there has been limited progress in improving the quality and suitability of temporary accommodation and (b) other findings in that report. (4860)
- 256 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether land allocated to (a) National Landscapes and (b) National Parks will be taken into consideration for housing requirements (i) generally and (ii) in Chichester District. (4908)
- 257 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the viability of potential options available to her Department for supporting local authorities that cannot provide a sufficient amount of temporary accommodation for people without a home and are consequently relying on hotels. (4909)
- 258 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to provide financial support to local authorities that are acquiring new temporary accommodation, in the context of increases in levels of demand. (4910)
- 259 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the impact of increases in the cost of temporary accommodation on the fiscal position of district councils. (4911)
- 260 **Jess Brown-Fuller** (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of transit sites for Travellers in West Sussex. (4912)
- 261 **Liam Byrne** (Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Communities Opportunities Fund has been abolished. (4599)
- 262 **Ben Coleman** (Chelsea and Fulham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether the Building Safety Fund will cover the cost for thermal performance improvements associated with fire safety measures for the external cladding of buildings, where those improvements are (a) required to meet building regulation energy efficiency standards or (b) go over and above building regulation energy efficiency standards. [R] (4828)
- 263 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of allowing district councils to be constituent members of Combined County Authorities. (4957)

- 264 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what plans she has for district councils in the Greater Lincolnshire devolution deal. (4594)
- 265 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to protect the greenbelt in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (4595)
- 266 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent discussions she has had with local authorities on using (a) the Public Sector Equality Duty and (b) equality impact assessments to ensure that (i) women and (ii) women with intersecting protected characteristics are treated equally in all decision-making processes. (4811)
- 267 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to introduce a legal right to (a) suitable emergency accommodation and (b) adequate support for people at risk of street homelessness. (4818)
- 268 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will introduce annual limits to in-tenancy rent increases linked to (a) inflation and (b) real median income growth. (4819)
- 269 **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made a recent assessment of the level of availability of pet-friendly accommodation in the private rental sector; and whether her Department is taking steps to increase the availability of pet-friendly accommodation. (4945)
- 270 **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she has made an assessment of the implications for her policies of levels of house (a) buyers and (b) sellers withdrawing from a sale at the last minute. (4951)
- 271 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of ending the Right to Buy scheme. (4837)
- 272 **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will take steps to ensure that new houses are built with specifications that enable them to be carbon neutral. (4956)
- 273 **Andrew Rosindell** (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to (a) protect and (b) promote parks and green spaces within the London Borough of Havering. (4615)

- 274 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she is taking steps to promote shared ownership for potential homeowners. (4714)
- 275 **Lee Anderson** (Ashfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to tackle physical violence between prisoners in prisons. (4788)
- 276 **Edward Argar** (Melton and Syston): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what estimate she has made of the number of prison places made available in the adult male estate as a result of the prisoner early release scheme. (4726)
- 277 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact on victims of SDS40 applying to sentences being served concurrently with sentences of sexual or domestic abuse. (4854)
- 278 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential merits of making actual bodily harm an excluded offence under SDS40 when being served concurrently with sexual or domestic abuse offences. (4856)
- 279 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to support primary prevention regarding violence against women and girls. (4954)
- 280 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of sending prisoners serving sentences in England and Wales to prisons overseas. (4586)
- 281 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will make an estimate of the number of people who (a) have been convicted of domestic abuse and (b) will be released early from prison as part of the SDS40 scheme. (4593)
- 282 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, if she will introduce legal aid for tenants for (a) housing repair issues and (b) enforcing legal housing rights. (4820)
- 283 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to implement the recommendations of the policy paper entitled The Harrington Review of Foreign Direct Investment, published on 22 November 2023. (4886)
- 284 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to encourage (a) women and (b) people from ethnic minorities to found start-up companies. (4887)

- 285 **Josh Fenton-Glynn** (Calder Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had recent discussions with HMRC on (a) industrial relations at the Benton Park View office in Newcastle and (b) the appropriate use of disciplinary practices in that office. (4914)
- 286 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department's Director of Special Advisers and Chancellor Engagement post was advertised (a) externally or (b) internally; and whether the post was filled by open and fair competition. (4635)
- 287 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the (a) job description and (b) pay band is for the Director of Special Advisers and Chancellor Engagement. (4636)
- 288 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if the Office for Value for Money will investigate the value for money of (a) expenditure relating to in the Civil Service and (b) trade union facility time in the Civil Service. (4637)
- 289 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the Answer of 26 July 2024 to Question 1260 on Senior Civil Servants: Recruitment, whether the Director of Special Advisers and Chancellor Engagement role was open to external candidates. (4665)
- 290 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether (a) her Department and (b) the Office for Value for Money plans to issue guidance on the value for money of (i) domestic and (ii) international flights. (4708)
- 291 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether the Office for Value for Money will investigate value for money in (a) Equality, Diversity and Inclusion spending and (b) trade union facility time in the civil service. (4709)
- 292 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the number of pay to use ATMs in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire. (4590)
- 293 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps to exempt pupils awaiting an Education Health and Care Plan from the introduction of VAT on independent school fees. (4620)
- 294 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has received representations over the timing of her Department's consultation on Applying VAT to Private School Fees and Removing the Business Rates Charitable Rates Relief for Private Schools. (4622)
- 295 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will review the implementation of the Enterprise Investment Scheme; and if she will meet the hon. Member for Great Yarmouth to discuss that scheme. [R] (4862)

- 296 **Ben Obese-Jecty** (Huntingdon): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of opening a banking hub in (a) St Ives, Cambridgeshire and (b) other market towns that have experienced bank closures. (4779)
- 297 **Alex Sobel** (Leeds Central and Headingley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of (a) simplifying and (b) automating the process to apply for Pension Credit. (4775)
- 298 **Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help mitigate the potential impact of the withdrawal of winter fuel payments on low income non-pension credit recipient pensioners. (4830)
- 299 **Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help mitigate the potential impact of the withdrawal of winter fuel payments on disabled non-pension credit recipient pensioners. (4831)
- 300 **Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help mitigate the potential impact of the withdrawal of winter fuel payments on disabled non-pension credit recipient pensioners. (4832)
- 301 **Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking to help mitigate the potential impact of the withdrawal of winter fuel payments on low income non-pension credit recipient pensioners. (4833)
- 302 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to publish what the total value of (a) income tax paid, (b) National Insurance Contributions paid, (c) tax credits claimed and (d) child benefit claimed for non-UK nationals is, broken down by nationality, for each of the last five years. (4879)
- 303 **Pete Wishart** (Perth and Kinross-shire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how much funding her Department has allocated to the Pension Credit Week of Action campaign, launched on 2 September 2024. (4603)

Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Solicitor General, what steps she is taking to help increase prosecution rates for knife crime. (4767)
- 2N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the role of the Propriety and Constitution Group is in his Department's relationship with the Civil Service Commission. (4841)

- 3N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, which team in the Cabinet Office discharges statutory or contractual duties owed to Cabinet Office employees by the Cabinet Office as their employer whilst they are on secondment to the Civil Service Commission. (4842)
- 4N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what policies the Civil Service Commission has in place to avoid conflicts of interest when investigating its sponsoring department. (4898)
- 5N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the names of people issued with a security pass to access Downing Street since 4 July 2024, excluding special advisers and civil servants. (4868)
- 6N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, when she plans to announce funding arrangements for post-16 vocational education for after 2025. (4770)
- 7N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of when the review of post-16 education funding will be completed; and what her planned timescale is for responding to that review. (4771)
- 8N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Written Statement of 25 July 2024 on Technical Qualifications Reform update, HCWS22, what steps her Department is taking to help support education providers to plan for the provision of post-16 vocational education beyond the 2024-25 academic year. (4772)
- 9N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an estimate of the total number of (a) children whose parents or guardians have applied for them from independent to state sector schools and (b) independent schools that (i) closed and (ii) have announced their closure since 29 July 2024, broken down by constituency. [R] (4863)
- 10N **Chris Vince** (Harlow): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of the unsuccessful module building project on students at Sir Frederick Gibberd school in Harlow. (4829)
- 11N **David Baines** (St Helens North): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to (a) review the surplus arrangements and (b) transfer the investment reserve fund to members of the Mineworkers Pension Scheme. (4827)
- 12N **Llinos Medi** (Ynys Môn): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many responses were received in relation to the Prior Information Notice issued to explore building a further large-scale nuclear power station; from which parties those responses were received; and whether Wylfa is the designated site for the next gigawatt project. (4840)

- 13N **Jim Allister** (North Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the process is for appointing the competent authority for Northern Ireland for EU Regulation 2023/1115. (4798)
- 14N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 3050 on Poultry: Import Controls, what certification is required to evidence that products are from unvaccinated ducks. (4762)
- 15N **Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** (Slough): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that proposed increases to consumer water bills are used for infrastructure investment. (4768)
- 16N **Layla Moran** (Oxford West and Abingdon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to respond to the letter of 24 June 2024 from the UN Special Rapporteur on environmental defenders under the Aarhus Convention entitled Statement regarding the criminal prosecution of Mr. Daniel Shaw for his involvement in peaceful environmental protest in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (4769)
- 17N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that incidents of bovine TB in livestock are properly (a) monitored and (b) dealt with. (4791)
- 18N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to support farmers who experience outbreaks of bovine TB to recover. (4792)
- 19N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure movement restrictions as a result of reported disease outbreaks are reviewed in a timely manner. (4793)
- 20N **Claire Young** (Thornbury and Yate): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what changes his Department has made to the testing system for bovine TB since August 2021. (4794)
- 21N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to introduce an AI risk register. (4849)
- 22N **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 Manchester Prize. (4850)
- 23N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he has plans to lead a semiconductor business delegation abroad. (4851)

- 24N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, whether he plans to increase participation in Horizon Europe. (4852)
- 25N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will ensure that the UK Semiconductor Advisory Panel has a membership from the whole of the UK. (4601)
- 26N **Andrew Griffith** (Arundel and South Downs): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, pursuant to the answer of 2 August 2024 to Question 1990 on Department for Science, Innovation and Technology: Public Appointments, for what reason the Answer was amended using the editorial process; and what the amendment was. (4846)
- 27N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she (a) is taking and (b) plans to take steps to help ensure that councils provide access to bus services for isolated communities in Aldershot constituency. (4915)
- 28N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she plans to take to improve train services in Aldershot constituency. (4916)
- 29N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that potholes are fixed promptly in Aldershot constituency. (4917)
- 30N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what recent discussions he has had with National Highways on (a) the expected completion date for works on the Painshill junction of the M25 and A3 and (b) the steps being taken to (i) ensure the timely completion of that work and (ii) minimise disruption in the area. (4864)
- 31N **David Baines** (St Helens North): 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 made an assessment of the impact of that campaign on trends in the level of applications for Pension Credit. (4848)
- 32N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people are recipients of Universal Credit in (a) Aldershot constituency and (b) Hampshire. (4918)
- 33N **Alex Baker** (Aldershot): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many universal credit claims were subject to deductions in Aldershot constituency in the most recent month for which data is available. (4919)

- 34N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in Meriden and Solihull East constituency will be impacted by the decision to abolish universal winter fuel payments. (4789)
- 35N **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of extending Winter Fuel Payment eligibility to people receiving Attendance Allowance. [Transferred] (4530)
- 36N **Neil Coyle** (Bermondsey and Old Southwark): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential role of (a) small and medium sized enterprises and b) community interest companies in helping to deliver the Youth Guarantee. (4728)
- 37N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she is taking to support pensioners with the cost of living crisis in Aylesbury constituency. [Transferred] (4580)
- 38N **Neil O'Brien** (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in Harborough, Oadby and Wigston constituency will be affected by the change in eligibility requirements for Winter Fuel Payment. (4803)
- 39N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether the Employment Bill will include (a) endometriosis and (b) other menstrual health conditions. (4891)
- 40N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether the NHS have received any complaints about politically motivated advantageous NHS treatment in the Birmingham area in (a) August and (b) September 2024. (4600)
- 41N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Answer of 15 January 2024 to Question 8936 on Streptococcus: Screening, when he expects to receive the response of the UK National Screening Committee's findings on the outcome of the Group B Streptococcus trials. (4602)
- 42N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, for what reason the respiratory syncytial virus vaccination programme does not include people who are 80 or older. (4583)
- 43N **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September to Question 3677 on Whipps Cross Hospital: Repairs and Maintenance, whether he plans to provide £2.5 million in funding to complete the Outline Business Case. (4582)
- 44N **Adam Jogee** (Newcastle-under-Lyme): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of creating a new Sexual Health Strategy. (4790)

- 45N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has shared (a) official sensitive documents and (b) documents of a higher sensitivity classification with Alan Milburn. (4755)
- 46N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make official documents shared with Alan Milburn available to (a) Privy Councillors on all sides of the House on Privy Council terms or (b) hon. Members. (4756)
- 47N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has shared official documents classified as official sensitive or higher with any individuals, not including Alan Milburn, who do not have an official role within his Department. (4757)
- 48N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he plans to publish a mental ill health strategy. [R] (4933)
- 49N **Dr Ben Spencer** (Runnymede and Weybridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of online advertising regulations for prescription weight loss drugs. (4937)
- 50N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to shorten the diagnosis time for endometriosis. (4889)
- 51N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce waiting times for non-cancerous gynaecological services. (4890)
- 52N **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Egyptian counterpart on the release of Alaa Abd el-Fattah. (4777)
- 53N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the potential impact of Iranian-backed militias on the stability of the Nineveh Plains; and what steps his Department is taking to support the indigenous Christian communities in that region. (4892)
- 54N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what (a) diplomatic steps his Department is taking to help tackle and (b) recent discussions he has had with the Iraqi Prime Minister on the influence of external forces on regional governance in the Nineveh Plains. (4893)

- 55N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking with (a) the US and (b) other international partners to help (i) tackle the destabilisation of the Nineveh Plains by Iranian-backed militias and (ii) ensure the protection of (A) Christians and (B) other vulnerable communities in that region. (4894)
- 56N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his Bangladeshi counterparts on the safety of journalists. (4929)
- 57N **Dr Simon Opher** (Stroud): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her planned timetable is for additional Police Community Support Officers being in post in Gloucestershire constabulary. (4839)
- 58N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress the Royal Air Force has made on the ECRS Mk2 E-Scan radar procurement. (4751)
- 59N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will estimate how many (a) serving armed forces personnel and (b) veterans have benefitted from the Right to Buy scheme in each of the last five financial years. (4752)
- 60N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, if he will make the Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner a full time post. (4797)
- 61N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the employment tribunal decision entitled Major C Milroy v Advocate-General for Scotland of 5 August 2024, reference 4103202/2020, whether he plans to provide pensions to army reservists (a) from and (b) who served in Northern Ireland. (4824)
- 62N **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on levels of prevalence of aluminium composite material cladding on buildings in Nuneaton constituency. (4960)
- 63N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information her Department holds on the potential cost to local authorities for providing temporary accommodation for homeless people in the 2024-25 financial year. (4781)
- 64N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what her Department's timetable is for (a) establishing and (b) the first meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping; and how frequently she expects that group to meet. (4782)
- 65N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, when he plans to appoint a new Veterans' Commissioner for Northern Ireland. (4763)

- 66N **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 3049 on Patrick Finucane, if he will publish copies of his letters to (a) Mrs Finucane and (b) the Court of Appeal. (4764)
- 67N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will estimate the average annual cost per school of abolishing business rates relief for fee-paying schools. (4753)
- 68N **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department is providing the Office for Budget Responsibility with input assumptions on (a) the price elasticity of demand for independent sector education and (b) the number of children likely to move to state sector schools as a result of the imposition of VAT on independent schools. (4621)
- 69N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent assessment has she made of the potential impact of uprating mileage allowance scheme rates on the travel costs of people working in the voluntary sector. (4765)
- 70N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of abolishing the mileage allowance scheme reduced rate for over 10,000 miles of travel in the tax year on the travel costs of people working in the voluntary sector. (4766)
- 71N **Grahame Morris** (Easington): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the amount of revenue that removal of the personal allowance from additional rate taxpayers would raise. (4626)
- 72N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the civil service grade is of the Head of Business Engagement in her Department. (4795)
- 73N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who the non-executive directors are in her Department. (4796)

Questions for Answer on Monday 7 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to help improve the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of teachers in Aylesbury constituency. (4895)
- 2N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of trends in (a) recruitment and (b) retention of school support staff in (i) Aylesbury constituency and (ii) England in the last five years. (4896)

- 3N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to improve the (a) recruitment and (b) retention of school support staff in Aylesbury constituency. (4897)
- 4N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to roll out open access young futures hubs for (a) children and (b) young people in (i) Aylesbury constituency and (ii) Buckinghamshire. (4944)
- 5N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to tackle waiting lists for mental health services in Aylesbury constituency. (4947)