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# Questions tabled on Tuesday 10 September 2024

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- † Indicates a Question not included in the random selection process but accepted because the quota for that day had not been filled.
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- [R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

### Questions for Answer on Wednesday 11 September

- Callum Anderson (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department plans to implement the recommendations of the policy paper entitled The Harrington Review of Foreign Direct Investment, published on 22 November 2023.

  [Transferred] (4886)
- 2 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to encourage (a) women and (b) people from ethnic minorities to found start-up companies. [Transferred] (4887)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 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.
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 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.

  [Transferred] (4661)
- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will introduce statutory paid leave for survivors of domestic abuse. [Transferred] (4810)

- Claire Hazelgrove (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he 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.
- 7 **Rachel Blake** (Cities of London and Westminster): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if her Department will remove the cap on housing benefit subsidy rates for temporary accommodation. [Transferred] (4780)
- 8 **Dr Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (4830)
- 9 **Dr Marie Tidball** (Penistone and Stocksbridge): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, 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. [Transferred] (4831)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which Department is responsible for Government policy on community pubs.

  [Transferred] (4681)
- Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, 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.

  [Transferred] (4865)
- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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 she 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.
- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, 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 she 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.
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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.

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## Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 September

- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what steps the Government is taking to (a) promote public sector reform and (b) increase public sector productivity. (4984)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 908 on Government Departments: Public Consultation, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure compliance by Departments with principle J. (4985)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 903 on Public Sector: Trade Union Officials, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the repeal of the Trade Union Act 2016 on the statutory requirement for public sector organisations to collate and publish transparency data on trade union facility time.
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether changes have been made to the Government-appointed trustees of (a) Dorneywood and (b) Chequers since the general election. (4989)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether any changes have been made to the goods on sale in the Downing Street shop since the general election; and if he will publish the price list for goods available in that shop. (5000)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 930 on Prime Minister: Correspondence, if he will discontinue the fax machine facility in 10 Downing Street.
  (5001)

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- 8 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the Government's policy is on its special advisers (a) posting political opinions and (b) commenting on Government business on social media. (5010)
- 9 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 23 July 2024 to Question 1216 on Prime Minister: WhatsApp, whether the Prime Minister has used Whatsapp for government business. (5018)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer 10 of 31 July 2024 to Question 1222 on JK Rowling, whether 10 Downing Street plans to take steps to arrange a meeting. (5019)
- 11 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1226 on Community Relations, what policies the Prime Minister plans to implement to (a) reduce divisions and (b) promote unity. (5020)
- 12 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1257 on Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman: Public Appointments, who the decision maker is on which appointee to recommend for appointment. (5021)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer 13 of 12 August 2024 to Question HL421 on Employment, if he will make an estimate of the potential impact of the proposal to strengthen equality impact assessments on compliance costs for public bodies. (5022)
- 14 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 13 August 2024 to Question HL548 on Government Departments: Remote Working, if he will publish comparative data for August 2024. (5023)
- 15 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, on how many days Lord Alli used his Downing Street pass since the general election. (5024)
- 16 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has a policy on (a) the purchase of alcohol for workplace social events and (b) the location of staff social events outside work. (5025)
- 17 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 12 August 2024 to Question HL427 on Civil Servants: Equality, whether his Department has a list of each diversity network by department. (5026)

- 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, how many of the appointments for the Director Generals in charge of the five Mission Delivery Boards have been externally advertised; and for what length of time have vacancies been open to apply for those posts.
- 19 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how long a civil service vacancy must be advertised for to qualify as open and fair competition. (5028)
- 20 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much was spent on civil service diversity networks in the most recent year for which figures are available. (5029)
- 21 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the declaration of interests of the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff. (5030)
- 22 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, how many of the appointments for the Director Generals of the five Mission Delivery Boards have been internally advertised; and how long have those vacancies been advertised. (5031)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the provision of accommodation at a below market rate to a Minister is a declarable interest to the (a) Cabinet Office Propriety and Ethics Team and (b) Independent Adviser on Ministerial Interests under the Ministerial Code. (5032)
- 24 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, when the Cabinet Office's annual report and accounts for 2023-24 will be published. (5033)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the policy of the
  (a) Cabinet Office Propriety and Ethics Team and (b) Independent Adviser on Ministerial
  Interests is on the provision of gifts, donations or donations in-kind to Ministers from
  donors who (i) are and (ii) are not permissible under the Political Parties Elections and
  Referendums Act 2000. (5034)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the status of the Civil Service Muslim Network is; and whether network time is allocated to that diversity network as of 10 September 2024. (5035)
- 27 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish details of surplus public sector property according to the data held on the Electronic Property Information Mapping Service database. (5036)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 23 July 2024 to Question 1247 on Special Advisers: Pay, whether the salaries of all special advisers have been agreed; and who is responsible for determining those salaries. (5037)

- 29 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many special advisers in each department, are on (a) four month probationary contracts, (b) six month fixed term contracts and (c) full contracts with no probationary period. (5038)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish a register of the interests of special advisers.(5039)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answers of 31 July 2024 to Questions 1213 and 1217 on Ministers: Aviation and Question 1219 on Prime Minister: Charter Flights, whether he plans to take steps to reduce the number of (a) chartered and (b) unchartered (i) domestic and (ii) international flights by Ministers. (5040)
- 32 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1253 on 10 Downing Street: Contract, whether he plans to insource contracts for the maintenance of (a) 10 Downing Street and (b) 70 Whitehall. (5041)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1240 on Morgan McSweeney, what the responsibilities are of Mr McSweeney in his role as a special adviser.
  (5042)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many staff (a) excluding and (b) including special advisers are currently employed by 10 Downing Street broken down by (i) headcount and (ii) full time equivalent. (5043)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 2 August 2024, to Question 905, on Civil Servants: Workplace Pensions, what recent estimate he has made of the percentage employer contribution to the Alpha pension scheme by pay band; and what the estimated yearly monetary cost to the public purse of such employer contributions is.
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 31 July 2024, to Question 1220, on Public Service: Harassment, if he will place in the House of Commons Library a copy of the minutes for the roundtable to discuss political intimidation; and what the policy decisions from that meeting were. (5045)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the occupancy rate for 70 Whitehall in the most recent week for which data is available since
   4 July 2024. (5046)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to House of Lords Question HL517 on Civil Service: Expenditure, what plans his Department has to review the (a) Ministerial controls and exceptions on and (b) departments that can authorise equality, diversity and inclusion expenditure; and if he will publish granted exceptions to spending controls.

- 39 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the answer of 30 July 2024 to House of Lords Question HL517 on Civil Service: Expenditure, if he will make it his policy to ensure that Civil Service staff should not spend time on diversity network activities during core working hours.
  - (5048)
- 40 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to House of Lords Question HL517 on Civil Service: Expenditure, what plans he has to update guidance on diversity networks in the Civil Service. (5049)
- 41 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what guidance his Department issues on the number and proportion of (a) Civil Service and (b) public bodies staff assigned to full-time equivalent staff roles related to equality, diversity and inclusion. (5050)
- 42 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 943 on Civil Service: Trade Union Officials, what guidance his Department has issued on the (a) proportion of the total Civil Service paybill that should be allocated to facility time and (b) maximum percentage of time that individual Civil Service staff may spend on facility time. (5051)
- 43 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 904 on Government Departments: Disclosure of Information, what recent estimate he has made of when the platform will go live; and whether each Department will be required to publish transparency data each month. (5052)
- 44 Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Mission Delivery Boards have met since 5 July 2024. (4970)
- 45 Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5191)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference 46 to the Answer of 12 August 2024, to Question HL421, on Employment, what legislative steps he plans to take to introduce statutory rights for trade union equality representatives. (5017)
- Kevin Hollinrake (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and 47 Trade, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2408 on Department for Business and Trade: Ministers, whether he plans to appoint an adviser for business engagement and trade strategy. (5068)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, 48 how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5180)

- 49 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of rising transaction fees for non-European Economic Area cards on small businesses in (a) the Highlands and (b) other tourist areas; and whether his Department has plans to take steps to reduce those transaction fees. (5158)
- Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate he has made of the burden of business rates on small and medium sized businesses. (5108)
- Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of trends in the level of the rate of the business rates multiplier in (a) England and (b) Wales. (5109)
- 52 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, when his Department plans to publish a business tax roadmap. (5110)
- Jerome Mayhew (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, how many full time civil servants are working on compensation for post masters.

  (5111)
- 54 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to help support pubs in West Dorset constituency. (5205)
- 55 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he is taking steps to manage the potential impact of implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme on glass manufacturers. (5063)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the provisions of the proposed Employment Rights Bill will extend to Northern Ireland. (5057)
- Josh Simons (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether he plans to return money the Government (a) has received and (b) will receive receive from the Mineworkers Pension Scheme. (5215)
- 58 **Greg Smith** (Mid Buckinghamshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what the level of inward foreign direct investment was in each of the last ten financial years. (5117)
- 59N **Alistair Strathern** (Hitchin): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether the Employment Bill will include (a) endometriosis and (b) other menstrual health conditions.

  [Transferred] (4891)
- 60 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if her Department will bring forward proposals to regulate the de facto monopoly of ticket sales by Ticketmaster. (5138)

- 61 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the potential merits of funding covered tennis facilities. (5100)
- 62 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has plans to fund covered tennis facilities for the provision of disability tennis. (5101)
- 63 **Marsha De Cordova** (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment her Department has made of the role of indoor and covered tennis facilities in the provision of visually impaired tennis in Britain. (5102)
- 64 Marsha De Cordova (Battersea): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of (a) tennis and (b) padel on physical activity levels amongst (i) older people, (ii) disabled people and (iii) women and girls.
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what discussions she has had with her counterpart in the Greek government on (a) loaning and
   (b) donating the Elgin Marbles to Greece.
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many positions in her Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5181)
- 67 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department is taking steps to support LGBTQ+ rugby union teams. (5118)
- 68 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what support her Department provides to grass roots LGBTQ+ sports teams. (5119)
- 69 **Kate Osborne** (Jarrow and Gateshead East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has made an assessment of the potential impact of LGBTQ+ sport teams on tackling inequality in sports. (5120)
- 70 **Graham Stuart** (Beverley and Holderness): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if she will extend the Listed Places of Worship Grant beyond March 2025. (4975)
- Jess Brown-Fuller (Chichester): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will pause the defunding of applied general qualifications scheduled for 2025 and 2026. (5165)

- 72 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she made of the implications for her policies of the document entitled General Election 2024: NSPCC priorities for manifestos and programmes for government, published in May 2024. (5177)
- 73 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of the effectiveness of the rate of fines for parents and carers taking their children out of school during term times on encouraging school attendance. (5178)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the (a) pay band, (b) salary and (c) responsibilities are of Mr Tom Crick in his role as Senior Advisor to her Department's Curriculum and Assessment Review; whether that role was open to external candidates; and on what basis he was appointed as a civil servant rather than a special adviser.
  (5012)
- Jodie Gosling (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of SEND provision services in Nuneaton constituency; and what steps she is taking to work with local authorities in Nuneaton to improve SEND provision.

  (5167)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many vacant state secondary school places there were in (a) Lincolnshire County Council and (b) South Holland and The Deepings constituency on 6 September 2024.
- 77 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what the real-terms funding per pupil in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools in South Holland and the Deepings constituency was in each financial year since 2010. (4968)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many positions in her Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5182)
- 79 Angus MacDonald (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the prevalence of outstanding student loan balances increasing despite repayments being made as a result of high interest charges; and whether her Department is taking steps to review student loan interest rates to ensure excessive financial burdens are not imposed on borrowers. (5161)
- 80 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she is taking steps to increase pay in the further education sector. (5065)
- 81 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps he is taking to support the development of fusion technology. (5082)

- 82 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many tonnes of copper will be required to decarbonise the National Grid by 2030. (5083)
- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of decarbonising the grid by 2030 on demand for copper. (5084)
- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the number of kilometres of new energy transmission lines that will be required to decarbonise the grid by 2030. (5085)
- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the quantity and proportion of the copper that will be required to decarbonise the grid by 2030 that will be sourced from overseas markets. (5086)
- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what estimate he has made of the quantity of copper that will be required to provide 60 gigawatts of offshore wind power by 2030. (5087)
- Andrew Bowie (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the (a) reliability of supply chains for and (b) resilience to price shocks in the zinc market in the context of his energy policies.

  (5088)
- Jodie Gosling (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using (a) car parks and (b) other elements of the built environment for industrial solar energy projects; and if he will take steps to do so.
- 89 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what discussions he has had with (a) Ofgem and (b) energy companies on introducing a social tariff for low-income households. (5124)
- 90 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what assessment he has made of the potential implications for public expenditure of the provision of a further £5.5 billion for additional development support for the proposed new nuclear power plant Sizewell C in (a) the current and (b) each of the next four fiscal years.

  (5090)
- Parameter Problem (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5183)

- **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether officials in his Department have had discussions with relevant organisations on steps to ensure that rural and island communities have (a) equitable access to SMART meters and (b) support for their transition to renewable energy. (5162)
- **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has had recent discussions with Ofgem on disparities in electricity standing charges between regions. (5221)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to (a) clean up water ways in a timely manner and (b) encourage companies to invest in waterways to improve infrastructure in the water industry. (5136)
- **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will publish the findings of the Decapods: Call for Evidence, published on 5 July 2023; and what recent estimate she has made of when the Animals in Science Committee will report on options for the future regulation of the use of decapod crustaceans in research. (5059)
- **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to implement the recommendations of the report of the Independent review of protected site management on Dartmoor led by David Fursdon. (4976)
- **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to coordinate efforts with local groups to protect Dartmoor ponies. (4977)
- **Sir Geoffrey Cox** (Torridge and Tavistock): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will meet with hon. Members representing constituencies in Devon to have discussions on (a) the conservation of Dartmoor moorland and (b) the protection of Dartmoor ponies. (4978)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 30 July 2024, to Question 1246 on Greenpeace, whether he has made an assessment of the potential implications for the Government's policy on engagement with Greenpeace of the protest held by representatives of that organisation at the then Prime Minister's family home in August 2023. (4992)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what the latest estimate is of the Cash Equivalent Transfer Value of the Civil Service pension of his Department's Second Permanent Secretary and Defra group Chief Operating Officer in the most recent period for which figures are available. (5013)

- **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the merits of introducing mandatory food waste reporting.

  (5091)
- **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to reduce food waste; and what discussions he has had with industry representatives on the best way to tackle the issue. (5092)
- **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to support the application of the food and drink waste hierarchy for surplus food.

  (5093)
- **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department plans to take steps to ensure that mandatory food waste reporting will take into account companies who (a) are aligned with existing reporting requirements under the Food Waste Reduction Roadmap and (b) already report their food waste as part of global ESG reporting. (5094)
- **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that food waste reporting requirements on businesses are (a) effective and (b) not overly burdensome. (5095)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of banning greyhound racing.

  (5214)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5184)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what data his Department holds on sewage discharges into the sea in West Dorset constituency in each of the last three years. (5203)
- **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce sewage discharges by Wessex Water and South West water in West Dorset constituency. (5204)
- **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the proposed Extender Producer Responsibility scheme on sustainable glass producers. (5061)
- Wendy Morton (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of ew illustrative fees for the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme on glass as an infinitely recyclable material.

- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what estimate his department has made of volumetric river flow rates corresponding to the locations of each gauging station on the Thames from Reading to Kingston.

  (5076)
- Sarah Olney (Richmond Park): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an estimate of the expected reservoir levels for each Lower Thames reservoir for drought events (a) 1:100 years, (b) 1:200 years and (c) 1:500 years.(5077)
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to limit the number of bins into which councils require householders to separate their rubbish. (5225)
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 30 August 2024 to Question 1516 on Housing: Gardens, what the timetable is for the review of the effectiveness of all available options to manage unplanned increases in impermeable or hard surfaces and their costs and benefits.
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of (a) banning and (b) further regulating wood burning stoves in domestic dwellings.

  (5227)
- 117 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to implement the recommendations of the report of the Independent review of protected site management on Dartmoor led by David Fursdon. (5206)
- Rebecca Smith (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is taking steps to coordinate efforts with local groups to protect Dartmoor ponies. (5207)
- 119 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will meet (a) hon and rt hon Members with constituencies in Devon and (b) key stakeholders to discuss steps to (i) conserve Dartmoor moorland and (ii) protect Dartmoor ponies. (5208)
- 120 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to enable agri-environment agreement applications before the current agreements expire. (5245)
- 121 **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will carry out full impact assessments of the (a) social and (b) economic impact of Environmental Land Management Schemes on upland farms.

- **Rebecca Smith** (South West Devon): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to help ensure that people farming on commons can benefit from (a) the Sustainable Farming Incentive and (b) Countryside Stewardship.

  (5247)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if she will publish the submission that authorised the appointment of Ms Emily Middleton. (5016)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5185)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, with reference to p.6 of the policy document entitled Statement of Levelling Up Missions, published on 25 January 2024, whether it remains his Department's policy that levels of public investment in research and development outside the Greater South East will increase by at least 40% by 2030. (5106)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department plans to take with Cabinet colleagues to help reduce violence against women and girls on public transport. (5133)
- **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve transport links in West Yorkshire. (5212)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, how many positions in her Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5186)
- **Katie White** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the safety of Ford EcoBoost engines. (5169)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to (a) identify and (b) reduce the barriers facing young people not in work or education. (5132)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of the steps her Department has taken to increase the number of people claiming Pension Credit on the cost to the public purse of expenditure on that benefit. (5079)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to the eligibility criteria for the Winter Fuel Payment on pensioners in rural areas. (5080)

- 133 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of removing the winter fuel allowance on pensioner poverty in Harpenden and Berkhamsted constituency.

  (5174)
- 134 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will set up a Pensioner Task Force to (a) assess intersecting issues of income, housing, health and fuel costs and (b) make recommendations to tackle pensioner poverty. (5234)
- Helen Grant (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department plans to take to support people who will become ineligible for Winter Fuel Payment as a result of the planned introduction of means-testing in Maidstone and Malling constituency. (4981)
- 136 **Helen Grant** (Maidstone and Malling): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish an equality impact assessment for the means-testing of Winter Fuel Payment. (4982)
- Dr Neil Hudson (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent steps her Department has taken to help ensure that parents of children with special educational needs can find work that meets their needs. (5147)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many positions in her Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5187)
- 139 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the changes to the eligibility criteria for Winter Fuel Payments on pensioners in rural communities. (5201)
- 140 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people in West Dorset constituency are in receipt of the Winter Fuel Allowance. (5202)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2476 on Winter Fuel Payment, if she will provide this information for current constituency boundaries. (5107)
- 142 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether her Department plans to compensate women wrongly underpaid their state pension. (5217)
- 143 Luke Taylor (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what estimate she has made of the number of people that will be affected by the proposed changes to pensioners' eligibility for the Winter Fuel Allowance in Sutton and Cheam constituency.
  (5216)

- 144 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what his planned timeframe is for implementing recommendations of the covid-19 inquiry. (5128)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department plans to take to reduce the waiting lists for NHS mental health services. (5129)
- Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make it his policy to provide mandatory training for social workers on identifying signs of coercive and controlling behaviour. (5135)
- 147 **Siân Berry** (Brighton Pavilion): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with (a) the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation and (b) other experts on the potential merits of offering the Covid-19 booster vaccine to frontline healthcare workers over 65 years old. (5236)
- 148 **Victoria Collins** (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will launch a nationwide review of neonatal (a) mortality rates and (b) unexplained deaths. (5175)
- 149 **Steve Darling** (Torbay): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to introduce national screening for prostate cancer by level of risk. (5237)
- 150 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve mental health services in the Colne Valley constituency.

  (5211)
- Paul Davies (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an estimate of the number of dentistry practices that are accepting NHS patients in Colne Valley constituency. (5213)
- 152 **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall and Camberwell Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when his Department plans to publish a new HIV Action Plan. (5148)
- Florence Eshalomi (Vauxhall and Camberwell Green): 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 inequality in HIV (a) care access and (b) outcomes. (5149)
- 154 **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall and Camberwell Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support local commissioning areas to (a) identify and (b) address HIV inequalities. (5150)
- 155 **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall and Camberwell Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to expand access to preventative HIV care beyond sexual health services. (5151)

- **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall and Camberwell Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) tackle inequalities in access to preventative HIV care and (b) end new HIV transmissions by 2030. (5152)
- **Florence Eshalomi** (Vauxhall and Camberwell Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure HIV health promotion campaigns are (a) culturally appropriate and (b) effective in reaching (i) under-served and (ii) at-risk communities. (5153)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether
  Mr Alan Milburn is a Ministerial or departmental adviser; and what meetings Mr Milburn
  has had with Ministers since the general election. (5014)
- **Rebecca Harris** (Castle Point): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, when he plans to respond to the recommendations of the Hughes Report, Options for redress for those harmed by valproate and pelvic mesh, published on 7 February 2024. (4979)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to ensure the adequacy of access to (a) specialist care and (b) NICE-approved treatments for patients with migraine. (4965)
- Sir John Hayes (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce accident and emergency waiting times at Pilgrim Hospital in Boston. (4969)
- **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce accident and emergency waiting times at Peterborough City Hospital. (4971)
- **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to review access to the cancer drug Enhertu. (5192)
- **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the (a) drug prices, (b) appliance prices and (c) fees paid to pharmacy contractors in the NHS Drug Tariff. (5097)
- 165 Ben Lake (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of medication costs on community pharmacies.
  (5098)
- **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help community pharmacies with increases in the cost of medications. (5099)

- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5188)
- 168 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to work with the devolved governments to help ensure that NHS services in rural areas can attract and retain adequate numbers of staff.

  (5159)
- Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had recent discussions with medical (a) researchers and (b) other professionals on trends in the level of severe allergies in children in the last 10 years; and steps his Department is taking to screen more children for severe allergies. (5054)
- 170 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he plans to take to help fill staff vacancies in the hospice sector. (5210)
- 171 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the safety of talc in cosmetic products. (5096)
- 172 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to ensure
  the UK responds adequately to the humanitarian crisis of the collapsed healthcare system
  in Gaza. (5127)
- 173 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his planned timetable is for the audit of the UK-China bilateral relationship; and what topics that audit will consider. (5058)
- 174 **Sir Iain Duncan Smith** (Chingford and Woodford Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of (a) threats made against Jimmy Lai's international legal team and (b) other aspects of the UN Secretary General's report on Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights, A/ HRC/57/60, published on 20 August 2024. (4961)
- Damien Egan (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign,
  Commonwealth and Development Affairs, with reference to the oral contribution of 25
  April 2024 by the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office,
  Official Report, column 387WH, what steps his Department is taking to ratify the Global
  Ocean Treaty in time for the UN Ocean Conference in June 2025. (5218)

- Tom Hayes (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of using the Accreditation UK scheme for institutions providing courses to students on a Sponsored Study visa. (5243)
- 177 **Rebecca Long Bailey** (Salford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of taking steps with his international counterparts to negotiate a UN convention on the protection of journalists.

  (5064)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5189)
- 179 **Esther McVey** (Tatton): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if he will publish the legal advice upon which he relied to block arms exports to Israel. (5053)
- 180N **Ms Julie Minns** (Carlisle): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he has taken to help ensure the perpetrators of genocide and other crimes against Yazidis in 2014 are investigated and prosecuted. [Transferred] (900395)
- 181 **Katie White** (Leeds North West): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what diplomatic steps he is taking to help ensure the Hong Kong government recognises the British National (Overseas) passport. (5168)
- 182 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent assessment she has made of the sufficiency of funding to the National Police Air Service. (5112)
- 183 **Jodie Gosling** (Nuneaton): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the suitability of Nuneaton constituency for a youth hub in the context of plans relating to the young futures unit. (5166)
- 184 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to tackle online grooming of children. (4966)
- 185 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking at a retail level to tackle the illicit tobacco trade.

  (4972)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many positions in her Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5193)

- **Dame Siobhain McDonagh** (Mitcham and Morden): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost was to the public purse of (a) legal fees and (b) related costs incurred for the rejection of freedom of information requests between 30 March 2020 and 9 September 2024 seeking the publication of the report entitled, The Historical Roots of the Windrush Scandal.
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have absconded from immigration detention in each year since 2004. (5104)
- Neil O'Brien (Harborough, Oadby and Wigston): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of former asylum applicants who have withdrawn their applications (a) have left the country and (b) her Department knew the location of in each year since 2015.
- **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to increase deterrents for shoplifting. (5055)
- **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his proposed timetable is for UK defence spending reaching 2.5% of GDP. (5113)
- **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, by what date he expects UK defence spending to reach 2.5 per cent of GDP. (5114)
- **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the Strategic Defence Review will conclude in its entirety before the next Spending Review commences. (5115)
- **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what the timeframe is for the eligibility review for the Nuclear Test Medal. (5081)
- Daisy Cooper (St Albans): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the equipment his Department has provided to Ukraine to help counter chemical threats included (a) gas detection and (b) chemical protective equipment for use by (i) civilians and (ii) armed forces. (5116)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5190)
- **Shockat Adam** (Leicester South): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will bring forward legislative proposals to make it a statutory responsibility of (a) owners of and (b) responsible persons for residential buildings taller than 11 metres to carry out (i) an EWS1 survey and (ii) a Fire Risk Appraisal of External Walls to ensure the mortgageability of any leasehold flat in the block. (5238)

- 198 **Stuart Andrew** (Daventry): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the oral contribution of 2 September 2024 by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Official Report, Column 3, if she will publish a timetable for implementing high street rental auctions. (4983)
- 199 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to help
  increase access to home ownership for (a) homeless and (b) displaced people. (5130)
- 200 Paula Barker (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
   Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to support residents of buildings with unsafe cladding.
- 201 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, what steps her Department is taking to (a) end
  Section 21 evictions and (b) support tenants facing eviction under a Section 21 notice
  before that time.

  (5134)
- 202N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she 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.

  [Transferred] (4752)
- 203 Victoria Collins (Harpenden and Berkhamsted): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of enabling alms houses to access section 106 funding and Community Infrastructure Levy in the same way as housing associations.
  (5176)
- 204 **Damien Egan** (Bristol North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what recent assessment she has made of the (a) quality and (b) adequacy of the regulation of houses in multiple occupation in the private rented sector.

  (5219)
- 205 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether there are restrictions on Mr Haydon Etherington's activity as a member of the Labour Party whilst serving as Senior Policy Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister.
  (5015)
- 206 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many positions in her Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5195)

- 207 Andrew Rosindell (Romford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with representatives of the London Borough of Havering on the adequacy of levels of development of new build homes in that borough.
  (4974)
- 208 Jim Shannon (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department plans to provide levelling-up funding for community football grounds in Northern Ireland. (5056)
- 209 **Sir Alec Shelbrooke** (Wetherby and Easingwold): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how many and what proportion of recipients of the single person discount on council tax are (a) women, (b) over 66 and (c) in households with dependents under 18. (4980)
- 210 David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 3748 on Private Education: Business Rates and to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 2980 on Private Education: Business Rates and VAT, what other local government finance policy measures will be included in the Local Government Finance Bill.
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the report entitled Summary of responses and government's response to the consultation on proposals to exempt categories of dwellings from the council tax premiums in England, published on 11 March 2024, whether it is her policy to bring forward legislative proposals to provide a 12-month exception to the (a) second home and (b) empty home council tax premium for properties that (i) are actively marketed for (A) sale and (B) let and (ii) have been granted (1) probate and (2) letters of administration.
- 212 David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 2991 on Devolution: East of England, whether (a) mayoral and (b) directly-elected leader elections will take place in (i) Suffolk and (ii) Norfolk in May 2025.
  (5230)
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 2991 on Devolution: East of England, whether mayoral or directly elected leader elections will take place in (a) Suffolk and (b) Norfolk in May 2025. (5231)
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will list the (a) local council and (b) council mayoral and (c) combined authority mayoral elections that will take place in May 2025.

- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2316 on Equality, whether the socio-economic duty will apply to (a) the Government determining council tax referendum principles and (b) councils setting their budgets and council tax levels.
- 216 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether she has had recent discussions with the Victims' Commissioner on the potential impact on victims of her Department's scheme to temporarily reduce the proportion of some custodial sentences served in prison from 50% to 40%. (4963)
- 217 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether her Department informs victims when perpetrators of crimes against them are due to be released under her Department's scheme to temporarily reduce the proportion of some custodial sentences served in prison from 50% to 40%. (4964)
- Page 218 Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many positions in her Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5196)
- 219 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many foreign-born criminals (a) are in prisons and (b) were released under the revised terms of the early release scheme in Norfolk since 10 September 2024. (5222)
- 220 Jo White (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many and what proportion of foreign nationals who receive a custodial prison sentence are deported on completion of their sentence.
  (5200)
- Jo White (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many of the prisoners released under the early release scheme (a) are foreign nationals and (b) will be deported.

  (5220)
- 222 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what discussions he has had with the Police Service of Northern Ireland on recent threats of violence against a Sunday World journalist. (5125)
- 223 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what steps he is taking to ensure that journalists in Northern Ireland are protected from (a) threats of violence from paramilitary groups, (b) surveillance from security forces and (c) pressure to reveal sources. (5126)
- Rupert Lowe (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5197)

- 225N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will make the Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner a full time post. [Transferred] (4797)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Interests is able to initiate an investigation into the conduct of a Minister without the consent of the Prime Minister.(4987)
- 227 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how many (a) headcount and (b) full-time equivalent staff work in No. 10 digital communications; and at what pay bands. (4988)
- 228 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what steps his Government is taking to promote British values. (4990)
- 229 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how many proposals by departmental Ministers to appoint a special adviser have been refused by 10 Downing Street since 4 July 2024.
- 230 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what his policy is on whether a Minister who is found by the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner to have broken the House of Commons Code of Conduct can remain a Minister. (4993)
- 231 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to page 8 of the Directory of Civil Service Guidance, Volume 2, published in 2000, whether it remains convention that Ministers of a current Administration may not generally have access to policy papers of a previous Administration of a different political party. (4994)
- 232 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has had discussions with Mark Adams in his capacity on the International Olympics Committee since 4 July 2024. (4995)
- 233 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether the Prime Minister plans to appoint an anti-corruption champion. (4996)
- 234 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what his policy is on matters relating to contested heritage in (a) the Downing Street estate and (b) Whitehall departments. (4997)
- 235 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he plans to (a) increase and (b) reduce the (i) spending on and (ii) staff working on digital communications in Downing Street.
  (4998)
- 236 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, if he will publish all correspondence he has (a) received from and (b) sent to the Labour Growth Group. (4999)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the then Prime
   Minister's Written Statement of 4 November 2015, Official Report, HCWS291, on the Wilson doctrine, what his policy is on the Wilson doctrine.

- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how many times the hon. Member for Beckenham and Penge has visited 10 Downing Street since 4 July 2024. (5004)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the Joint statement on the Middle East, published on 12 August 2024, if he will publish a list of the allies of Iran.(5005)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how much 10 Downing Street has spent on (a) cosmetics and (b) make-up artists for media appearances since 4 July 2024. (5007)
- John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the Treasury's
   Sustainability Reporting Guidance 2024-25, published on 25 July 2024, whether 10
   Downing Street plans to report using those metrics. (5008)
- 242 John Glen (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the former Prime Minister's letter entitled Government transparency and open data, published on 14 December 2017, whether the content of the letter remains Government policy; and when Government departments plan to publish updated structure charts and organograms. (5009)
- **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, on what date Lord Alli was given a Downing Street pass; and on what date it was returned. (5011)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, how many positions in his Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5198)
- **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of developing a system to tackle trends in the level of tax evasion from small businesses. (5137)
- **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of increasing the Rent a Room Scheme tax-free earnings threshold. (5244)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of agricultural relief for Inheritance Tax in supporting farming businesses. (5066)
- **Kevin Hollinrake** (Thirsk and Malton): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the effectiveness of business relief for Inheritance Tax in supporting family owned businesses. (5067)
- **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, how many positions in her Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5194)

- 250 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of terminating the furnished holiday lettings tax regime on local (a) economies and (b) employment in tourist destinations. (5157)
- 251 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people over the age of 65 receive adequate financial support through the State Pension. (5160)
- 252 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments on pensioners in Aldridge-Brownhills constituency. (5060)
- 253 David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, If she will publish (a) the agreement and (b) the terms of reference between the Welsh Government and the Valuation Office Agency in relation to (i) the Agency's work for a council tax revaluation in Wales and (ii) the development of the Automated Valuation Model in Wales.
  (5154)
- 254 David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will list (a) each of the variables and (b) the source of data for each variable used in the new Automated Valuation Model for the Valuation Office Agency's council tax revaluation in Wales.
  (5155)
- David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the cost to the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) of the council tax revaluation in Wales; and what payments the Welsh Government has (a) made and (b) agreed to make to the VOA to finance this work. (5156)
- 256 David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what advice the Center for Appraisal Research and Technology provided to the Valuation Office Agency for its work on an automated valuation model for council tax revaluation in Wales.
  (5223)
- 257 David Simmonds (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether (a) artificial intelligence and (b)machine learning were used in the automated valuation model in the Valuation Office Agency's work for council tax revaluation in Wales.
  (5224)
- 258 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, how many positions in her Department included (a) diversity, (b) inclusion, (c) equity and (d) equality in their job title in each of the last five years; and what the total cost of the salaries of each such job was in each of those years. (5199)

## Questions for Answer on Monday 7 October

- 1N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, with reference to the report entitled Labour's Plan to Make Work Pay, published on 24 May 2024, when he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to implement the policies set out in that report. (5121)
- 2N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make it his policy to include (a) a youth mobility scheme and (b) measures to support the English Language Teaching sector in the UK in future trade deals with EU countries. (5241)
- 3N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make it his policy to include (a) a youth mobility scheme and (b) measures to support the English Language Training sector in the UK in future trade deals with non-EU countries.
- 4N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps she is taking to promote access to sports for (a) young people and (b) people with disabilities in Epping Forest. (5146)
- 5N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what estimate her Department has made of the number of English Language Teaching centres that have closed permanently since the pandemic began. (5239)
- 6N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education what steps her Department is taking to support the English Language Teaching industry. (5240)
- 7N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help local councils support children with special educational needs. (5144)
- 8N **Dr Neil Hudson** (Epping Forest): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to help local councils reduce waiting times for education, health and care plans.

  (5145)
- Wera Hobhouse (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to his Answer of 2 September 2024 to Question 2122 on Great British Nuclear: Recruitment, if he will list (a) the organisations from which personnel have been seconded to Great British Nuclear and (b) the number of personnel recruited from each. (5089)
- 10N **Steff Aquarone** (North Norfolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps he is taking to protect the coast in North Norfolk constituency from erosion. (5235)

- 11N **Dr Caroline Johnson** (Sleaford and North Hykeham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what criteria her Department is using to assess the (a) value and (b) prioritisation of road projects in its capital spend review. (5078)
- 12N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what her planned timetable is for a decision on the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology by local authorities as a parking enforcement tool to tackle non-compliance with parking charges. (5164)
- 13N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many and what proportion of eligible people claimed Pension Credit in each of the last five financial years. (4973)
- 14N Laura Kyrke-Smith (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the Disabled Facilities Grant scheme, whether she has made an assessment of the potential merits of updating the Test of Resources in order to ensure working people with disabilities can access means-tested support. (5209)
- 15N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will launch a national public communications campaign ahead of winter 2024-25 on how to stay well including advice on (a) vaccinations for (i) flu and (ii) coronavirus, (b) keeping warm and (c) contacting relevant services. (5163)
- 16N **Colum Eastwood** (Foyle): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of allowing (a) elected representatives from Ireland and (b) other Irish passport holders to verify UK passport applications using the HM Passport Office online verification system. (5143)
- 17N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps she is taking to roll out open access young futures hubs for (a) children and (b) young people in (i) Aylesbury constituency and (ii) Buckinghamshire. [Transferred] (4944)
- 18N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 4 September 2024 to Question 2960 on Insulation: Housing, what discussions her Department has had with mortgage lenders on (a) the installation of spray foam insulation and (b) its impact on lending.
- 19N **Helen Hayes** (Dulwich and West Norwood): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 4 September 2024 to Question 2960 on Insulation: Housing, what steps she is taking to ensure homeowners who retrofit their homes with recommended measures are not penalised by mortgage lenders. (5070)

- 20N **Jayne Kirkham** (Truro and Falmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing,
  Communities and Local Government, whether she plans that the short term lets licensing
  scheme will (a) allow local authorities to charge a fee to property owners to licence their
  property and (b) include a requirement to carry out fire and safety checks. (5179)
- 21N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, whether any prisoners convicted of violent offences are scheduled for early release. (5139)
- 22N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that perpetrators in line for early release who have (a) history of and (b) prior convictions for domestic violence do not reoffend. (5140)
- 23N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what categorisations of crimes will perpetrators be eligible for release from prison under the early release schemes; and what methodology was been used to determine the categories of offenders to be released. (5141)
- 24N **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what methodology was used to determine a 18 month review period for the new Early Release Scheme. (5142)

# Questions for Answer on Tuesday 8 October

- 1N James Cartlidge (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what discussions he has had with the Post Office Ltd on cutting exceptional payments for post offices.
  (5074)
- 2N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking to help ensure that post offices in South Suffolk constituency remain financially viable businesses entities. (5075)
- 3N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the funding period for the Harrogate College rebuild. (5170)
- 4N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what her planned timescale is for disbursing funding allocated to Harrogate College for the rebuild project. (5171)
- 5N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of the Harrogate College rebuild on (a) skills development and (b) local employment opportunities. (5172)

- 6N **Tom Gordon** (Harrogate and Knaresborough): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what discussions she has had with (a) local authorities and (b) other stakeholders on delays to the Harrogate College rebuild, in the context of the ongoing judicial review in relation to the planning application for that project. (5173)
- 7N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, pursuant to the Answer of 10 September 2024 to Question 4389 on National Grid:

  Costs, whether (a) he and (b) Ofgem is able to provide the estimate requested. (5072)
- 8N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to his oral Statement of 10 September 2024 on Ukraine, if he will provide an itemised breakdown of the £1 billion spent on UK replenishment including (a) when each order was placed and (b) the nature and cost of the item ordered. (5071)
- 9N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 5 September 2024 to Question 3747 on Neighbourhood Plans, what plans she has for the role of neighbourhood plans in planning policy when a planning authority has a (a) five-year and (b) three-year land supply. (5073)

### Questions for Answer on Wednesday 9 October

- 1N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what methodology she will use to assess progress in halving violence against women and girls within 10 years. (5122)
- 2N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, (a) how and (b) with what frequency does her Department plan to report progress in delivering its target of halving violence against women and girls within 10 years. (5123)