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Questions tabled on Wednesday 11 September 2024

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Questions for Answer on Thursday 12 September

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many (a) headcount and (b) full-time equivalent staff work in No. 10 digital communications; and at what pay bands. [Transferred] (4988)
- 2 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many proposals by departmental Ministers to appoint a special adviser have been refused by 10 Downing Street since 4 July 2024. [Transferred] (4991)
- 3 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (4994)
- 4 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the Prime Minister plans to (a) increase and (b) reduce the (i) spending on and (ii) staff working on digital communications in Downing Street. [Transferred] (4998)
- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many times the hon. Member for Beckenham and Penge has visited 10 Downing Street since 4 July 2024. [Transferred] (5004)
- 6 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how much 10 Downing Street has spent on (a) cosmetics and (b) make-up artists for media appearances since 4 July 2024. [Transferred] (5007)

- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (5008)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, 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. [Transferred] (5009)
- 9 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, on what date Lord Alli was given a Downing Street pass; and on what date it was returned. [Transferred] (5011)
- 10 **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, whether his Department holds comparative headquarters occupancy data for (a) June and (b) July 2024. (5287)
- 11 **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 plans his Department has to review its policy on (a) collating and (b) publishing facility time transparency data. (5290)
- 12 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if his Department will bring forward proposals to regulate the de facto monopoly of ticket sales by Ticketmaster. [Transferred] (5138)
- 13 **Matt Western** (Warwick and Leamington): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the safety of talc in cosmetic products. [Transferred] (5096)
- 14 **Paula Barker** (Liverpool Wavertree): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to provide mandatory training for social workers on identifying signs of coercive and controlling behaviour. [Transferred] (5135)
- 15 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to return money the Government (a) has received and (b) will receive from the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme. [Transferred] (5215)
- 16 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he is taking steps to manage the potential impact of implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme on glass manufacturers. [Transferred] (5063)

- 17 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether he plans to implement the policies set out in Annex A of the Government response to the consultation on Consistency in household and business recycling in England, updated on 21 November 2023. (5409)
- 18 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what plans he has to revise the guidance entitled Non-corporate communication channels for government business, published on 30 March 2023, in relation to the use of WhatsApp on private devices. [Transferred] (5006)
- 19 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that people over the age of 65 receive adequate financial support through the State Pension. [Transferred] (5160)
- 20 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of changes to eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments on pensioners in Aldridge-Brownhills constituency. [Transferred] (5060)
- 21 **Sarah Champion** (Rotherham): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she 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. [Transferred] (5059)
- 22 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Prime Minister plans to appoint an anti-corruption champion. [Transferred] (4996)
- 23 **Jo White** (Bassetlaw): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many and what proportion of foreign nationals who receive a custodial prison sentence are deported on completion of their sentence. [Transferred] (5200)
- 24 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps the Government is taking to (a) promote public sector reform and (b) increase public sector productivity. [Transferred] (4984)
- 25 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking at a retail level to tackle the illicit tobacco trade. [Transferred] (4972)
- 26 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her 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 her Department has plans to take steps to reduce those transaction fees. [Transferred] (5158)

- 27 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what estimate she has made of the burden of business rates on small and medium-sized businesses. [Transferred] (5108)
- 28 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of trends in the level of the rate of the business rates multiplier in (a) England and (b) Wales. [Transferred] (5109)
- 29 **Jerome Mayhew** (Broadland and Fakenham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, when her Department plans to publish a business tax roadmap. [Transferred] (5110)
- 30 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, pursuant to the Answer of 12 August 2024 to Question HL421 on Employment, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of the proposal to strengthen equality impact assessments on compliance costs for public bodies. [Transferred] (5022)

Questions for Answer on Monday 7 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Solicitor General, if she has provided advice on whether F-35 components supplied by the UK to Israel via a third party are used by Israel in Gaza in compliance with international humanitarian law. (5324)
- 2 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will negotiate a new financial services memorandum of understanding with the EU that includes measures on green finance. (5497)
- 3 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether he plans to continue with the implementation of the Civil Service EDI Expenditure Guidance. (5488)
- 4 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what progress his Department has made on the implementation of the Civil Service EDI Expenditure Guidance. (5489)
- 5 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what plans he has to (a) restructure the Cabinet Office and its agencies and (b) transfer responsibilities to Departments. (5278)
- 6 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will publish the application to the Civil Service Commission by the (a) Department for Science, Innovation and Technology and (b) Treasury for the appointment by recruitment principles exception of (i) Emily Middleton and (ii) Ian Corfield. (5279)

- 7 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, how many and what proportion of advertised senior civil service vacancies were open to external candidates since 4 July 2024. (5280)
- 8 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, if he will issue guidance on the use of Government funding by third-party organisations to seek (a) to influence regulatory changes and (b) further Government funding. (5281)
- 9 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, with reference to the Practitioner guidance on the 2024-24 Senior Civil Service Pay Framework, published on 30 July 2024, whether he made an assessment of the potential merits of making civil service pay increases contingent on increases in productivity. (5282)
- 10 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether the proposed Ethics and Integrity Commission will have a remit in relation to the conduct of special advisers. (5283)
- 11 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what recent assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Interests; and whether he has made an assessment of the potential merits of merging that role into the proposed Ethics and Integrity Commission. (5284)
- 12 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether his Department has received representations from trade unions on civil service (a) external spending on equality, diversity and inclusion policies, (b) staff responsible for equality, diversity and inclusion policies, (c) diversity networks and (d) guidance on equality, diversity and inclusion policies since 4 July 2024. (5288)
- 13 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether planning applications have been submitted to Westminster City Council in relation to works on the Downing Street estate since 4 July 2024. (5289)
- 14 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 30 July 2024 to Question 935 on Ministers and Senior Civil Servants: Travel, if he will publish the (a) Cabinet Office and (b) 10 Downing Street policy on (i) business and (ii) first class travel for (A) Ministers, (B) civil servants and (C) special advisers. (5291)
- 15 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, If the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff is currently in receipt of (a) a Civil Service and (b) an other public service pension; and if she will now accrue additional monetary value to her existing Civil Service pension as a special adviser. (5292)
- 16 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, pursuant to the answer of 9 August 2024 to Question 1667 on Prime Minister: Special Advisers, whether the Government plans to introduce collective bargaining agreements for special advisers. (5303)

- 17 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, what the criteria are for completing a probationary period for special advisers; and who is responsible for determining whether those criteria have been met. (5306)
- 18N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Minister for the Cabinet Office, whether Ian Corfield (a) has had and (b) has a Downing Street pass. (5366)
- 19 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps he is taking with Cabinet colleagues to help encourage (a) women and (b) people from ethnic minorities to found start-up companies. (5486)
- 20 **Claire Hanna** (Belfast South and Mid Down): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will (a) hold discussions with the (Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in the Northern Ireland Executive on the potential impact of levels of (i) investment by the Irish Government and (ii) access to labour (A) from the EU and (B) through a bespoke visa on the mushroom sector in Northern Ireland and (b) make an assessment with the Secretary of State for Home Affairs of the potential merits of introducing a bespoke visa to encourage more agricultural workers into Northern Ireland's mushroom sector. (5398)
- 21N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what estimate his Department has made of the number of English Language Teaching centres that have closed permanently since the pandemic began. [Transferred] (5239)
- 22N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps his Department is taking to support the English Language Teaching industry. [Transferred] (5240)
- 23 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, if he will make it his policy to negotiate an end-use agreement with F-35 programme supply chain and electronic stockpile management system counterparts to end the re-export of F-35s to Israel. (5323)
- 24 **Charlotte Nichols** (Warrington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, whether his Department made an assessment of the potential costs and benefits to the UK of UK Seabed Resources Limited's two International Seabed Authority exploration licences. (5389)
- 25 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, what steps the Government is taking to attract foreign direct investment into the UK's creative industries. (5436)
- 26N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, with reference to the Answer of 10 January 2024 to Question 8935 on Culture: Disability, when she expects to receive the results of the pilot survey for young people on cultural activities for children and young people with a disability. (5268)

- 27 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the Asserson report into the BBC, published in September 2024. (5370)
- 28 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): 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 South Holland and the Deepings constituency. (5255)
- 29N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department to support the UK as a major location for the visual effects industry. (5449)
- 30N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to increase the competitiveness of the United Kingdom's (a) visual effects and (b) animation industry. (5450)
- 31 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, what steps her Department is taking to support British citizens working in Quebec's (a) visual effects and (b) animation industry to return to the United Kingdom's creative industries. (5451)
- 32 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, if he will make an assessment of trends in the level of the contribution of visual effects and animation industry to the economy in the last ten years. (5452)
- 33 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether financial support is available for firms looking to invest in the creative industries within the UK. (5437)
- 34 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, whether her Department has had recent discussions with industry stakeholders on increasing investment in the creative industries; and what steps her Department is taking to support new investors. (5438)
- 35 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she has had recent discussions with Buckinghamshire Council on (a) the adequacy of support for children with special educational needs and disabilities in Buckinghamshire and (b) the level of funding for SEND support in that county. (5461)
- 36 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment her Department has made of (a) the (i) quality and (ii) accessibility of special educational needs support services in Buckinghamshire, and (b) the adequacy of funding received by Buckinghamshire council for SEND services. (5462)

- 37 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what data she holds on the number of children in Buckinghamshire who are on waiting lists for education, health and care plan assessments; and what steps she is taking reduce waiting times. (5463)
- 38 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent discussions her Department has had with Buckinghamshire Council on the provision of specialist school places for children with special educational needs; and what steps she plans to take to increase capacity in that county. (5465)
- 39 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to provide financial education in schools. (5487)
- 40 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether she plans to deliver a sustainable childcare model that enables more women to access (a) education and (b) work opportunities. (5525)
- 41 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will provide additional support for the provision of AIM level 3 extended diploma in games, animation and visual effects skills in further education colleges. (5454)
- 42 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will bring forward legislative proposals to include employers' running costs for providing visual effects and post-production placements in the Apprenticeship Levy. (5455)
- 43 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing support for workplace exchange programmes in the visual effects and post-production sector; and whether she is taking steps to encourage industry experts in that sector to provide vocational training. (5456)
- 44 **Kim Johnson** (Liverpool Riverside): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to the Written Statement of 2 September 2024 entitled Education reforms to deliver on the government's opportunity mission, HCWS54, whether it is her policy to replace single headline grades for alternative provision education providers. (5397)
- 45 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make it her policy to change the entitlement to Nursery Milk Scheme from ending at age five to the end of the academic year. (5475)
- 46 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that funding for the Nursery Milk Scheme reflects the retail cost of milk. (5476)

- 47 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of school compliance with school food standards to provide milk for pupils entitled to free school meals. (5477)
- 48N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking help improve technical skill development in Aylesbury constituency. (5492)
- 49N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment she has made of the potential implications for her polices of recent trends in the amount of time taken for transport to be arranged for SEND pupils; and what steps she is taking to ensure that local authorities process applications for SEND transport promptly. (5508)
- 50 **Rupert Lowe** (Great Yarmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will make an assessment of the adequacy of the interest rate system for student loans; and if she will meet the hon. Member for Great Yarmouth to discuss that system. (5469)
- 51 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, if she will take steps to regulate (a) service standards and (b) access requirements specifically for SEND provision by breakfast club providers. (5427)
- 52 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that there are a sufficient number of local places for students that choose to stay in full-time education beyond the age of 16. (5429)
- 53 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps she is taking to ensure that further education providers proactively adjust their admissions (a) criteria and (b) numbers to ensure that local demand is met for students that choose to stay in full-time education beyond the age of 16. (5430)
- 54 **Josh Simons** (Makerfield): To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what (a) her planned timescale is and (b) the terms of reference are for the review of parental leave; and who will conduct the review. (5433)
- 55 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he has made a recent assessment of the effectiveness of regulations on battery energy storage systems. (5519)
- 56 **Alison Bennett** (Mid Sussex): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, if he will bring forward legislative proposals to make (a) the Environment Agency, (b) the Health and Safety Executive and (c) local fire and rescue services statutory consultees on applications for battery energy storage systems. (5520)
- 57 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, with reference to the meeting between the Minister for Energy and energy firms on Wednesday 28 August 2024, what assessment he has made of the [a] potential

impact of the costs of energy on pensioners who will not be eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment in Winter 2024-25 and [ii] adequacy of the steps taken by energy firms to support pensioners in advance of the eligibility changes for the payment. (5379)

- 58 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether he plans to include in his Solar Roadmap a target for the proportion of UK solar energy that should be generated through the installation of solar panels on industrial or commercial roofs; and what incentives his Department plans to provide to encourage such installations. (5442)
- 59 **Wera Hobhouse** (Bath): To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps his Department is taking to ensure that the National Energy System Operator (NESO) integrates demand side flexibility into its market design. (5350)
- 60 **Catherine Atkinson** (Derby North): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what progress his Department has made on the designation of new national river walks in England. (5490)
- 61 **Bambos Charalambous** (Southgate and Wood Green): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what his planned timescale is for introducing legislation to ban the import of hunting trophies. (5351)
- 62 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what plans his Department has to support the long-term resilience of canal infrastructure in (a) the Midlands and (b) Leicestershire. (5371)
- 63 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent discussions he has had with the Canal and River Trust on ensuring the long-term resilience of canal infrastructure in (a) the Midlands and (b) Leicestershire. (5372)
- 64 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of ensuring a structurally-robust canal network on levels of active travel in communities. (5373)
- 65 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential impact of ensuring a structurally-robust canal network on levels of biodiversity in communities. (5374)
- 66 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, when he plans to publish the National Action Plan for the sustainable use of pesticides. (5440)
- 67 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential impact of solar farms on levels of availability of agricultural land. (5441)

- 68 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make it his policy to help support public bodies to prioritise the purchase of British produced (a) food and (b) drink. (5264)
- 69 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to encourage schools to participate in the school milk subsidy scheme. (5478)
- 70N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what recent assessment he has made of the adequacy of the enforcement of the (a) Welfare of Animals at Time Of Killing (England) Regulations 2015 and (b) Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 by local authorities; and whether he plans to take steps to help improve enforcement the enforcement of those regulations. (5355)
- 71N **Ruth Jones** (Newport West and Islwyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance his Department issues on the application of the Welfare of Animals at Time Of Killing (England) Regulations 2015 to (a) commercial fishing operations and (b) other activities to which the Animal Welfare Act 2006 does not apply. (5356)
- 72 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if his Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of introducing a single reporting mechanism for fly-tipping incidents. (5446)
- 73 **Alex Mayer** (Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what information his Department holds on the number of instances of fly tipping in Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard constituency in each year since 2010. (5447)
- 74 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the adequacy of the weight-based model for calculating extender producer responsibility fees. (5328)
- 75 **Wendy Morton** (Aldridge-Brownhills): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of the introduction of a bottle deposit and return scheme in England. (5329)
- 76N **Gavin Robinson** (Belfast East): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of pausing the implementation of the Extender Producer Responsibility scheme. (5330)
- 77 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, pursuant to the answer of 6 September 2024 to Question 2316 on Equality, whether the socio-economic duty will apply to local authority decisions on the configuration of household waste and recycling collections. (5411)

- 78N **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what guidance his Department provides on whether the EU Deforestation Regulation will apply to Northern Ireland. (5506)
- 79N **Saqib Bhatti** (Meriden and Solihull East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, what assessment he has made of the effectiveness of the Innovation Skills Framework. (5396)
- 80 **Richard Burgon** (Leeds East): To ask the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, if he will have discussions with Ofcom on the use of its powers under Schedule 11 of the Online Safety Act 2023 in the context of online forums that share instructional content on methods of suicide. (5332)
- 81 **Andrew Cooper** (Mid Cheshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what plans his Department has to address differences in ticket prices between regulated and un-regulated rail lines. (5459)
- 82 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure that Transport Authorities work collectively to enhance cross-boundary bus routes. (5380)
- 83 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will make an assessment of the impact of the £2 bus fare cap on increasing bus usage in (a) the East Midlands and (b) Leicestershire. (5381)
- 84 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to improve road safety in County Durham. (5363)
- 85 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps she is taking to improve safety for (a) cyclists and (b) pedestrians in County Durham. (5364)
- 86 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what steps her Department is taking to help increase the number of passenger miles travelled by bus in Lincolnshire. (5259)
- 87 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will make an assessment of the potential economic benefits of introducing a Sunday service for trains serving Spalding railway station. (5260)
- 88 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will meet Network Rail to discuss electrifying the Peterborough to Doncaster railway line. (5261)
- 89 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if she will take steps to introduce a rail freight terminal near Spalding. (5262)

- 90 **Clive Jones** (Wokingham): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what assessment she has made of the adequacy of train toilet provision on the Waterloo-Reading line. (5482)
- 91 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she plans to increase funding for transport projects in West Dorset constituency. (5483)
- 92 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, whether she is taking steps to help ensure that new housing developments (a) connect to, (b) extend and (c) improve routes identified in local cycling and walking infrastructure plans. (5431)
- 93 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps her Department is taking to help ensure as many people as are eligible sign up for Pension Credit in (a) South Shropshire, (b) the West Midlands and (c) across England. (5357)
- 94 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of the eligibility criteria for housing support on incentives to seek employment for people in (a) temporary and (b) supported accommodation. (5480)
- 95 **Julia Buckley** (Shrewsbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of tapering the reduction of housing support when people living in (a) temporary and (b) supported accommodation move off income-related benefits and into work. (5481)
- 96 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many pensioners have an annual income of between £11,383 and £20,000. (5504)
- 97 **Neil Duncan-Jordan** (Poole): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she has made an estimate of how many pensioners not receiving Pension Credit are spending more than 10% of their income on energy bills. (5515)
- 98 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 22 July 2024 to Question 33 on State Retirement Pensions: Women and with reference to the report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024, what steps her Department is taking to consider the issues in the report. (5376)
- 99 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what comparative assessment she has made of trends in the take up of Pension Credit between (a) July 2024 and September 2024 and (b) July 2022 and July 2024. (5383)
- 100 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what the average processing time for a Pension Credit application was in the latest period for which data is available; and whether she has taken steps to improve that processing time. (5385)

- 101 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will publish the impact assessment for the changes to the Winter Fuel Payment regulations. (5386)
- 102N **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment her Department has made of trends in the level of unemployment in (a) the visual effects sector and (b) UK film and TV post production. (5448)
- 103 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, whether she accepts the findings of maladministration in her Department in the report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024. (5325)
- 104 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, with reference to the report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024, whether she will enable Members to vote on proposals for financial redress. (5326)
- 105 **Andy McDonald** (Middlesbrough and Thornaby East): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, if she will respond to correspondence of 15 May 2024 from the Work and Pensions Select Committee to her predecessor, o making recommendations in relation to the report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman entitled Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues, published on 21 March 2024. (5327)
- 106 **Dr Andrew Murrison** (South West Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what guidance the Health and Safety Executive issues on the safe usage of water-fed poles for window cleaning. (5271)
- 107 **Cat Smith** (Lancaster and Wyre): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people have deferred their State Pension. (5331)
- 108 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what steps she plans to take with local authorities to encourage pensioners to check their eligibility for Pension Credit. (5498)
- 109 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent assessment she has made of the adequacy of the availability of NHS provision for the (a) diagnosis and (b) treatment of ADHD and ASD in South Shropshire. (5358)
- 110N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help promote Urology Awareness Month in September 2024. (5270)

- 111 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he is taking steps to reinstate the National Cancer Equality Initiative to examine inequalities in cancer care. (5523)
- 112 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will take steps to (a) collect and (b) analyse data on cancer in the over 70s as part of the National Cancer audit. (5524)
- 113 **Paul Davies** (Colne Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what plans he has to deliver a national health inequalities strategy. (5526)
- 114 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what the NHS geographic availability is of Palforzia as of September 2024; and if he will publish a regional breakdown the number of people that received Palforzia on the NHS since 2022. (5502)
- 115 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what recent discussions he has had with (a) NHS England and (b) drug companies to secure supplies of ADHD medication. (5375)
- 116 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will hold discussions with the Secretary of State for Education on encouraging young people to pursue careers in (a) hospitals and (b) community pharmacies. (5382)
- 117 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what discussions his Department has had with the UK Vaping Industry Association since September 2023. (5310)
- 118 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet the UK Vaping Industry Association to discuss work with the vaping industry on the Government's smoke-free ambitions. (5311)
- 119 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to consult with the vaping industry before the reintroduction of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill. (5312)
- 120 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he will include measures in the Tobacco and Vapes Bill to ensure that vapes remain easily accessible as a smoking cessation tool. (5313)
- 121 **Mary Glendon** (Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will meet with the UK Vaping Industry Association to discuss the introduction of a Vape Licensing Scheme. (5314)

- 122N **Sarah Green** (Chesham and Amersham): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending free NHS prescriptions to people with Parkinson's disease. (5424)
- 123 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to increase understanding of homelessness across primary care networks. (5507)
- 124 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to increase the number of neighbourhood health services staffed by people with lived experience of homelessness. (5509)
- 125 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure hospital staff are trained to provide services which aim to address health inequalities, are inclusive and pay attention to the diverse experiences of people using these services. (5510)
- 126 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to help ensure that hospitals work with (a) homelessness support teams and (b) drug and alcohol services to establish a clear understanding of (i) addiction, (ii) managing pain relief and (iii) managing withdrawal symptoms. (5511)
- 127 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to support people experiencing homelessness to register with a (a) GP and (b) dentist. (5513)
- 128 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department are taking to drive innovation in meeting the health needs of people rough sleeping. (5514)
- 129 **Mrs Sharon Hodgson** (Washington and Gateshead South): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will provide additional funding for improved endoscopy equipment for diagnosing bowel cancer. (5272)
- 130N **Laura Kyrke-Smith** (Aylesbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, with reference to the Disabled Facilities Grant scheme, whether he 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. [Transferred] (5209)
- 131 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to address regional disparities in cancer treatment. (5428)
- 132 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to (a) improve access to hospital services in rural constituencies and (b) encourage cross-county border working in rural health services. (5521)

- 133 **Adrian Ramsay** (Waveney Valley): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether he has had discussions with NHS leaders on (a) the adequacy of funding for existing provision and (b) support for a wider range of services at Hartismere hospital in Eye. (5522)
- 134 **Mr Connor Rand** (Altrincham and Sale West): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will take steps to obtain contact data for those who are eligible for but not accessing the Healthy Start scheme . (5518)
- 135 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to (a) raise awareness of peripheral arterial disease and (b) ensure that patients have access to safe and effective treatment options for the disease. (5318)
- 136 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what data his Department holds on the number of cases of (a) peripheral arterial disease and (b) lower-limb amputations carried out due to the progression of that disease each year. (5319)
- 137 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what assessment he has made of the adequacy of the amount of financial support available (a) for families of children and young people with cancer and (b) to cover the additional costs that families of children and young people with cancer incur due to additional (i) travel, (ii) energy, (iii) accommodation and (iv) dietary requirements. (5320)
- 138 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will have discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of providing financial support to cancer patients under the age of 26 that must undertake cross-border travel within the UK to receive treatment. (5322)
- 139N **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether Alan Milburn has been issued with a departmental security pass. (5434)
- 140 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the decision to suspend arms export licences to Israel on relations between the UK and the US. (5344)
- 141 **Ellie Chowns** (North Herefordshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 25 July 2024 to Question 400 on British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies: Money Laundering and Tax Evasion, which jurisdictions (a) have made and (b) need to urgently accelerate progress; and if he will publish a timeline for the provision of a publicly accessible register of company beneficial ownership. (5512)

- 142 **Carla Denyer** (Bristol Central): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, pursuant to the Answer of 26 July 2024 to Question 1338 on British Nationals Abroad: Detainees, what response he has received to his request for consular access to Alaa Abd El-Fattah; and if he will take further steps to call for his release prior to the fifth anniversary of his detention in prison on 29 September 2024. (5445)
- 143 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much official development assistance was provided to countries that have a space agency with launch capabilities in the last financial year; and how much he plans to provide to those countries this financial year. (5443)
- 144 **Sir Ashley Fox** (Bridgwater): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how much official development assistance was provided to programmes aiming to ensure access to clean water in the last financial year; and how much he plans to provide to such programmes this financial year. (5444)
- 145 **Angus MacDonald** (Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what his policy is on Saudi Arabia's bid for a seat on the United Nations Human Rights Council. (5453)
- 146 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether he has had recent discussions with his Japanese counterpart on recent legislation affecting religious groups in that country. (5315)
- 147 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what steps he is taking to support community initiatives to (a) promote religious tolerance and (b) protect cultural and religious heritage in Pakistan. (5316)
- 148 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions he has had with his counterparts in Bangladesh on protecting religious minorities; and what diplomatic steps his Department is taking to support (a) religious tolerance and (b) human rights in that country. (5317)
- 149N **Mr Gregory Campbell** (East Londonderry): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans she has to continue the Defending Democracy Taskforce. (5269)
- 150 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will undertake a review of levels of public awareness of the roles and responsibilities of Action Fraud in investigating fraud-related crimes. (5384)
- 151 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had recent discussions with the National Crime Agency on tackling the illicit tobacco trade. (5256)
- 152 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers have been sent from the Republic of Ireland to the United Kingdom in the last six months. (5258)

- 153 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many shops have been served closure orders for the sale of illegal tobacco and vapes in (a) South Holland and the Deepings constituency and (b) Lincolnshire in each of the last five years. (5263)
- 154 **Liz Jarvis** (Eastleigh): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what discussions has she had with the Migration Advisory Committee on the review of the minimum income requirement. (5426)
- 155 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will take steps to help support people who have incurred costs to seek compensation following the revocation of Ethoro's seasonal worker scheme operator licence. (5249)
- 156 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether all workers already in the UK on the Seasonal Worker visa whose visas were sponsored by Ethero have been placed with a different Scheme Operator. (5250)
- 157 **John McDonnell** (Hayes and Harlington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has made an assessment of the adequacy of the due diligence carried out for the grant of a sponsor licence to Ethero. (5251)
- 158 **Nick Timothy** (West Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate she has made of the lifetime fiscal (a) cost of and (b) income generated by people granted asylum in the UK. (5435)
- 159N **Ben Lake** (Ceredigion Preseli): To ask the Leader of the House, if she will facilitate a vote on proposals for financial redress contained in the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report on changes to women's State Pension age, published on 21 March 2024. (5354)
- 160 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his policy is on the future of Operation Interflex. (5359)
- 161 **Stuart Anderson** (South Shropshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many recruits for the Ukrainian Armed Forces have been trained by (a) UK armed forces and (b) international partners based in the UK since 2014. (5360)
- 162 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the UK's decision to suspend some arms exports licenses with Israel on intelligence-sharing with that country. (5345)
- 163 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the requirement to secure critical minerals supply chains for the development of the AUKUS agreement. (5346)

- 164 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of inviting Canada to join Pillar II of the AUKUS agreement. (53347)
- 165 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with (a) the United States and (b) Australia on the potential merits of expanding Pillar II of the AUKUS agreement to include Canada. (53348)
- 166 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, which procurement programmes are affected by the Joint Declaration on Enhanced Defence Cooperation between Germany and the United Kingdom, signed on 24 July 2024. (53334)
- 167 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, on how many occasions police have been required to be present at the picketing of defence factories in the last twelve months; and what the cost was to the public purse. (53335)
- 168 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps he is taking to mitigate the potential impact of Royal Fleet Auxiliary strike action. (53336)
- 169 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of how many UK-based supply chain jobs are supported by DSTL's Air Systems Programme. (53337)
- 170 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people are employed by DSTL's Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence Programme. (53338)
- 171 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of how many UK-based supply chain jobs are supported by DSTL's Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence Programme. (53339)
- 172 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people are employed by DSTL's Communications and Networks Programme. (53340)
- 173 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what estimate he has made of how many UK-based supply chain jobs are supported by DSTL's Communications and Networks Programme. (53341)
- 174 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many people are employed by DSTL's Cyber Security Programme. (53342)
- 175 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to increase the uptake of veteran ID cards by eligible veterans who were discharged before December 2018. (5468)

- 176 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many veteran ID cards have been distributed in each local authority area to veterans who left service before December 2018. (5472)
- 177 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Departments plans to implement all recommendations in the LGBT Veterans Independent Review, published on 19 July 2023; what his planned timetable is for the implementation of recommendations; and how much compensation he plans to provide to affected people. (5391)
- 178 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what recent progress his Department has made on the procurement of swarming drones for No. 216 Squadron of the Royal Air Force. (5399)
- 179 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether the purpose of No. 216 Squadron of the Royal Air Force is to (a) test and (b) operate swarming drones. (5400)
- 180 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what progress his Department has made on the Ajax armoured fighting vehicle programme trials. (5401)
- 181 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, when he expects that the initial operating capacity of Ajax armoured fighting vehicles will be delivered. (5402)
- 182 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the defence spending uplift on the Hydra 400 jet-propelled drone development programme. (5403)
- 183 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Strategic Defence Review on the Hydra 400 jet-propelled drone development programme. (5404)
- 184 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the Army Board on the future of the Hydra 400 jet-propelled drone development programme. (5405)
- 185 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of changes to the Defence spending uplift on the Challenger 3 programme. (5406)
- 186 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment he has made of the potential impact of the Strategic Defence Review on the Challenger 3 programme. (5407)
- 187 **Danny Kruger** (East Wiltshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what discussions he has had with the Army Board on the future of the Challenger 3 programme. (5408)

- 188N **Bell Ribeiro-Addy** (Clapham and Brixton Hill): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, with reference to the Answer of 9 February 2024 to Question 12736 on Israel: Armed Forces, how many Israeli armed forces personnel were undertaking training in the UK on 9 September 2024; which courses they took part in; and to which UK military bases they were posted. (5365)
- 189 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 4577 on Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner: Resignations, what recent steps the Veterans Welfare Service NI has taken to support veterans. (5516)
- 190 **Robin Swann** (South Antrim): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, pursuant to the Answer of 11 September 2024 to Question 4577 on Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner: Resignations, what recent steps the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has taken to support veterans in Northern Ireland. (5517)
- 191 **Andrew Bowie** (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs' oral statement of 2 September 2024, Official Report, column 37, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact of suspending some arms exports to Israel on levels of community cohesion. (5349)
- 192N **Sir Christopher Chope** (Christchurch): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the Answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 4169 on Help to Buy Scheme, how many Help to Buy loan repayment applications are being processed; and how many and what proportion have been outstanding for more than (a) three and (b) six months. (5254)
- 193 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether her Department has plans to help increase the building of accessible housing for people with accessibility needs. (5378)
- 194 **Richard Foord** (Honiton and Sidmouth): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to the National Association of Funeral Directors report entitled Picking up the pieces, published in April 2023, if she will (a) make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of that report's findings on the number of families that have waited more than four weeks for a funeral and (b) hold discussions with local authorities on coordinating work between (i) health services, (ii) coroners, (iii) undertakers and (iv) others highlighted in that report. (5425)
- 195 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will have discussions with local authorities on ensuring that that older people living in poverty in County Durham receive financial support for which they are eligible. (5362)

- 196 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what assessment she has made of the contribution of multiculturalism to communities; and what steps her Department is taking to promote social cohesion. (5285)
- 197 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the planned (a) remit of and (b) budget for the Council of Nations and Regions is; and which regions have been invited to participate in the council. (5299)
- 198 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, how much funding his Department has provided for library resources in Lincolnshire County Council in each of the last five years. (5266)
- 199 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what steps she is taking to (a) help tackle reductions in the effectiveness of loft insulation during its lifetime and (b) increase (i) awareness of and (ii) access to new technologies to help improve energy efficiency within homes. (5392)
- 200 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to review the list of approved energy-saving technologies that receive VAT relief. (5393)
- 201 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to respond to the consultation entitled The Future Homes and Buildings Standards: 2023 consultation which closed on 27 March 2024. (5394)
- 202 **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to respond to the consultation entitled Home Energy Model: Future Homes Standard assessment which closed on 27 March 2024. (5395)
- 203 **James Naish** (Rushcliffe): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with reference to her Department's Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system, last updated on 2 August 2024, what assessment she has made of the potential merits of applying golden rule b to non-Green Belt land. (5432)
- 204 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of holding a consultation on the potential merits of removing the council tax exemption for homes in probate in the context of the Welsh Government's consultation on that matter. (5410)

- 205 **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 3001 on MHCLG: Public Consultation, if she will list the consultations issued by her Department before 24 May 2024 that are (a) closed and (b) have not yet received a formal response. (5412)
- 206 **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 3260 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Remote Working, if she will list (a) the individual offices which cannot accommodate a 60% level of attendance and (b) the proportion of time that staff assigned to each of those offices are expected to attend work in the office. (5413)
- 207 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether it remains her Department's policy that the mayoral elections for (a) Hull & East Yorkshire and (b) Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined Authorities will take place in May 2025; and when she plans to bring forward secondary legislation in relation to these elections. (5414)
- 208 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what discussions she has had with the Mayor of London on building new homes on land designated for strategic industrial locations. (5415)
- 209 **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 2313 on Members: Age, whether she plans to lower the candidacy age to 16 for (a) Members of Parliament, (b) elected Mayors, (c) councillors and (d) Police and Crime Commissioners, in the context of lowering the voting age to 16. (5416)
- 210 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what information (a) her Department and (b) the Planning Inspectorate holds on which local authorities have (i) slowed and (ii) stopped house building due to nutrient neutrality requirements. (5417)
- 211 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether Ministers in her Department have met with Conservative councillors since 4 July 2024. (5418)
- 212 **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 2451 on Housing: Construction, what recent estimate she has made of the number of new homes that will be needed each year to meet housing demand from levels of net migration. (5419)

- 213 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the answer of 4 September 2024 to Question 2973 on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Pentland Communications and Sovereign Strategy, for what reason she has not provided the information requested on special advisers. (5420)
- 214 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether (a) officials, (b) Ministers and (c) special advisers in her Department have (a) met and (b) corresponded with the Mayor of London's Night Czar on the issue of London's night-time economy since the general election. (5421)
- 215 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, pursuant to the oral answer of 2 September 2024 from the Minister for Democracy and Local Growth, Official Report, Column 24, when he plans to bring forward legislative proposals to add Veterans ID cards as a form of recognised identification at polling stations; and whether such proposals will include Northern Ireland. (5422)
- 216 **David Simmonds** (Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, what the value of the council tax single person discount on a Band D home is in each local billing authority in England in 2024-25; how many households claim that discount in each local billing authority in the most recent period for which figures are available; and what estimate she has made of the annual aggregate cost of the discount. (5423)
- 217 **Gregory Stafford** (Farnham and Bordon): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, whether she plans to take legislative steps to ensure that pensioners are not impacted by annual retirement property price increases. (5505)
- 218 **Luke Taylor** (Sutton and Cheam): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of providing additional funding to community warm banks in winter 2024-25. (5496)
- 219 **Martin Wrigley** (Newton Abbot): To ask the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of extending the Devon and Torbay devolution deal to include (a) Plymouth and (b) Cornwall. (5503)
- 220 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many people will be released from prisons in Lincolnshire under the early release scheme. (5265)
- 221 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, what recent progress the Expert Advisory Panel for Public History of British Policy During the Northern Ireland Conflict has made. (5352)

- 222 **Alex Burghart** (Brentwood and Ongar): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, with reference to his speech of 7 September 2024, entitled A new chapter in the UK-Ireland relationship, when he plans to set out his plans to increase the independence of the Independent Commission on Reconciliation and Information Recovery. (5353)
- 223 **Jim Shannon** (Strangford): To ask the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, if he will have discussions with Cabinet colleagues on the potential merits of providing financial support to (a) cancer patients under the age of 26 and (b) their families when travel is required from Northern Ireland to England for treatment. (5321)
- 224 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how many (a) headcount and (b) FTE staff are employed by his Office; how many such staff are (i) special advisers and (ii) fixed term appointments; and how many desks are provided for staff employed by the No10 Political Office. (5286)
- 225 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, pursuant to the answer of 31 July 2024 to Question 1237 on Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests, whether the Independent Adviser will (a) accept and (b) review complaints on ministerial conduct; and whether he will be able to initiate investigations. (5293)
- 226 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how many Downing Street passes have been issued since the general election to people who are not Ministers, civil servants, staff of the No 10 political office, special advisers, spouses of Ministers, Parliamentary Private Secretaries, or Labour Party staff. (5294)
- 227 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, when the Prime Minister intends to publish the List of Cabinet Committees. (5295)
- 228 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he has plans to meet with Elon Musk. (5296)
- 229 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether his Chief of Staff has a role in the determination of salary levels for special advisers. (5297)
- 230 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what his policy is on full-time staff in 10 Downing Street working from home; and whether there is a target percentage for workplace occupancy in 10 Downing Street. (5298)
- 231 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what steps he is taking to ensure productive working relations between special advisers in 10 Downing Street. (5300)
- 232 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what his policy is on the number of special advisers (a) Cabinet Ministers and (b) Ministers of State attending Cabinet can appoint. (5301)
- 233 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what his policy is on Civil Service reform. (5302)

- 234 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether steps are being taken to ensure he is briefed personally by the Security Services on national security matters. (5304)
- 235 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, what the core working hours are for (a) permanent civil servants and (b) special advisers in 10 Downing Street. (5305)
- 236 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, how many full-time equivalent civil servants support the work of his Chief of Staff. (5307)
- 237 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether 10 Downing Street has a workplace dress code for staff. (5308)
- 238 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Prime Minister, whether he uses an email account in the course of his duties. (5309)
- 239 **Alan Gemmell** (Central Ayrshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Scotland, what progress his Department has made on the Ayrshire Growth Deal. (5499)
- 240 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will take steps improve accessibility for high-growth SMEs to the research and development tax credit system. (5471)
- 241 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an assessment of the adequacy of support provided to (a) high growth start-ups and (b) entrepreneurs by the (i) Enterprise Investment Scheme, (ii) Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme and (ii) Venture Capital Trust. (5473)
- 242 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps her Department is taking to track green finance flows into the UK; and how will this data be used to promote investment in the green economy. (5474)
- 243 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans her Department has to help expand financial services trade with other key international financial centres. (5484)
- 244 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking with Cabinet colleagues to promote the UK financial services industry in (a) Asia, (b) Africa and (c) other countries. (5485)
- 245 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what steps she is taking at (a) the G7, (b) the G20 and (c) other multilateral forums to promote (i) sustainable finance and (ii) climate-related investments. (5493)
- 246 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what recent discussions she has had with her international counterparts on the adoption of sustainability disclosure requirements in line with global standards. (5494)

- 247 **Callum Anderson** (Buckingham and Bletchley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department has plans to bring forward legislative proposals on the regulation of securities tokenisation. (5495)
- 248 **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had recent discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority on the regulation of the car insurance sector. (5343)
- 249 **Alex Easton** (North Down): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential merits of raising the personal tax allowance to £15,000. (5491)
- 250 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will hold discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority on the (a) comparative costs of paying (i) vehicle and (ii) household insurance (A) annually and (B) in monthly instalments and (b) impact of such costs on people with lower incomes. (5500)
- 251 **Sorcha Eastwood** (Lagan Valley): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will hold discussions with the Financial Conduct Authority on the comparative costs of car insurance in (a) Northern Ireland and (b) Great Britain. (5501)
- 252 **Dr Luke Evans** (Hinckley and Bosworth): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an assessment of the potential impact on growth and investment of changes in levels of the number of people with non-domiciled tax status resident in the UK. (5377)
- 253 **Mary Kelly Foy** (City of Durham): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what plans has she to support pensioners with the cost of energy in (a) City of Durham and (b) County Durham. (5361)
- 254 **John Glen** (Salisbury): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish the exception application form sent to the Civil Service Commission for the appointment of (a) Ian Corfield and (b) Oliver Newton. (5277)
- 255 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had recent discussions with HMRC on tackling the illicit tobacco trade. (5257)
- 256 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will bring forward the implementation of the five per cent increase in tax relief for UK visual effects in film and high-end TV, with UK visual effects costs exempt from the 80 per cent cap on qualifying expenditure, announced in the Spring Budget 2024, from 1 April 2025 to 1 January 2025. (5457)
- 257 **Tom Hayes** (Bournemouth East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether her Department plans to provide (a) tax relief and (b) other fiscal support for the visual effects sector. (5458)

- 258 **Claire Hazelgrove** (Filton and Bradley Stoke): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether she has had recent discussions with HMRC on recent technical issues affecting the online self assessment process; and whether HMRC has made an assessment of the cause of those issues. (5460)
- 259 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 4047 on Private Education: Fees and Charges, whether she plans to conduct primary research for the Tax Information and Impact Note; and which secondary sources she will use for that Note. (5273)
- 260 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 4047 on Private Education: Fees and Charges, whether the Tax Information and Impact Note will differentiate between (a) mainstream and special provision and (b) primary, secondary and sixth form phases. (5274)
- 261 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 4047 on Private Education: Fees and Charges, whether the Tax Information and Impact Note will include estimated effects (a) at January 2025, (b) at September 2025 and (c) over the long term. (5275)
- 262 **Damian Hinds** (East Hampshire): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pursuant to the answer of 9 September 2024 to Question 4047 on Private Education: Fees and Charges, whether the Tax Information and Impact Note will include a (a) reasonable worst case scenario and (b) central planning estimate. (5276)
- 263 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether it is her policy to retain (a) agricultural property relief and (b) business property relief. (5464)
- 264 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will make an estimate of the potential impact of (a) removing and (b) amending the level of agricultural property relief on farmers in West Dorset constituency. (5467)
- 265 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if her Department will make an assessment of the potential merits of reducing VAT for community pubs. (5470)
- 266 **Edward Morello** (West Dorset): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment she has made of the potential impact of the abolition of the furnished holiday lettings tax regime on the economy in (a) West Dorset constituency and (b) other coastal economies. (5479)
- 267 **Shivani Raja** (Leicester East): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether there are fiscal incentives for businesses looking to invest in creative industries in the UK; and whether she plans to take steps to encourage such investments. (5439)
- 268N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what the civil service grade is of the Director of Investment. (5367)

- 269N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, if she will publish (a) an organogram of the Private Office Group in her Department and a (b) breakdown by grade of the staff in that group. (5368)
- 270N **Laura Trott** (Sevenoaks): To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who line-manages the Director of Special Advisers and Chancellor Engagement. (5369)
- 271 **Sir John Hayes** (South Holland and The Deepings): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, whether she has made an assessment of the potential impact of introducing VAT on independent schools on faith groups. (5267)
- 272 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to promote safe spaces for women. (5387)
- 273 **James Wild** (North West Norfolk): To ask the Minister for Women and Equalities, what steps she is taking to ensure public bodies protect the rights of (a) women and (b) transgender people. (5388)

Questions for Answer on Tuesday 8 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **James Cartlidge** (South Suffolk): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what his policy is on cooperation with the EU on defence procurement; and if he will list PESCO agreements with which the UK (i) is currently cooperating and (ii) has indicated in meetings an interest in reviewing potential engagement or participation. (5333)

Questions for Answer on Wednesday 9 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what methodology she will use to assess progress in halving violence against women and girls within 10 years. [Transferred] (5122)
- 2N **Gareth Bacon** (Orpington): To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, (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. [Transferred] (5123)

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- 3N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what (a) intelligence the Government is sharing with Israel on the potential location of remaining UK national hostages in Gaza and (b) other intelligence the Government is sharing with Israel gathered from surveillance flights from RAF Akrotiri. (5252)
- 4N **Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what assessment the Government has made of the potential impact of Israel's use of surveillance data provided by the UK on the UK's role in ensuring adherence to international law. (5253)
- 5N **Alicia Kearns** (Rutland and Stamford): To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many gas masks the UK (a) has provided and (b) plans to provide to Ukraine. (5390)
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Questions for Answer on Thursday 10 October

Questions for Written Answer

- 1N **Mrs Sureena Brackenridge** (Wolverhampton North East): To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help tackle drug shortages. (5466)